

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALTIMORE CITY

*B 61  
1927*

LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS

VS.

ROBERT WILLIAMS

BILL FOR DIVORCE

*B 31479*

Mr. Clerk:-

Please file,

*Davis Evans*

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

DAVIS & EVANS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

*Filed 5 Feb 1927*

LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

VS.

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OF

ROBERT WILLIAMS

:

BALTIMORE CITY

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Oratrix complaining respectfully says:

1. That she was married to her husband, Robert Williams on the 2nd day of August, 1924 and with whom she resided until the 3rd day of June, 1925 when the defendant deserted the plaintiff.
2. That ever since said marriage your Oratrix has behaved herself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate wife toward the said defendant.
3. That the said Robert Williams has on divers days and times since said marriage, committed the crime of adultery with divers, lewd and abandoned women, whose names are unknown to your Oratrix and said offense has not been condoned by your Oratrix.
4. That your Oratrix has not lived or co-habited with the said defendant since she discovered his said adulteries.
5. That there are no children born as result of said marriage.
6. That your Oratrix is a citizen of the State of Maryland, having resided in Baltimore City for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint, but that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland and when last heard of was in Middlesex County, Virginia.

TO THE END, THEREFORE:

- (a) That your Oratrix may be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the said Robert Williams.
- (b) That she may resume her maiden name THOMPSON.
- (c) That she may have such other and further relief as her case may require.

May it please your Honor to grant unto your Oratrix the Order of Publication directed against the said Robert Williams, commanding and requiring him to be and appear in this Court on some day certain to be named therein to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree or order as may be passed therein.

AND as in duty bound, etc.

  
SOLICITORS FOR PLAINTIFF.

DAVIS & EVANS, SOLICITORS  
215 ST. PAUL PLACE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY  
LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS VS. ROBERT WILLIAMS

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this bill is to procure a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii by the plaintiff, Lillian G. Williams, from the defendant, Robert Williams.

The bill recites that the parties were married on the 2nd day of August, 1924 and lived together until the 3rd day of June, 1925. That ever since said marriage the Oratrix has behaved herself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate wife toward the said defendant. That the said defendant has on divers days and times since said marriage, committed the crime of adultery with divers, lewd and abandoned women, whose names are unknown to your Oratrix and said offense has not been condoned by your Oratrix. That your Oratrix has not lived or co-habited with said defendant since she discovered said adulteries. That there are no children born as result of said marriage. That your Oratrix is a citizen of the State of Maryland but the defendant a non-resident of the State of Maryland and when last heard of was in Middlesex County, Virginia.

It is thereupon ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1927 that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper published in Baltimore City, once a week for four successive weeks, <sup>before the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1927</sup> give notice to the absent defendant of the object and substance of this bill, warning him to be and appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor on or before the 24 day of March 1927 to show cause, if any he may have why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

James P. Grier

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# THE DAILY RECORD

Davis & Evans, Solicitors,  
215 St. Paul Place.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY—(B—61—1927)—Lillian G. Williams vs. Robert Williams.

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JAMES P. GORTER.

True Copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,  
Clerk.

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Baltimore, *Feb 28th*, 1927

We hereby certify that the annexed advertisement of Order *Publication* Circuit Court

of Baltimore City, Case of

*Lillian G. Williams*  
vs. *Robert Williams*

was published in THE DAILY RECORD, a daily newspaper published in the City of Baltimore, once in each of

*four* successive weeks before the *8th* day of *March*, 1927

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Per *C Watkins*

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Lillian Williams

vs.

Robert A Williams

**Decree Pro Confesso.**

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Filed 10 May 1927

Lillian G. Williams  
vs.  
Robert Williams

IN THE  
**Circuit Court**  
OF  
BALTIMORE CITY.

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The Defendant having been duly ~~summoned~~ (notified by Order of Publication) to appear to the Bill of Complaint, and having failed to appear thereto, according to the exigency of the writ, (said Order).

It is thereupon this 10 day of May in the year nineteen hundred and twenty seven by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED, that the complainant is entitled to relief in the premises, and that the bill of Complaint be and is hereby taken pro confesso against the defendant. But because it doth not certainly appear to what relief the Plaintiff is entitled, it is further Adjudged, and Ordered, that one of the Examiners of this Court, take testimony to support the allegations of the bill.

Writ pro tunc as of the 11th day of April 1927  
James P. Gordon



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**In the Circuit Court,**  
**OF BALTIMORE CITY**

**DEPOSITIONS**

*Lillian G. Wilhams*

vs.

