

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case Files - Civil
May 1876, NO. 56

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Richardson, Melissa
VS
Richardson, Benjamin

Divorce

MARRIED 1 November 1869;
desertion; plaintiff nee Rogers

Malissa Richardson Plaintiff

against

Benjamin Richardson Defendant

In the Circuit Court of
Jefferson Co. Mo.

May Term 1876

Plaintiff states that on the
1st day of November A.D., 1869
in the County of Jefferson aforesaid
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 5th
day of December 1874, that
during all that 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 the said
defendant, wholly disregarding
his duties as the husband of the
Plaintiff left the defendant on
the 5th day of December 1874
without any just cause and
has remained away ever since
said time and has failed

during ^{all} of said time to provide
any means for the support
of ~~Plaintiff~~ ^{Defendant}, the Plaintiff, therefore,
prays to be divorced from the bonds
of matrimony contracted as
aforesaid with the defendant,
and that she be restored to
her maiden name Malissa
Rogers and for such other
and further relief as she
may be entitled

John L. Thomas & Co
Attys for Plaintiff

This affiant the Plaintiff, makes
oath and says that the facts
stated in the above petition
are true according to the best
knowledge and belief of the Plaintiff
and that the Complaint is not
made out of levity or by collusion
fear or restraint, 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 18th Apr 1876 } M Ritchison
W L Thomas
Notary Public }

Mahine Richardson
 Against
 Benjamin Richardson

Petition for
 divorce

Filed April 18th 1896
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 County -
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Melissa Richardson Plaintiff } In the Circuit Court
against } of Jefferson Co. Mo.
Benjamin Richardson Defendant } May Term 1876,

Plaintiff states that on the 1st day of November A.D. 1869 in the County of Jefferson aforesaid 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 5th day of December 1874, that during all that 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 the said defendant, wholly disregarding his duties as the husband of the plaintiff left the plaintiff on the 5th day of December 1874 without any just cause and has remained away ever since said time and has failed during all of said time to provide any means for the support of plaintiff, the plaintiff therefore prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid, with the defendant, and that she be restored to her maiden name Melissa Rogers and for such other and further relief as she may be entitled.

John A Thomas For Plaintiff,
This affiant the plaintiff, makes oath and says that the facts stated in the above petition are true according to the best knowledge and belief of the Plaintiff and that the complaint is not made out of levity or by collusion fear or restraint, between the plaintiff and defendant for the mere purpose of being separated but in sincerity and truth for the causes mentioned in the petition,
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this M. Ritcheson
18th Apr. 1876.
D. W. H. Thomas Notary Public

A true copy of the original petition.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of
the Circuit Court of Jefferson County
Mo, at office April 18th 1876,
C. Ho. Norrie

Chas. C.

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

The State of Missouri,

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

We command you, that you summon

Benjamin Richardson

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 *May* next, then and there to answer unto

Melissa Richardson

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

Witness, C. THO. HORINE, Clerk of our said Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed, at office in Hillsboro, this *18* day of *April*, A. D., 1876

C. Tho. Horine, Clerk Circuit Court.

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RETURNABLE

TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

May TERM, 1876

McKissa Richardson

vs

Benjamin Richardson

Original

State of Missouri }
County of Washington } ss.

I John M. Anthony
Sheriff of Washington County do hereby
Certify that the within named Benjamin
Richardson is not found in my County
April 15th 1876.

John M. Anthony
Sheriff Washington County
Mo

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON. }

In the Circuit Court, September term 1876, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1876. Among other proceedings the following appears of record, viz.:

Melissa Richardson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Benjamin Richardson, Defendant. } For divorce.

NOW at this day comes the Plaintiff by her attorney as well as in person, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant conceals himself so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is ordered by the court that publication be made, notifying him that an action has been commenced against him, by petition in the Circuit Court of Jefferson county in the State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which, is to obtain a decree for a divorce upon the ground of abandonment, and unless he be and appear at the next term of this court, to be begun and holden at the court house in Hillsboro, in the county of Jefferson on the second Monday of January, A. D., 1877, and on or before the sixth day thereof, the petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly. It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the JEFFERSON DEMOCRAT, a newspaper published in the county of Jefferson, for four weeks successively, the last assertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of the next term of this court. Ordered that the same be certified. A true copy from the record.

{ SEAL } In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand as clerk and affixed the seal of said court at office in Hillsboro, October 28th, 1876. C. THO. MORINE, Clerk.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

Be it Remembered, That on this 13 day of January, 1877, before the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Mo., came R. W. McMULLIN, who, being by me duly sworn, says the annexed advertisement was published in the "JEFFERSON DEMOCRAT," a newspaper printed and published in the County of Jefferson, State of Missouri, of which he is printer, for 4 weeks, the first insertion being on the 3 day of March, 1876, and the last insertion on the 24 day of March, 1876, as follows, to-wit:

Order of Publication
the commencement of the next term of this court.
Ordered that the same be certified. A true copy from the record.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand as clerk and affixed the seal of said court at office in Hillsboro, October 28th, 1876.
C. THO. MORRIS, Clerk.

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Approved

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

13 day of January, 1877.

Printer's Fee, \$ 10.
Affidavit, \$ 0.

W. L. Smith Co. Clerk.

Received Payment,

Missa Richardson

vs

Benjamin Richardson

Filed May 14 1877

Thos. Stone

Clerk