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Case Files - Civil
September 1873, No. 29

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Doerge, Bertha

vs

Doerge, Charles

Divorce

Married 27 May 1856 in St. Louis
County; abuse; children Lewis,
Charles, Rudolph, Lina Doerge

Bertha Doerge, plaintiff } In the Circuit Court
against } of Jefferson County,
Charles Doerge, defendant. } State of Missouri,
September Term 1873.

Plaintiff states, that on the 27th day of May A.D. 1856, in the County of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, she was lawfully married to the defendant; that plaintiff continued to live with defendant as his wife from and after the day and year aforesaid, until the present day, but that during about the last fifteen months ————— she and defendant have kept and occupied separate beds; that from the time of marriage aforesaid till the present time plaintiff faithfully demeaned herself and discharged all her duties as the wife of defendant, and at all times treated him with kindness and affection, but that said defendant, wholly disregarding his duties as the husband of plaintiff, has offered such indignities to the plaintiff, as render her condition intolerable, and as such indignities plaintiff states the following:

About the year 1863., 7 years after the marriage aforesaid, whilst plaintiff and defendant had their residence in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, defendant came home one evening about eleven o'clock in a state of drunkenness, and commenced and continued for some time, a great and unusual disturbance and noise, that she reminded him of the impropriety of such his conduct,

and that he replied, that she, plaintiff might go to the devil if she did not like it.

✓ About summer 1866, in the year 1866, when
✓ plaintiff and defendant lived on a farm in
✓ Jefferson County, Missouri, defendant, without
cause or provocation, given him by plaintiff,
threatened plaintiff, to knock her down with
a grass cradle,

✓ Since about the year 1868, defendant frequent-
ly threatened the life of plaintiff, and called
her a whore and abused her otherwise by calling
her abusive and opprobrious names, all
without cause or provocation, given defendant
by plaintiff.

On or about the 9th day of August 1872,
plaintiff was in child-bed, and was delivered
of a child about midnight between said 9th
✓ and 10th day of August 1872. . . a short time
before the birth of said child, plaintiff in-
formed defendant of her state, and that
she was about to be delivered of a child,
and asked defendant, to furnish the nec-
essary help and assistance at such birth,
✓ but that defendant refused to do so,
and did not furnish such help and as-
sistance, and that she was delivered of
✓ a child without any help or assistance
whatever. Two days after the said
birth of child defendant left home and
stayed away a whole day, leaving plaintiff
with the newly born baby and two other

✓ sick children without help or assistance
whenever, and defendant came home in
the evening after such day's absence in
a state of intoxication;

✓ On ^{or about} the 19th day of May 1873. defendant
called plaintiff a son-of-a-bitch, (son-per-
son) and threw a pitcher at her, aiming
at her head ^{and broke it thereby to pieces;} he also threw a pressure glass be-
fore plaintiff's feet and thereby broke it; he
also threw a coffee-can under the eating table,
so that it became worthless and got broken;
defendant also took an iron tea-kettle from
the stove and struck or punched her with
the same at her head, whereupon plaintiff es-
caped and called for help, all of which de-
fendant did on ~~said~~ or about said 19th day
of May 1873. in plaintiff's presence and with-
out any cause or provocation having been
given him by plaintiff.

Plaintiff further states, that there were born
of the marriage aforesaid four children, to
whose names and ages are as follows:

Emie Daerge, 13 years old,
Charles Daerge 9 years old,
Rudolph Daerge 6 years old, and
Lina Daerge 9 months old,

Plaintiff further states, that the said defendant
is seized and possessed of Real and personal
estate and money to the value of fifteen
hundred - dollars, and that she is wholly
without the means of support and for the
prosecution of this suit.

The plaintiff therefore prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, contracted as aforesaid with the defendant; that she may have the custody and care of her said infant children; and that the court will adjudge to her such support and maintenance out of the property of said defendant, and for such time, as the nature of the case and the circumstances of the parties may require, and if necessary, compel the defendant to give security for such maintenance and to make such further orders from time to time touching the same, as may be just, and such other orders and judgments touching the premises, as may be proper.

Bertha Doerge, plaintiff
by Henry F. Ahrens,
her attorney.

State of Missouri,
County of Jefferson B.S. Bertha Doerge,
the plaintiff in the above entitled case, makes oath and says, that the facts, stated in the foregoing petition, are true according to her best knowledge and belief, and that the complaint is not made out of levity or by collusion, fear or ~~ore~~ constraint, between the plaintiff and defendant, for the mere purpose of being separated from each other, but in sincerity and truth, for the causes mentioned in the petition.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 7th day
of August A.D. 1873
W. S. Boyce Clerk
By C. H. Horine Deput.

