

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALTIMORE CITY

*B 585
1927*

PHILIP WOOD

VS.

ALICE WOOD

*B 32474
(12)*

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

Mr. Clerk:-

Please file.

Davis & Evans

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

DAVIS & EVANS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

7d 19 Nov 1927

PHILIP WOOD : IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

VS. : OF

ALICE WOOD : BALTIMORE CITY

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Orator complaining respectfully represents:

- (1) That he was married to his wife, Alice Wood on the 3rd day of December, 1926 in Washington, D.C. and with whom he resided until the 11th day of October, 1927.
- (2) That ever since said marriage your Orator has behaved himself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate husband toward the said Alice Wood.
- (3) That the said Alice Wood has on divers days and times since said marriage, committed the crime of adultery with divers, lewd and abandoned men, whose names are unknown to your Orator and said offense has not been condoned by your Orator.
- (4) That your Orator has not lived or co-habited with the said defendant since he discovered her said adulteries.
- (5) That there is one child born as result of said marriage, Lucille, age three months.
- (6) That your Orator 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 Powhatan, Virginia.

TO THE END, THEREFORE, YOUR ORATOR PRAYS:

- (a) That he may be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the said Alice Wood.
- (b) That he may have such other and further relief as his case may require.

May it please your Honor to grant unto your Orator the Order of Publication directed against the said Alice Wood, commanding and requiring her 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.



ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF.

DAVIS & EVANS, SOLICITORS,
215 ST. PAUL PLACE,
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY
PHILIP WOOD VS. ALICE WOOD
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

The bill recites that the parties were married on the 3rd day of December, 1926 and lived together until the 11th day of October, 1927. That ever since said marriage the plaintiff has behaved himself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate husband 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 men, whose names are unknown to the plaintiff and said offense has not been condoned by the plaintiff. That the plaintiff has not lived or co-habited with said defendant since said adultery was discovered. That there is one child born as result of said marriage, Lucille, age three months. That the plaintiff 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 Powhatan, Virginia.

It is thereupon ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 19th day of November 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 before the 19 day of December 1927, give notice to the absent defendant of the object and substance of this bill, warning her to be and appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor on or before the 5 day of January 1928 to show cause, if any she may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

A. Arthur Stark

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Docket 67 B 58

Philip Wood

vs.

Alice Wood

Decree Pro Confesso

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Filed 25 Feb 1929

Philip Wood

vs.

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IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF
BALTIMORE CITY

January

Term, 1929

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 25th day of February in the year nineteen hundred and twenty nine 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.

Testimony taken Mar. 14, 1928 be considered since pro tunc as of this date

[Signature]

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In the Circuit Court,
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

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Philip Wood
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PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

Examiners \$
Copies
Sheriff
Stenographer
\$

DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners \$
Copies
Sheriff
Stenographer
\$

Ad 19 April 1929

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PHILIP WOOD.....

vs.

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ALICE WOOD.....
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In the Circuit Court.....

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

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A decree pro confesso having been issued 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

(Nunc pro tunc)

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Twenty-fifth..... day of February.....19.22., met on

the.....
Twenty-fourth..... day of February.....in the year nineteen

hundred and twenty-eight at my office, in the city of Baltimore, in the State

of Maryland, and assigned the.....
Twenty-fourth..... day of February.....

in the same year at.....
1:30.....o'clock in the.....after-noon and the

office of.....
The Examiner.....in the City and State

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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

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plaintiff.....to take the following depositions, that

is to say:—

PHILIP WOOD	:	In the Circuit Court of
VS.	:	
ALICE WOOD	:	Baltimore City.
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Testimony taken before me, A. deRussy Sappington, Examiner, in my offices in the Title Building, Baltimore, on February 24th, 1928, at 1:30 P. M.

Mr. J. Steward Davis appeared for plaintiff.

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Thereupon---

PHILIP WOOD,
the plaintiff, of lawful age, produced on his own behalf,
being duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Examiner:

Q State your name, residence and occupation?

A Philip Wood, 1229 East Lexington Street, Baltimore,
laborer.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

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

By Mr. Davis:

Q When, where and by whom were you married?

A In Washington, D. C., on December 3rd, 1926,
by a Minister of the Gospel.

Q Where did you live after the marriage?

A Always in Baltimore.

Q How long did you live together?

A Until October 11th, 1927.

Q Which one left the other then?

A She left me.

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

A No, sir.

Q What did she say when she left you?

A We had an argument about some linoleum and I asked
her to cancel the order and she told me she was going to
have it and that she had another man uptown and she left.

Q Did you treat your wife properly?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you work and support her and treat her right?

A Yes, sir.

Q You have charged your wife with adultery. Do
you know anything of that of your own personal knowledge?

Q No, sir, only what other men told me, but she
told me to send the linoleum to Linden Avenue, up where
her other man was.

Q Did she say anything else at other times about other men?

A She told me I wasn't the only man that worked for her.

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

A Yes, sir, I was born and raised here.

Q Are any children living as a result of the marriage?

A No, sir.

