

In The Circuit Court
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1920

Florence Wom

v

Thomas Wom

Bill for Duress & Unlawful

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J. STEWARD DAVIS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

118 E. LEXINGTON STREET

BALTIMORE, MD.

fd 5 May 1920

Florence Norris

In The Circuit Court

Vs.

of

Thomas Norris

Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your Oratrix, complaining, respectfully says:

FIRST, That the parties hereto were married on or about the IIth. day of July, 1907 by Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson, in Baltimore, Md. and lived together as man and wife until on or about October 3rd. 1918.

SECOND, That your Oratrix is a resident of the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint. That the respondent is a non-resident of the city and state of Maryland and when last heard of was in Norfolk, Virginia.

THIRD, That though the conduct of your Oratrix towards her husband has always been kind, affectionate, and above reproach, he without any just cause or reason abandoned your Oratrix, to live in adultery. That the said Thomas Norris has on divers days and times committed the crime of adultery with lewd and abandoned women whose names are unknown to your Oratrix.

FOURTH, That your Oratrix has not lived with the said Thomas Norris, since she discovered the said adultery, nor has she condoned the said adultery.

FIFTH, That there are two children born as a result of said marriage; two minor children, Anita, 12 years old and Edwin 10 years old.

WHEREFORE YOUR ORATOR PRAYS:

-a-A divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the respondent.

-b-The care and custody of the said minor children.

-c-Permanent support for the said minor children.

May it please your honor to grant unto your Oratrix
an order of publication, setting forth the nature and subs-
tance of this bill and warning the said respondent to be
in this court in person or appear by solicitor on or be-
fore a certain day, to be therein named and show cause,
if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as
prayed.

As in duty bound etc.

Florence Norris

Complainant

F. W. Jones

Solicitor for Complainant.

State of Maryland }
Baltimore City. } To Wit

I hereby certify that on this 4th day of
May, 1920 before me the subscriber, a notary public in and
for the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, personally
appeared Florence Norris, the complainant in the fore-
going bill and made oath in due form of her knowledge and
beleif.

Arthur N. Rogers

Notary Public.

J. Steward Davis

118 E. Lexington St.

In The Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

Florence Norris Vs. Thomas Norris.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION:

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii, by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The Bill states that the parties thereto were married in Baltimore, Md. on or about the 11th. day of July, 1907 and lived together as man and wife until on about the 3rd. day of October 1918. That the plaintiff is a resident of the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of the bill of complaint; that the defendant is a non-resident of this city and state, and when last heard of was in Norfolk, Va. That though the conduct of your Oratrix towards her husband has always been kind, affectionate, and above reproach, he without any just cause or reason, abandoned your oratrix; to live in adultery. That the said Thomas Norris has on divers days and times committed the crime of adultery; and with divers women whose names are unknown to your Orator. That there are two minor children born as the result of said marriage.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered this 5 day of *May* 1920 that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper, published in the city of Baltimore, once a week for four successive weeks, before the 5 day of *June* 1920. and give notice to the said defendant, Thomas Norris (now absent) of the object and substance of this bill and warning him to be and appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 22 day of *June* 1920. to show cause if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

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J. Steward Davis, Solicitor,
118 E. Lexington St.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTI-
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

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It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered, this 5th day of May, 1920, that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper, published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four successive weeks, before the 5th day of June, 1920, and give notice to the said defendant, Thomas Norris (now absent), of the object and substance of this bill and warning him to be and appear in this Court, in person or by solicitor, on or before the 22nd day of June, 1920, to show cause, if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

ROBERT F. STANTON.

True copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,
Clerk.

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Florence Morris

vs.

Thomas Morris

IN THE
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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 ~~wait~~, (said Order).

It is thereupon this 2nd day of July in the year nineteen hundred and twenty 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.

Thomas A. Rogers

STATE OF MARYLAND,
BALTIMORE CITY, SCT :

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of June 1920 before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared Florence Morris 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.

Arthur W. Rogers
Notary Public.

