

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALTIMORE CITY.

MARTINA SLOCUM

VS.

JAMES SLOCUM

BILL FOR DIVORCE

Mr. Clerk:

Please file.

Steward Davis

George W. Adams
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

J. STEWARD DAVIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
215 SAINT PAUL PLACE
BALTIMORE, MD.

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MARTINA SOLCUM : IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
VS. : OF
JAMES SLOCUM : BALTIMORE CITY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Oratrix complaining respectfully represents:

(1)

That she was married to her husband, James Slocum, on the 15th day of October, 1904 and with whom she resided until about the 15th day of September, 1912, when the defendant deserted the plaintiff.

(2)

That though the conduct of your Oratrix toward the said James Slocum 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 that 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, James, age twenty-one years, born as issue of said marriage.

(5)

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, but that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland, and when last heard of was in Norfolk, Virginia.

TO THE END, THEREFORE:

- (a) That your Oratrix may be divorced a Vinculo Matrimonii from the said James Slocum.
- (b) 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 James Slocum, a non-resident of the State of Maryland aforesaid, 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.

Steward Davis
George Evans
SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANT.

J. STEWARD DAVIS, GEORGE W. EVANS, SOLICITORS

215 ST. PAUL PLACE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY

MARTINA SLOCUM VS. JAMES SLOCUM

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this bill is to procure a divorce, a Vinculo Matrimonii, by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The bill recites that the parties were married Oct. 15, 1904 and that they lived together until about the 15th day of September, 1912, when the defendant deserted the plaintiff. That there is one child, James, age 21 years, as issue of said marriage. That the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland and that he deserted his wife without any just cause or reason and has declared his intentions to live with her no longer; that said 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. That the plaintiff has been a citizen of the State of Maryland for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint.

It is thereupon this ^{21st} day of *February* 1924, ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be published in Baltimore City once in each of four successive weeks, before the *26* day of *March* ~~April~~ 1924, give notice to the absent defendant, James Slocum, 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 ~~7th~~ ^{14th} day of *April* 1924, to show cause, if any he may have, why a ~~decree~~ should not be passed as prayed.

Charles F. Stern

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J. Steward Davis & George W. Evans,
Solicitors,
215 St. Paul Place.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTI-
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Slocum vs. James Slocum.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The object of this bill is to procure a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The bill states that the parties were married October 15, 1904, and that they lived together until about the 15th day of September, 1912, when the defendant deserted the plaintiff. That there is one child, James, age 21 years, as issue of said marriage. That the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland and that he deserted his wife without any just cause or reason and has declared his intentions to live with her no longer; that said 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. That the plaintiff has been a citizen of the State of Maryland for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint.

It is thereupon this 21st day of February, 1924, ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be published in Baltimore City once in each of four successive weeks, before the 28th day of March, 1924, 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 14th day of April, 1924, to show cause, if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

CHARLES F. STEIN.

True Copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,
Clerk.

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

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Martina Slocum
vs. James Slocum

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Martina Slocum

vs.

James Slocum

Decree Pro Confesso.

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Martina Slocum

vs.

James Slocum

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY.

July Term, 1926

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 _____ day of _____ 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 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.

Henry Duggan

Circuit Court

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Martina Slocum

vs.

James Slocum

**Order of Reference
and Report**

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Report Filed _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Martina Slocum

vs.

James Slocum

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

November Term, 1926

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This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this day of December, 1926, 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.

Wm. P. Lyons

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

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

The marriage proven.

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

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

Case ready for decree.

December 31st, 1926.

William P. Lyons Auditor and Master.

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MARTINA SLOCUM

VS.

JAMES SLOCUM

Decree of Divorce

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

William P. Lyons
Auditor and Master.

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY,

MARTINA SLOCUM

VS.

JAMES SLOCUM

November Term, 1926.

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

It is thereupon, this _____ day of December, A. D. 1926, by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, **Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed**, that the said **Martina Slocum**,

the above named Complainant be and she is hereby **DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII** from the Defendant, **James Slocum**.

And it is Further Ordered, That the said Complainant pay the cost of this proceeding.

.....MARTINA SLOCUM.....

vs.

.....JAMES SLOCUM.....

WILLIAM P. LYONS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
818-822 FIDELITY BUILDING

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

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.....December..31st,.....1926.

Fee of Auditor and Master in above case - - - - - \$9.00...

Received payment,

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Auditor and Master.

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In the Circuit Court,
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

Martina Slocum
vs.
James S. Slocum

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PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

Examiners..... \$
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Stenographer
\$ _____

DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners..... \$
Copies.....
Sheriff
Stenographer
\$ _____

Fd 20 Dec 1926

Martina Hocum

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vs.

James S Hocum

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In the Circuit Court

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

A 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

first day of September 1926; met on

the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty six at my office, in the city of Baltimore, in the State

of Maryland, and assigned the first day of September

in the same year at two o'clock in the afternoon and the office of

A de R Sappington, 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:—

No Papers.