Q Is your wife a resident of Maryland?

A No, sir.

Q Where is she?

A In Powhatan, Virginia.

Q Have you ever lived or cohabited with your wife since you learned of her adulteries?

A No, sir.

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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.

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Thereupon---

COLE E. GOFF,

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 Cole E. Goff, 1229 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, laborer.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes, sir.

By Mr. Davis:

Q You know they lived together as husband and wife?

A Yes, sir, I lived in the same house with them when they were together.

Q Did you ever see Mrs. Wood entertain any men in her house besides her husband?

A Yes, sir.

Q Tell us what you saw?

A I saw a man walk by one day and she was at the window and called him and she said, "Where have you been so long - come in", and he said he wouldn't stay and I was sitting in the front room on the first floor and the man came in, I don't know who he was, and she called him in the room.

Q What room did she call him in?

A In her bedroom.

Q Was she in the bedroom?

A Yes, she was in the bedroom and called him in the bedroom.

Q What happened then?

A They closed the door and I stayed there about ten minutes and everything got quiet and I left then.

Q Where was this man and Mrs. Wood when you left?

A Still in the bedroom.

Q Describe this man.

A He looked to be about twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old, a slim fellow, weighed about a hundred and fifty, brown-skinned fellow.

Q How did Mr. Wood treat his wife - - did he support her?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was he kind and faithful and true to her?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did he give her any cause or reason to commit adultery or to leave him?

A No, sir.

Q Were you there the day she left and told him about the linoleum?

A Yes, sir, I was there and she told him, "I am going home to my grandmother and grandfather and I want you to know there is more than one man working for me". She told him he wasn't the only man in the world who was working for her.

Q Did you hear her say anything about the linoleum?

A Yes, sir, when she got ready to go this linoleum was there and he asked her to cancel it and send it back, but she said to send it up to where her other man was. She said her other man told her he had a room uptown and she could go there and had the linoleum sent to his room.

Q Has Mr. Wood been a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this Bill?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is his wife a resident of Maryland?

A No, sir, she is in Powhatan, 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.

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Thereupon---

THOMAS WASHINGTON,

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 Thomas Washington, 214 North Eden Street, Baltimore, laborer.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes, sir.

By Mr. Davis:

Q You know they lived together as husband and wife?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever see Mrs. Wood in company with any man other than her husband?

A Yes, sir, I saw her in company with a tall, slender, brown-skinned fellow in the movies three times and I saw her on the street with him a couple times.

Q Did you know his name?

A No, sir, but I know she was with the same fellow each time.

Q Where was Mr. Wood at those times?

A He was working.

Q Where would you see her?

A Here, in Baltimore.

Q Did you hear the description of the man given by Mr. Goff just now?

A Yes, sir.

Q Does that resemble the man you saw her with?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you tell Mr. Wood about it?

A Yes, sir, after she left him.

Q How did Mr. Wood treat his wife?

A He treated her like a good husband ought to. She didn't have to work and he furnished the house and was good and kind to her.

Q Did he give her any cause or reason to leave him or to commit adultery?

A No, sir.

Q Are any children living as a result of the marriage?

A No, sir.

Q Has Mr. Wood been a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this Bill?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is his wife a resident of Maryland?

A No, sir, she is living in Powhatan, Virginia.

Q Has Mr. Wood ever lived or cohabited with his wife since he learned of her adulteries?

A No, sir.

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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.

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of Washington

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.....nineteenth.....day of.....April.....in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and.....twenty-nine.....at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

A. de Russy Sappington (SEAL)
Examiner.

There are.....no.....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.....both.....of which I was employed by the Plaintiff....., and on.....none.....by the Defendant.....

A. de Russy Sappington
Examiner.

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Order of Reference
and Report

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Order Filed 2 day of May 1929

Report Filed 15 day of May 1929

Philip Wood

vs.

Alice Wood

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY

January Term, 1929

This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this ~~2nd~~ day of May, 1929, 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.

William P. Lyons

Report of Auditor and Master

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

Defendant proceeded against as a non-resident and her 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.

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 15, 1929.

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Certificate of Publication

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THE DAILY RECORD

Filed..... 15 day of May 1927

THE DAILY RECORD

Baltimore, *Dec. 12,* 192*7*

Davis & Evans, Solicitors,
215 St. Paul Place.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTI-
MORE CITY — (B—585—1927) — Philip
Wood vs. Alice Wood.

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It is thereupon ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 19th day of November, 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 before the 19th day of December, 1927, give notice to the absent defendant of the object and substance of this bill, warning her to be and appear in this Court in person or by solicitor on or before the 5th day of January, 1928, to show cause, if any she may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

H. ARTHUR STUMP.

True Copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFO

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We hereby certify that the annexed advertise-
ment of Order *Publication* Circuit Court

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Alice Wood

was published in THE DAILY RECORD, a daily news-
paper published in the City of Baltimore, once in each of

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Per

C. Watkins

CIRCUIT COURT

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PHILIP WOOD

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fd 15 May 1929

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

William P. Lyons
Auditor and Master.