X (Mrs) Florence Morris
1704 Grand Hill ave
city



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In the Circuit Court,

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DEPOSITIONS

Florence Norris

vs.

Thomas Norris

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PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

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Sheriff \$

Stenographer \$ 2.00

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DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners \$

Copies \$

Sheriff \$

Stenographer \$

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Ad 30th July 1920

Flourence A Morris

vs.

Thomas Morris

In the Circuit Court

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Decree 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 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 second day of July 1920, met on the second day of July in the year nineteen hundred and twenty at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and assigned the second day of July in the same year at four o'clock in the after noon and the office of J. Steward Davis, Esq. 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:—

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Testimony taken at the office of J. Steward Davis, Esq., 118 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, July 2nd, 1920, at four o'clock, p. m.

FLORENCE A. NORRIS, the plaintiff in this case, produced on her own behalf, having been first duly sworn, deposeseth and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name, residence and occupation?

A. Florence A. Norris, 1704 Druid Hill Avenue; Waitress.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

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

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. When were you married?

A. July 11th, 1907, by the Reverend Mr. Harvey Johnson, at 912 Park Avenue, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Florence A. Norris

2 Q. You lived together with your husband as husband and wife up until October 3rd, 1918?

A. Yes.

3 Q. Have you been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes, all my life.

4 Q. And your husband is a non resident of Baltimore City, and the State of Maryland?

A. Yes.

5 Q. And when last heard of, where was he?

A. In Norfolk, Virginia.

6 Q. What has been your conduct towards your husband?

A. I have always been a good wife.

7 Q. Kind, affectionate and above reproach?

A. Yes.

8 Q. Faithful to him?

A. Yes.

9 Q. And did you perform the duties of a wife in your opinion?

A. yes.

Florence A. Norris

10 Q. Are you separated from your husband, as you said?

A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you leave him, or did he leave you?

A. He left me.

12 Q. Did you give him any cause to leave you?

A. No, none whatever.

13 Q. As I understand you, he left you to go to Philadelphia with another woman; is that correct?

A. Yes.

14 Q. You have charged your husband, the defendant in this case, Thomas Norris, with having committed the crime of adultery with lewd and abandoned women unknown to you?

A. Yes.

15 Q. Have you ever seen your husband with any other women?

A. Yes, I have; I have seen him in the moving pictures.

16 Q. Detail that if you please?

A. I saw him coming out of the moving pictures with this woman.

17 Q. What did you do?

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A. I went to him and asked whether the woman that I heard so much talk about and whether he was going with me or going with her, and he kept on going with her; he did not say anything at all; he did not make any remark at all and he came home that night about two-thirty.

18 Q. He did not go with you?

A. No, he did not go with me, he kept on going with the other woman.

19 Q. Now, have any other women ever come to your house with reference to your husband and talk to you about your husband?

A. yes; I do not know the woman that I saw him with at the moving pictures.

21 Q. Do you know the name of the other woman?

A. yes.

22 Q. What was her name?

A. Jackson; she came to me and she had just gotten married, and it seemed that her husband was unfaithful to her and she began to realize that she had done me an injustice and came to ask me to pardon her because at the time she did her husband it seemed was unfaith-

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ful, and I wrote to her and told her that my husband was a married man, and I asked her to stop him coming to her house, and she explained to me, - she wrote to me saying that she was not going to stop as she was free to do as she wanted to do, and as long as he wanted to come he could come to her house, and when she came to me she came to say that she was sorry, and she said that her husband was doing her the same wrong.

23 Q. What, if anything, did your husband say about this?

A. I asked him about that, and he said that she was a fool for admitting it to me.

24 Q. Did he at that time admit his adultery to you with this woman?

A. Yes, he did.

25 Q. Did you leave him?

A. No, I did not leave him, but he left me.

26 Q. This letter, - from whom is that?

A. That is from my husband.

27 Q. You know his signature?

A. yes.

28 Q. And in that letter he admitted being unfaith-

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ful to you and committing the crime of adultery?

A. Yes.

29 Q. Now, have you ever condoned this offense; have you forgiven this offense of adultery?

A. No sir.

NOTE BY EXAMINER: Letter heretofore referred to was not produced and filed with the Examiner.