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MARTINA SLOCUM

VS.

JAMES SLOCUM

Testimony taken at the office of Mr. A. deRussy Sappington, Title Building, Baltimore, Md. on ~~Monday~~ **Wednesday, Sept. 1st**, 1924 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thereupon---

MARTINA SLOCUM,

the plaintiff, of lawful age, produced in her own behalf, having been first duly sworn according to law, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION:

1Q (By Mr. Davis): What is your name?

A. Martina Slocum.

2Q And your address?

A. 1608 McElderry Street, Baltimore.

3Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

4Q You were married the 15th of October, 1904?

A. Yes.

5Q By a Minister of the Gospel?

A. Yes.

6Q In Baltimore?

A. Yes. Orleans and Ann Sts.

7Q And you lived together as man and wife
until September 15, 1912?

A. Yes.

8Q Which one left the other?

A. I left him.

9Q Why?

A. He didn't treat me right.

10Q What did he do to you, beat you or what?

A. Yes. He would fight and would not work,
and did not treat me right.

11Q Did he support you?

A. No indeed.

12Q Did you have to support yourself?

A. Yes and my two children.

13Q Did he get drunk?

A. Yes.

14Q And you say fight---did he strike you?

A. Yes.

15Q How often?

A. Whenever he would get drunk.

16Q Have you any reason to believe he went with other women?

A. Yes.

17Q Did you ever see him with any?

A. Yes.

18Q Where were they?

A. In bed. He had his clothes off. She was in bed. He had another man and woman there too. In my house.

19Q And as a result of these things you left him?

A. Yes.

20Q What was your conduct towards your husband?

A. I was good and kind to him.

21Q Did you give him any cause to run with other women?

A. No sir.

22Q Have you ever seen him since the separation? Since 1912?

A. Yes I have seen him, but it has been about three years ago.

23Q Has the desertion of your husband continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes, 12 years about.

24Q Have you ever lived with or cohabited with him since the desertion?

A. No.

25Q Any children as a result of this marriage?

A. One.

26Q How old?

A. He is 22 now.

27Q He supports himself?

A. Yes.

28Q Have you been a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland for more than two years prior to the filing of this Bill?

A. Oh yes, ten years.

29Q Your husband is not a resident of the State of Maryland, City of Baltimore. He is not living in Maryland now, is he?

A. Not as I know of. The last I heard of him was in Norfolk, Virginia.

30Q Is there any expectation of reconciliation

Do you ever expect to go back and live with him
again?

A. No indeed.

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. *Matina Slavin*

Thereupon---

SARAH JOHNSON,

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION:

1Q (By Mr. Davis): What is your name and address?

A. Sarah Johnson, 415 Dallas St., Baltimore.

2Q You know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

3Q Were you present at the wedding, when they were married?

A. Yes.

4Q Did they live at your house as man and wife?

A. Yes they lived there after they were married.

5Q Their reputation in the community was that they were man and wife and they lived as man and wife?

A. Yes.

6Q Mrs. Slocum states that she left her husband on account of his treatment?

A. Well, he beat her once. He would have killed her that night with that globe, if it had not

been for me. He had a globe and was going to strike her with the globe.

7Q Was he drunk?

A. Well I guess he was, a little drunk.

8Q Did she give him any reason?

A. None at all.

9Q Did he work regularly?

A. No.

10Q Did she have to work?

A. Yes sir.

11Q Who supported her?

A. She supported herself.

12Q Who supported the child?

A. She supported the child most all the time.

13Q Do you know anything of his having been seen with other women?

A. I know he used to carry that Lily on the boat when he used to run wood.

14Q What was Mrs. Slocum's conduct toward her husband?

A. Very nice.

15Q Was she kind and affectionate to him?

A. Yes. Most too kind.

16Q Did she give him any reason to run with these other women and refuse to support her?

A. No.

17Q Was the desertion continued for more than three years prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint?

A. Yes, going on five years.

18Q Is there any expectation of reconciliation?

A. No sir. I hope she never will.

19Q Has Mrs. Slocum lived with or cohabited with him since the separation?

A. Not as I know of, she has not.

20Q Was Mrs. Slocum a resident of the State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, and has she been for three years prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint?

A. Oh yes, ten or twelve years.

21Q Is James Slocum a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland now?

A. No.

22Q Where did you last hear of him?

A. I heard he was down in Norfolk, Virginia.

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.---

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at

Sarah Johnson
Mort

at
Edward Jones

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 twentieth day of December in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-six at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

Alex Sappington (SEAL).
Examiner.

There are two Exhibits with these depositions, to wit:

Plaintiff's Exhibit

Defendant's Exhibit

Alex 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.....

Alex Sappington
Examiner.