Bertha Doerge

In the Circuit Court
of Jefferson County,
Missouri,
April 18, 1873.

Benjamin George,
Plaintiff,

vs,

Charles George,
Defendant.

Filed Aug. 7 1873

W. S. Boyce clk

By C. H. H. H. H.

Dep't

The State of Missouri, }
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON. } ss.

The State of Missouri,

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON---GREETING:

We command you, that you summon

Charles George

if he be found in your County, that he be and appear before the Honorable Judge of
our Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the
town of Hillsboro, within and for the County of Jefferson, on the *Second*
~~Monday after the fourth~~ Monday of *September* next, then and there
to answer unto

Reuben George

upon

her

original petition, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed
and accompanies this writ, and have you then there this writ.

Witness, W. S. BOYCE, Clerk of our said

Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereunto af-
fixed, at office in Hillsboro, this *7th*

day of

August

A. D. 1873

W. S. Boyce

Clerk Circuit Court.

By

C. H. Horne

Deputy.

I Executed the within Writ at the County of Jefferson
State of Missouri on Char. Doerge by Delivering
to one of his family over the age of fifteen of
years a true copy of the Writ and Petition
as furnished me by the Clerk of said Court
on the 23rd day of Aug 1873

J. B. Mose
Sheriff

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RETURNABLE

TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

Sept TERM, 1873.

Bertha Doerge

v Charles Doerge

(original)

Sheriff fee 100

Bertha Dorge, plaintiff
as
Charles Dorge, defendant

In the Circuit Court
of Jefferson County
State of Missouri.
September Term 1873

And now comes the said defendant, and for his answer to the petition, states that he admits being lawfully married to this plaintiff, but denies, that during the last fifteen months, or any other time, ^{they} occupied separate beds; denies, that from the time of marriage till the present time, plaintiff faithfully demeaned herself ~~and~~ ^{or} discharged all her duties as the wife of defendant and denies, that she at all times treated him with kindness and affection, denies, that defendant has offered such indignities to the plaintiff, as render her condition intolerable, as stated in the petition, denies that seven years after ^{their} marriage or ^{at} any other time he came home at eleven o'clock at night in a state of drunkenness, and then, commenced or continued for some time a great and unusual disturbance or noise, or that she reminded him of any impropriety in his conduct or that he replied "go to the devil"; denies that in the summer 1866 or ^{at} any other time, while living on a farm in Jefferson County Missouri, defendant without cause or provocation, threatened to knock plaintiff down with a grass cradle; denies that since the

year 1868, defendant threatened plaintiff's life
or called her any ~~abusive~~ ^{or} and approbrious
names; denies that on ~~the~~ about the 9th day of
August 1872, while ^{she} was about to be delivered
of a child, and being asked by plaintiff for any
any assistance whatever, he neglected or refused
to furnish help, ~~nor~~ that she was ~~then~~ delivered
of a child without any help or assistance whatever.
denies that two days after the birth of said child
he left home, or that he returned intoxicated
denies that, on or about the 19th day of May 1873
or ^{at} any other time, he ~~threw~~ threw a pitcher
at her head ~~or~~ a preserve glass or any other
article at her feet, ~~nor~~ ^{threw} a coffee pot under the
sitting table, or took the tea kettle from the
stove and struck her therewith on the head, ~~nor~~
called her a cow-wench ~~or~~ any other name
Defendant further answering denies that he is
seized and possessed of Real ^{and} Personal property
to the value of fifteen hundred dollars or any
other sum whatever, and that she is wholly
without means of support, and prosecution of this suit

Wherefore he prays to be hence dismissed
with his costs

By P. & L. Gottschalk
William his atty

Bertha Doerge

vs.

Chas. Doerge

Answer

to be filed

Filed Sept 8 1873

M. S. Boyce Clerk

W. H. H. H. H.

Bertina Derge, pl^{ff},
vs.
Charles Derge, defendant. } In & Circuit Court
of Jefferson County,
Missouri.
September Term 1873.

Now comes Plaintiff by her Attorney,
and states, that she is entirely without ~~the~~
means for the prosecution of this suit,
and therefore moves the Court for an or-
der upon defendant, to pay a reason-
able sum to plaintiff for ~~the~~ pro-
secution of this case, and to enforce
such order against defendant by seques-
tration of property or by execution.

Henry F. Ahlness
Atty. for pl^{ff}.

In the last Court
at Jefferson Mo., Mo.
Sept. 18. Term 1873.

Bertha Daeng,
pettr.

vs,
Charles Daeng,
Defendant.

Motion
to order defendant,
to pay plaintiff
a reasonable sum
for the prosecution
of this suit.

Filed Sept. 18 1873
W. S. Boyce Clerk