

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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January 1877

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Matlock, Catherine
vs
Matlock, John

Divorce

Martied 2 March 1871; Vagrancy;
desertion; adultery

Catherine Matlock Plaintiff {
against
John Matlock Defendant }

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson
County Missouri January Term 1877

The plaintiff states that she
and defendant were lawfully married
in Jefferson County Missouri, on the second
day of March 1871 - and that they continued
to live together as husband and wife from
the date of their said marriage until the
1st day of September 1875 - during all which
time plaintiff states that she faithfully demeaned
herself as the wife of defendant and at all times
treated him with kindness and affection

But plaintiff states that the defendant
wholly disregarding his duties as the husband
of the plaintiff, during all the time from
their marriage aforesaid, spent his time chiefly
in loitering about without any visible means of
support and maintenance, and would never
apply himself to labor or any other honest calling
to procure a livelihood, and would very frequently
during that time ^{quit his home and} leave the plaintiff, his wife, ^{wholly} without
the means of subsistence, so as that she was
obliged to depend upon her father for support.
For which plaintiff charges that defendant was
guilty of such conduct as to constitute him

a vagrant: within the meaning of the law respecting vagrants =

The plaintiff further states that the defendant abandoned her, in Jeff. Co Mo and continued to absent himself, without a reasonable cause, for the space of one year =

The plaintiff further states that the defendant, on or about the 1st day of May 1876, in the City of Carmichael Mo. was guilty of adultery, with some woman or women, of a lewd character, by name or names to this plaintiff unknown

Wherefore by reason of the premises plaintiff prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the defendant as aforesaid, and also that she may be restored to her maiden name of Catherine Dorsey, and for other relief.

Catherine Matlock Plaintiff

By T. H. McMullen her atty

State of Missouri

Jefferson County I Catherine Matlock the above named plaintiff in oath says that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true; That this application for a divorce 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 = and that the offences
charged against defendant were committed
in this state, and that the plaintiff has
resided in this state one whole year next
before the filing of this petition

And ~~placit~~ this affiant further states
that the defendant John Matlock is a non-
resident of the state of Missouri

Sworn to and subscribed

Catherine Matlock

before me December 2^d 1876

Manuel

Justice of Probate Jefferson Co. Mo.

Catherine Matlock
against
John Matlock, deft.

In circuit Court
Jeff Co mo
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H. L. Shinn
Clerk

Order of Publication.

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson county, State of Missouri, January term, A. D., 1877, Thursday, January 18th, 1877, the following appears of record, viz:

CATHARINE MATLOCK, Plaintiff,	} Per Diverse.
vs. JOHN MATLOCK, Defendant.	

NOW on this day comes the Plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the Court here that the Defendant, John Matlock, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered by the Court that publication be made notifying said Defendant that Plaintiff has commenced suit against him 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 divorce, upon the ground of abandonment and for failing to provide for the support of Plaintiff, and that unless he shall personally be and appear before the Circuit Court aforesaid, on the first day of its next regular term, to be begun and held at Hillsboro, in said county, on the second Monday of May next, and on or before the sixth day thereof, answer or plead to the petition, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the JEFFERSON DEMOCRAT, a newspaper published in said county and State, and this cause is continued.

A true copy from the record.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court, at office in Hillsboro, Mo., Feb'y 22d, 1877.

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C. THOS HORINE,
Clerk Circuit Court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

Be it Remembered, That on this 18 day of May, 1877, before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson County, Mo., came R. W. McMULLIN, who, being by me duly sworn, says the annexed advertisement was published in the "JEFF'N 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 9th day of March, 1877, and the last insertion on the 30th day of March, 1877, as follows, to-wit:

[Applause in the galleries, which was promptly checked by the presiding officer.] Mr. Bayard then took the floor, but before proceeding with his remarks, yielded for a motion to adjourn, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

In the Senate, on the 7th, consideration was resumed of the resolution to swear in Mr. Kellogg. Mr. Blaine made some additional remarks in support of the resolution, in the course of which he read a telegram from Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, to Mr. Conlin, in which Chamberlain stated that he had received letters from Messrs. Stanley Matthews and Evans, advising him to yield his rights for the good of the country. Mr. Norton also spoke briefly in favor of Kellogg's admission. The

In No. 10, March, 9, 1877
 In No. 11, " " 16, 1877
 In No. 12, " " 23, 1877
 In No. 13, " " 30, 1877

R. W. McMullin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

18 day of May, 1877.

Printer's Fee, \$ 9.00 }
 Affidavit, \$ }

Co. Clerk.

Received Payment, *R. W. McMullin*