*Robert Wilhams*

No. 3147713  
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**PLAINTIFF'S COSTS**

Examiners ..... \$ .....

Copies ..... .....

Sheriff ..... .....

Stenographer ..... .....

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**DEFENDANT'S COSTS**

Examiners ..... \$ .....

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Sheriff ..... .....

Stenographer ..... .....

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*Fd 19 May 1927*

*3/13/28*

*Lillian G. Williams*

.....  
vs.  
*Robert Williams*

**In the Circuit Court** .....  
**OF BALTIMORE CITY.**

*A Verel Pro Confesso* having  
been passed in said cause

and notice having been given me by the Solicitor for the *plaintiff*  
of a desire to take testimony in the same, I, ~~A. de RUSSY SAPPINGTON~~, one  
*Special* of the ~~Standing~~ Examiners of the Circuit Courts of Baltimore City, under and by  
virtue of an order of the above named Circuit Court, passed in said cause on the

*tenth* day of *May* 19*27*,

met on the *eleventh* day of *April* in the year nineteen  
hundred and *twenty seven* at my office, in the city of Baltimore, in the State

of Maryland, and assigned the *eleventh* day of *April*

in the same year at *three-thirty* o'clock in the *after*-noon and the

office of *Messrs Davis & Evans* in the City and State

aforsaid, as the time and place for such examination of witnesses in said cause;

at which last mentioned time and place I attended, due notice of such meeting

having been given, and proceeded in the presence of the Solicitor.....of the

*plaintiff* to take the following depositions, that

is to say:—

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LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS )  
 VS. ) In the Circuit Court of  
 ROBERT WILLIAMS ) Baltimore City.  
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Testimony taken before me, Mason P. Morfit,  
 Special Examiner, in the offices of Messrs. Davis  
 & Evans, in Baltimore, on April 11, 1927, at 3:30  
 P. M.

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Thereupon---

LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS,  
 the plaintiff, of lawful age, produced on her own behalf,  
 after having been first duly sworn according to law, was  
 examined and testified as follows:

By the Examiner:

Q State your name, residence and occupation?

A Lillian G. Williams, 1146 Myrtle Avenue,  
 Baltimore, janitress.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes, I am the plaintiff and my husband is the  
 defendant.

By Mr. Davis:

Q When, where and by whom were you married?

A On August 2, 1924, in Baltimore City, by  
Rev. Allen.

Q Are you living with your husband now?

A No.

Q When did you separate?

A June 3, 1925.

Q Which left the other?

A I left him.

Q Why?

A He did not support me and attended houses  
that had bad reputations.

Q Did you have to work?

A I had my sister and they helped me and my  
mother.

Q You say he attended a house of bad reputation?

A Yes.

Q Did you go there?

A Yes, on Pierce Street between Myrtle and Octon.  
and saw him coming out.

Q What time was it?

A Two o'clock in the morning.

Q Did you have occasion to suspicion his relations with the woman with whom you were living?

A Yes, Miss Ella. I heard her telling him to give her money - she wanted to get shoes.

Q Was that money for the rent?

A No, she had been paid for that.

Q When was she paid for that?

A Saturday night.

Q When was it she asked him for money?

A Sunday morning - he was trying to quiet her down - I was in my bedroom.

Q Where were they?

A In the parlor downstairs with the door open.

Q Did he ever say anything to you about his relations with this Miss Ella?

A Said he went with her before he was married.

Q Was she a married woman?

A Yes, I don't know whether she lived with her husband or not.

Q Did he say anything about going with her after the marriage?

A No.

Q Did he ever stay out all night?

A Yes, he has stayed out all night.

Q More than once?

A Three or four times.

Q What did he say?

A He would say he was gambling.

Q What would be his condition?

A Drunk, sometimes.

Q Did you ever accuse him of being with any women?

A No.

Q Did you ever accuse him of having relations with Miss Ella?

A Yes, he would say there was nothing to it.

Q Did you ever hear them talking at other times, see any whispering?

A Yes, in the dining room once.

Q Were you always a kind, faithful and affectionate wife?

A Yes.

Q Have you lived or cohabited with him since you discovered his adulteries?

A No, sir.

Q Were any children born as a result of the marriage?

A No.

Q Have you been a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of your Bill of Complaint?

A All my life.

Q Is your husband a resident of the State of Maryland?

A No, he lives in Middlesex County, Virginia.

