

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALTIMORE CITY

*B 24*  
*1927*  
JUANITA MONROE

*vs*

McKINLEY MONROE

*Barker Strop, Union  
Station, Charles St,*

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

*B 31829*  
Mr. Clerk:-

Please file.

*Davis & Evans.*  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

DAVIS & EVANS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

*20 May 1927*

JUANITA MONROE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

VS.

:

OF

McKINLEY MONROE

:::

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, McKinley Monroe, on the 8th day of November 1917 and with whom she resided until the 30th day of March, 1924 when the defendant deserted the plaintiff.
2. That though the conduct of your Oratrix toward the said defendant has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, he has, without any just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted her and has declared his intentions to live with her no longer and such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years and is deliberate and final and the separation of the parties is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.
3. That your Oratrix has not lived or co-habited with the said defendant since said desertion.
4. That there is one child born as result of said marriage, Earl, age nine years for whom your Oratrix prays the custody.
5. That both your Oratrix and the defendant are citizens of the State of Maryland, having resided in Baltimore City for more than three years prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

TO THE END, THEREFORE, YOUR ORATRIX PRAYS:

- (a) That she may be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the said McKinley Monroe.
- (b) That she may have the custody of their minor child, Earl.
- (c) That she may resume her maiden name "MAXWELL".
- (d) 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 Writ of Subpoena directed against the said McKinley Monroe, 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.

  
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF.

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Union National B.R.B.C.

SUBPOENA TO ANSWER BILL OF COMPLAINT

PW

No.

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Filed

24 May, 1927

Davis & Evans

SOLICITOR

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(Monroe) Sheriff  
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EQUITY SUBPOENA

The State of Maryland

On McKinley Monroe

Barber Shop, Union Station, Charles Street

of Baltimore City, Greeting:

WE COMMAND AND ENJOIN YOU, That all excuses set aside, you do within the time limited by law, beginning on the second Monday of June next cause an appearance to be entered for you and your answer to be filed to the complaint of

Juanita Monroe

against you exhibited in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, HEREOF fail not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril.

WITNESS, the Honorable JAMES P. GORTER, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the 9th day of May 1927. Issued the 20th day of May, in the year 1927.

Chas R. Whiteford Clerk

MEMORANDUM: You are required to file your answer or other defense in the Clerk's Office, room 206, in the Court House, Baltimore City, within fifteen days after return day.

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**Decree Pro Confesso.**

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

*Guanta Monroe*  
vs.  
*McKusley Monroe*

*Term, 191*

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 *7* day of *July* in the year nineteen hundred and *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 said 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.

*H. Arthur Stump*

STATE OF MARYLAND,  
BALTIMORE CITY, SCT :

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath in due form of law that her (his) husband (wife) the defendant in the above entitled case is not in the Military or Naval service of the United States Government, to the best of her (his) knowledge, information and belief.

As Witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public.

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In the Circuit Court,  
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

Juanita Monroe  
vs.  
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PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

Examiners ..... \$ .....  
Copies .....  
Sheriff .....  
Stenographer .....  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners ..... \$ .....  
Copies .....  
Sheriff .....  
Stenographer .....  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ed 8 Sept 1927



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Juanita Monroe  
.....  
vs.  
M<sup>r</sup> Kinley Monroe  
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**In the Circuit Court**.....  
**OF BALTIMORE CITY.**

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A decree pro Confesso having been passed in  
the above cause.  
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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  
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  
..... *seventh* ..... day of ..... *July* ..... 19. *27*, met on  
the ..... *twelfth* ..... day of ..... *July* ..... in the year nineteen  
hundred and ..... *twenty-seven* ..... at my office, in the city of Baltimore, in the State  
of Maryland, and assigned the ..... *thirteenth* ..... day of ..... *July* .....  
in the same year at ..... *3.30* ..... o'clock in the ..... *after* ..... noon and the  
office of ..... *the Examiner* ..... in the City and State  
aforesaid, 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:—



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

A Yes.

Q Were any children born to you?

A One, Earl, age 9.

Q Are you living together now?

A No, my husband left me on March 30, 1924.

Q Why did he leave you?

A He got a girl in a family way and left me.

Q Did he go to live with her?

A Yes.

Q Did you give him any cause or reason to leave you?

A No, sir.

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

A Yes.

Q Have you ever lived or cohabited together since he left you on March 30, 1924?

A No.

Q Has his abandonment and desertion of you continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of your Bill?

A Yes.

Q Is it his deliberate and final act?

A Yes.

Q Is there any hope of a reconciliation?

A No, sir.