30 Q. Have you ever had marital relations with him since you discovered his adulteries?

A. No sir; not since I discovered that it was really a positive fact.

31 Q. Are there any children as the result of this marriage?

A. Two.

32 Q. State their names?

A. Anita and Edwin.

33 Q. State their ages?

A. Anita is about twelve years old, and Edwin is about ten.

34 Q. You ask for the care and custody of these children?

A. Yes.

Florence A. Norris

35 Q. And for their support and maintenance?

A. Yes.

36 Q. Have you any idea what he is making now?

A. No sir, I cannot say that; I have a letter in which he wrote me that he was head bell-man at this hotel, but he has been at this same place ever since he has been in Norfolk, Virginia.

37 Q. Then he is a non resident of the State of Maryland, and is a resident of Norfolk, Virginia?

A. Yes.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that maybe to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that maybe 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.---

Yes
Florence A. Norris

MARY SMITH, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, deposeseth and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name, residence and occupation?

A. Mary Smith, 1712 McCulloh Street; domestic.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. You know the defendant, do you not?

A. Yes.

2 Q. Will you kindly state whether or not you have ever seen him in the company of women other than his wife?

A. Yes, I have seen him in company with other women.

3 Q. Frequently?

A. Well, I have seen him on several occasions; not recently.

4 Q. You saw him when he was in the City?

A. Yes.

5 Q. In fact, it was the Fall of 1918?

A. Yes; during that Summer and Fall.

6 Q. Will you state whether or not you saw him enter

Mary Smith

a questionable house?

A. Yes, I saw him.

7 Q. Will you state where that house was located?

A. Druid Hill Avenue, near Biddle Street.

8 Q. Druid Hill Avenue near Biddle Street?

A. Yes.

9 Q. Is the reputation of that house a house where you can rent rooms and where a man can bring a woman who is not his wife?

A. Yes.

10 Q. Is the reputation of that house where you saw him go where a man can stay with a woman if he pays for it?

A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you know whether or not that house has ever been pulled?

A. Yes, I heard that it was.

12 Q. And the proprietress was arrested for keeping a disorderly house?

A. Yes.

13 Q. To the time that he was frequenting that house, was that the reputation of the house?

Mary Smith

A. Yes sir.

14 Q. Did you see him coming from there, - from the house night time or day time?

A. Night and day also.

15 Q. You lived in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Norris?

A. Yes.

16 Q. What hours was it usual for him to come home, do you know?

A. I cannot say the hours that he came in; it was very late sometimes; about one or half past two; something like that.

17 Q. Mr. and Mrs. Norris lived together as husband and wife up until what time?

A. October 1918.

18 Q. And what caused the separation at that time?

A. His unfaithfulness.

19 Q. Did he leave her, or she leave him?

A. Yes, he left her to go away with another woman.

20 Q. You know that Mr. and Mrs. Norris were married?

A. Yes.

21 Q. Were you present at the wedding?

Mary Smith

A. No, I was not.

22 Q. Their reputation in the neighborhood in which they lived was that of husband and wife?

A. Yes.

23 Q. And they lived together as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know how long Mrs. Norris has been a resident of the City of Baltimore?

A. Yes, all of her life.

25 Q. Do you know whether or not he is a resident of Baltimore City, or the State of Maryland now?

A. No, he is a resident of Norfolk, Virginia.

26 Q. He is a non resident of Maryland?

A. Yes.

27 Q. What was the conduct of Mrs. Norris towards her husband?

A. She was faithful towards him.

28 Q. Did she give him any cause or reason to leave her?

A. Not any.

29 Q. As a matter of fact, she had supported her children?

A. Yes.

Mary Smith

30 Q. What did he contribute towards the support of the children, and how much does he contribute now?

A. He does not give her anything.

31 Q. He does not give her anything?

A. No.

32 Q. Now, has Mrs. Norris lived with him since she discovered his adulteries?

A. No sir.

33 Q. Is Mrs. Norris a capable person to have the care and custody of her children?

A. Yes.

34 Q. When did you give this information with regards to Mr. Norris' misconduct and going into this disorderly house to Mrs. Norris?

