

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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Bradfield, Elizabeth

VS

Bradfield, Charles R.

Divorce

Married 22 September 1855;
abuse; non-support; children
Adelta, Samuel S., Lee Thomas,
Mary, Theodore

Elizabeth Bradfield } In the
Plaintiff } circuit
vs } court of
Charles R. Bradfield } Jefferson
Defendant } county
Missouri

Plaintiff states that she was lawfully married to defendant in Jefferson County Missouri on the 22nd of September 1855 that she continued to live with defendant as his wife from & after the marriage till about the first of September 1876 during all which time she ~~breeded~~ treated him with kindness & affection & performed all her duties as his wife but avers that defendant wholly disregarding his duties as the husband of defendant for many many years treated the plaintiff with inhumanity & offered her such indignities as rendered her condition intolerable in this to wit he several times whipped her once with a bridle, and also he several times kicked her, & has for many years entirely failed to provide for plaintiffs support or that of his & her children

but on the contrary he has for
years refused to do ~~any~~ work
or provide means of support
& being poor plaintiff has
been compelled to labor ~~in~~
out of doors on the farm to
support herself & defendant
& the children of his & her
family, & all because defend-
ant is too lazy & trifling to
work & further defendant has
been guilty during the marriage
of such cruel & barbarous
treatment of defendant as
endangered her life in this
about the year 1875 he knocked
her down with his hand and
severely injured her health,
plaintiff says there were
born of the marriage five
children now living Adeline
a daughter now sixteen years
old, Samuel S. a son now
fourteen, Lee Thomas a son
now eleven, Mary a daughter
now five years old, Theodore
a son now two years old

Plaintiff prays the court to
make a Decree divorcing
Plaintiff from the Bonds of
matrimony contracted as
aforesaid with defendant
& that she may have the care
& custody of her said minor
children & that the court
will award her such sum
against defendant for her
support as may be just
& that the court will
award other proper relief
J. Williams,
Attorney for Plaintiff

Elizabeth Bradford on oath
says that the foregoing petition
is true to the best of her
✓ belief & that the application is
not made out of levity or by collusion,
or fear or restraint between the
parties for the mere purpose of
being separated from each other
but in sincerity & truth for the
purposes stated in the complaint

Elizabeth ^{her} Bradford ^{maior}

Seen to & subscribed before me this 17th day of
August 1877
C. H. Horing, C. J. Cir. Ct.
J. H. Green, dept.

Bradfield

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Bradfield

Am. Herald

Filed Aug. 17 1877
Chas. H. H. H.
Clerk

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

The State of Missouri,

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

We command you, that you summon *Charles R Bradfield*

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

Elizabeth Bradfield

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 *18th* day of *August*, A. D., 187*7*.

C. Tho. Horine

Clerk Circuit Court.

Deposited this writ in Jefferson County Mo
on the 24th day of Aug. 1877 by leaving a true
copy of the within writ and petition at the
place of abode of Charles R Bradford
with a member of his family over 16 years
of age

John Williams Sheriff
By John L Meaur Denney

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TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

Sept.

TERM, 1877.

Elizabeth Bradford

vs

Charles R Bradford

Original
John Williams
Sheriff for \$100

Elizabeth Bradfield } In the Circuit
vs } Court of Jeff.
Charles R. Bradfield } County Missouri
Def

Defendant for answer to
plaintiff's petition admits that
they were married or alleged
and set out in said petition, and
denies every other allegation therein
contained, or any knowledge or
information thereof sufficient
to form a belief.

Byrnes & McMullin
Attys for Def.

Elizabeth Bradfield

Chas R. Bradfield

Ans: answer,

Filed Nov. 14 1877,

@ Tho. Horne

Clerk

~~Filed Oct. 14 1877~~

~~@ Tho. Horne~~

~~Clerk~~