Q Does he contribute to the support of the child?

A Yes, three dollars a week.

Q Is that enough?

A Yes.

Q Do you want to resume the use of your maiden name?

A Yes.

Q What is your maiden name?

A Juanita Maxwell.

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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  
Juana María Monroe

Thereupon---

DELLA HUNTER,

a witness, of lawful age, produced on behalf of the plaintiff, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Examiner:

Q State your name, residence and occupation?

A Della Hunter, 1726 Brunt Street, maid.

Q Do you know both parties to this suit?

A Yes.

By Mr. Davis:

Q Do you know they were married and lived together as husband and wife?

A Yes.

Q Have they both been residents of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this Bill?

A Yes.

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

A One boy, he's nine years old.

Q Who is the child with?

A Its mother.

Q Is she a fit and proper person to have the care and custody of the child?

A Yes, sir.

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Q Are the parties living together now?

A No, sir, he left her.

Q When did he leave her?

A The last of March, 1924.

Q Why did he leave her?

A On account of him getting another girl in trouble.

Q What do you know about his affair with that girl?

A Well, he got her in a family way and went to live with her.

Q Did he ever go back to his wife?

A No.

Q Have they ever lived or cohabited together since he deserted her in March, 1924?

A No.

Q Has his abandonment of her continued uninterruptedly since that time?

A Yes.

Q Is it his deliberate and final act?

A Yes.

Q Is there any hope of a reconciliation?

A No, sir.

Q Was she always a kind, faithful and affectionate wife?

A Yes.

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. ---

Lella Hunter.



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 eighth..... day of September in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-seven..... at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

A. de Russey Sappington (SEAL)  
Examiner.

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

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

A. de Russey Sappington  
Examiner.

I, A. de RUSSY SAPPINGTON, the Examiner before whom the foregoing 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.....

A. de Russey Sappington  
Examiner.

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Order of Reference  
and Report

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Order Filed 20 day of Sept 1927

Report Filed 29 day of Sept 1927

*Juanita Monroe*

vs.

*McKinley Monroe*

IN THE

**Circuit Court**

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

*September* Term, 1927

This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this *20<sup>th</sup>*

day of *September*, 1927, that the same be and it is hereby referred to *Wm P Lyons*, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

*H. Arthur Stump*

### Report of Auditor and Master

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

Defendant summoned but failed to answer.

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

The marriage proved.

Abandonment uninterruptedly for three years, its finality and the irreconcilability of the parties proved.

Case made for awarding the guardianship and custody of the minor child of the parties to the plaintiff and charging the defendant with the maintenance and support of said child.

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.

September 22, 1927.

CIRCUIT COURT

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JUANITA MONROE

VS.

McKINLEY MONROE  
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Decree of Divorce

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(6)

Fd 1st Oct 1927

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

William P. Lyons  
Auditor and Master

**Circuit Court**

OF

BALTIMORE CITY,

.....JUANITA MONROE.....

VS.

.....McKINLEY MONROE.....

*September*

.....Term, 1927.....

This cause standing ready for hearing and being duly submitted, the proceedings were by the Court read and considered.

It is thereupon, this *1st* day of *October*, A. D. 1927.

by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, **Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed**, that the said - - - - -  
JUANITA MONROE - - - - -  
the above named Complainant be ands he is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the  
Defendant, McKINLEY MONROE.

.....AND it is further ordered that the guardianship and custody of  
EARL MONROE, minor child of the parties, be and they are hereby awarded  
to the complainant, JUANITA MONROE, and the defendant, McKINLEY MONROE  
be and he is hereby charged with the maintenance and support of said  
child and shall pay therefor to the complainant the sum of three dollars  
per week, all subject to the further order of this Court.....

.....AND it is further ordered that the name of the complainant, JUANITA  
MONROE, be and it is hereby changed to JUANITA MAXWELL.....

.....And it is Further Ordered, That the said defendant, McKINLEY MONROE.....  
pay the cost of this proceeding.

*H. Arthur Stamp*

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EXCHANGE BOND

JUANITA MONROE

vs

McKINLEY MONROE

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IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT  
OF  
BALTIMORE CITY.

Ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City  
this 9th day of May, 1929, that the defendant, McKinley  
Monroe be and he is hereby required to pay to the  
complainant, Juanita Monroe, now Juanita Presco, the sum  
of \$3.00 per week required by the original decree passed  
in this case on October 1, 1927, <sup>for the support of Earl Monroe, infant,</sup> and that said payments  
be made through the Probation Department of the Supreme  
Bench of Baltimore City.

*subject to the further  
order of this Court.*

*DeW. Howard*