A. It was about the time of the separation.

35 Q. And was that one of the causes of the separation?

A. Yes.

36 Q. Has she lived or cohabited with him since she discovered his adulteries?

A. No sir.

37 Q. Has she forgiven or condoned his offense in any way?

A. No.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that maybe to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that maybe 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.---

Yes - Mary Smith

REGINALD E. HALL, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, deposes and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name, residence and occupation?

A. Reginald E. Hall, 1619 Division Street; chauffeur.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. Were you present at the marriage?

A. No.

2 Q. You know that they lived together as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

3 Q. And their reputation in the community in which they lived was that of husband and wife?

A. Yes.

4 Q. Did they separation on October 3rd, 1918; that was the Fall of two years ago?

A. Yes.

5 Q. Did he leave her, or did she leave him?

A. He left her.

6 Q. Do you know whether or not he went to Philadel-

Reginald E. Hall

phia with this other woman?

A. Yes, that is what they said.

7 Q. Did he tell you that?

A. Well, I saw him, and he told me that he was going away to Philadelphia.

8 Q. Now, do you know how long Mrs. Norris has been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland?

A. Ever since I have been knowing her.

9 Q. How long have you been knowing her?

A. Going on ten years.

10 Q. And do you know whether or not Mr. Norris is a resident of the City of Baltimore?

A. No; not at this present time now.

11 Q. And he was last heard of where?

A. Over in Norfolk, Virginia.

12 Q. What was Mrs. Norris' conduct towards her husband?

A. Nothing; it was first class; it was as a woman towards a husband.

13 Q. Kind, affectionate and above reproach?

A. Yes.

14 Q. Did she give him any reason to leave her?

Reginald E. Hall

A. No sir, none whatsoever.

15 Q. Have you ever seen Mr. Norris with other women besides his wife?

A. Yes, I have several times.

16 Q. Where?

A. Different places; I met him on Pennsylvania Avenue around at the moving pictures; I saw him there occasionally, about once or twice a week.

17 Q. With the same woman?

A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you see him at any house?

A. Yes, I saw him in a house, and he went in with the woman.

19 Q. What house?

A. I do not know the number; it is on Druid Hill Avenue near the Engine House.

20 Q. Druid Hill Avenue near Preston?

A. I think so.

21 Q. What is the reputation of that house?

A. At that time it was not very good; the house was pulled twice after that.

22 Q. Did it have the reputation of being a bed house?

Reginald E. Hall

A. Yes, it was; it was raided twice after that.

23 Q. Could you buy liquor there at that time?

A. No.

24 Q. Have you ever seen him with a woman in this house?

A. Yes, he had a woman in there.

25 Q. Did you see him in a room with the woman?

A. When I was there, I saw him sometimes and he was upstairs with some party upstairs.

26 Q. In a bedroom?

A. Yes.

27 Q. Have you ever seen him at any other house?

A. Yes, I saw him go up on Mosher Street.

28 Q. What did he go there for?

A. He used to go there to meet a girl there.

29 Q. Did he spend any length of time there?

A. Probably an hour or two; he used to go there in the afternoon.

30 Q. Very often?

A. Yes.

31 Q. How often?

A. When she came in town; once or twice a week.

Reginald E. Hall

32 Q. Did you ever see him meet this same girl on the street?

A. This is another girl that used to go there; he met her at the corner of McMechen Street.

33 Q. This was last Fall, was it?

A. Yes, the Fall of 1918.

35 Q. This rooming house at 907 Druid Hill Avenue, did you ever see him at that house?

A. I did not see him right there; I saw him go in there a couple of times.

36 Q. What is the reputation of that house?

A. A good-time house.

37 Q. What do you mean by that; has it the reputation of permitting men and women to meet there for immoral purposes?

A. Yes.

38 Q. A bed house?

A. yes.

39 Q. And you say that girls were in that house?

A. Oh, yes.

40 Q. Do you know what happened one time when they had a warrant for the defendant in this case for non sup-

Reginald E. Hall

port at this house?