Q Do you wish to resume your maiden name?

A Yes.

Q What is your maiden name?

A Lillian G. Thompson.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that may be material to the subject of this, your examination, or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

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*Lillian M. Williams.*



Thereupon---

MRS. ERMA WOODS,

a witness, of lawful age, produced on behalf of the plaintiff, after having been first duly sworn according to law, was examined and testified as follows:

By the Examiner:

Q State your name, residence and occupation?

A Mrs. Erma Woods, 558 McMechen Street, Baltimore, laundress.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes, the plaintiff is my sister.

By Mr. Davis:

Q Did you attend the wedding?

A Yes.

Q Your sister states she lived with her husband until June 3, 1925, when she left him, - is that right?

A Yes.

Q Where were they living then?

A At my house, 558 McMechen Street.

Q How did he treat his wife, - did he support her?

A Never had money to pay for his room rent while he was there and several times he would start a fight, I know that.

Q Did she leave him?

A Yes.

Q Where did she go?

A To her parents.

Q Did you ever have any conversation with her husband with reference to his relations with this Miss Ella?

A After she left him he told me he married her for spite and went with Miss Ella and he was going back there.

Q Did he say he had been back to see Miss Ella after he married Lillian?

A He used to go there, yes, while he was married to Lillian. Her son would come after him and he would go down to her house.

Q Where would Lillian be?

A Sometimes right in the house - sometimes down to mother's.

Q Did you know about his staying out all night?

A Yes, especially Saturday nights.

Q All night?

A Yes, he would come home dressed to go out and would go out and stay all night.

Q How did she treat her husband?

A Treated him very nice.

Q Did she give him any cause to be unfaithful to her?

A No, sir.

Q Was she a kind, faithful and affectionate wife?

A Yes.

Q Were any children born as a result of the marriage?

A No, sir.

Q Has she been a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of her Bill of Complaint?

A All her life.

Q Is he a resident of the State of Maryland?

A No, he lives in Middlesex County, Virginia.

Q Have you ever seen him since the separation?

A No, sir.

Q How long did he stay there after she left?

A About a couple days.

Q Then what happened?

A He told me he was going back - he used to live with Miss Ella.

Q Have you seen him since then?

A No, sir, never heard from him except that I heard he went to Virginia.

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GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that may be material to the subject of this, your examination, or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

A. ----

*No*

*Emma Woods,*

No other witnesses being named or produced before me, I then, at the request of the Solicitor.....of the.....plaintiff.....closed the depositions taken in said cause and now return them closed under my hand and seal, on this.....thirteenth.....day of.....May.....in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and.....twenty-seven.....at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

M. O. Morfix (SEAL)  
Special Examiner.

There are.....no.....Exhibits with these depositions, to wit:  
Plaintiff's..... Exhibit.....

Defendant's..... Exhibit .....

M. O. Morfix  
Special Examiner.

I, A. de RUSSY SAPPINGTON, the Examiner before whom the fore-going depositions were taken, do hereby certify that I was employed in assigning a day, and taking the said depositions upon.....two.....days, on.....both.....of which I was employed by the Plaintiff....., and on.....none.....by the Defendant.....

M. O. Morfix  
Special Examiner.

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William Williams

vs.

Robert Williams

**Order of Reference  
and Report**

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Order Filed 19 day of May 1927  
Report Filed 4 day of June 1927

Sellan Melham

vs.

Robert Melham

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

May

Term, 1927

19<sup>th</sup>

This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this day of May, 1927, that the same be and it is hereby referred to William P. Lyons, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

H. Arthur Stamp

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill for divorce a vinculo matrimonii, filed by the wife against her husband on the ground of adultery. Code Art. 16, Sec. 37-42.

Defendant proceeded against as a non-resident, and his non-residence proved.

Plaintiff's residence in Baltimore City for more than two years prior to the filing of the bill proved.

The marriage proved. Adultery proved; the testimony on this point, it is submitted, is sufficient, though some of the statements are not clear.

Decree pro confesso was passed against the defendant and more than thirty days have since elapsed.

Case ready for decree.

William P. Lyons Auditor and Master.

May 31, 1927.



CIRCUIT COURT

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LILLIAN G. WILLIAMS

VS.

ROBERT WILLIAMS

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Decree of Divorce

B No. 31477

Ed 4<sup>th</sup> June 1927.

The within is a proper decree to be passed in this case.

William P. Lyons  
Aughtor and Master.