A. yes; it was right near the Engine House.

41 Q. What happened then?

A. He was there that day and the officer was told that he was, and when they went to look for him they were talking to the officers while they let him out the back way.

42 Q. And at that time the officer had a warrant for non support?

A. Yes, the officer had a warrant for non support of his wife.

43 Q. You owned a car about that time in the Fall of 1918?

A. Yes.

44 Q. Do you know whether or not he used your car?

A. Yes, very often; he borrowed it one night and told me that he wanted to take a lady out, and I said that it was all right as long as he got back in time, and I did not see him any more until after two o'clock that morning.

45 Q. Did he tell you that he had taken the lady out?

A. Yes.

Reginald E. ¹¹all

46 Q. Do you know where he took her?

A. During one part of it he went out to Catonsville.

47 Q. Did he borrow the car more than once?

A. Oh, yes; he told me that he would look after it, and I used to put a lot of confidence in him in that way, and I came to find out that he used the car to go out there most of the time.

48 Q. With women?

A. Yes.

49 Q. Have you seen him with women in the car?

A. yes.

50 Q. Do you know whether the woman that he was with in the car was his wife, or was someone else?

A. No, it was someone else.

51 Q. What hour of night did you see him?

A. It was ten o'clock at night and different hours.

52 Q. He had admitted to you that he used to meet other women than his wife?

A. Yes.

53 Q. And has he admitted his adulteries to you?

A. Oh, yes.

54 Q. Did he do that several times?

A. Yes.

Reginald E. Hall

55 Q. Do you know whether his wife has lived or cohabited with her husband since she discovered his adulteries?

A. No sir, I don't think that she has ever lived with him.

56 Q. When did you tell her of his adulteries?

A. I have not told her anything at all about it.

57 Q. you did not tell her anything about it until she filed her bill?

A. No sir, I did not tell her anything about it at all; things that I am saying now she does not know anything about.

58 Q. She had you to appear in this case, because she suspected that you knew something?

A. yes, that I knew something about it.

59 Q. She had every reason to believe that?

A. Yes.

60 Q. But you never did tell anything about what you knew of her husband's adultery?

A. No.

61 Q. You were, however, interviewed by me prior to this time?

A. yes, that was the first time I told anybody.

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.---

Reginald C. Hall

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 30.....day of July.....in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and Twenty.....at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

A. de Russy Sappington.....(SEAL).
Examiner.

There are.....Exhibits with these depositions, to wit:

Plaintiff's.....Exhibit.....

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

A. de Russy 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 each.....of which I was employed by the Plaintiff....., and on none.....by the Defendant.....

A. de Russy Sappington.....
Examiner.

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Thomas Morris

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Order of Reference
and Report

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Louise Morris
vs.
Thomas Morris

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY

July Term, 1920
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This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this
day of *August*, 1920, that the same be and it is hereby referred to
Ward B. Cox, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the
pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

Ward B. Cox

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill for divorce a vinculo matrimonii and for the
custody of the minor children of the parties filed by the wife against
her husband on the ground of adultery. Code 1911, Art. 16, secs. 36-41.

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

Plaintiff's residence in Baltimore City for more than
two years proven.

The marriage proven.

The adultery proven.

Case made for giving the custody of the minor children
to the plaintiff.

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

Case ready for decree.

Ward B. Cox
Auditor and Master.

Fee \$9 paid.

August 9th, 1920.

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

Ward B. Cox
Auditor and Master.

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Term, 19...20.

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

It is thereupon, this *11th* day of *August*, A. D. 1920,

by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed, that the said - - - - -
Florence Norris - - - - -

the above named Complainant be and she is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the Defendant, the said Thomas Norris.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said complainant shall have the guardianship and custody of Anita Norris and Edwin Norris, the minor children of the parties in the proceedings mentioned, until the further order of this Court.-

And it is further Ordered, That the said complainant pay the cost of this proceeding.

James M. Cumber