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Mohrer, Elizabeth

vs

Mohrer, Frederick

Divorce

Married 26 December 1886; abuse;
slanders; vagrancy

Elizabeth Mohrer - Plaintiff

Against

Frederick Mohrer Defendant.

In the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County Missouri
To September Term 1887

The Plaintiff states that she was lawfully married to the defendant at Jefferson County Missouri on the 26th day of December 1886; that she continued to live with defendant as his wife from the date of said marriage until about the 12th day of June 1887; that during the time aforesaid plaintiff faithfully demeaned herself as the wife of defendant and at all times treated him kindly, but she avers that defendant wholly disregarding his duty as the husband of plaintiff has during said marriage at divers times offered to plaintiff such indignities as rendered her condition as his wife intolerable in this to wit; that defendant has frequently during the marriage aforesaid falsely accused plaintiff of improper intimacy and intercourse with other men and ~~and~~ circulated ~~said~~ false reports among the neighbors accusing plaintiff with improper intimacy and intercourse with

other men; that on the day of June 1887 defendant wrongfully struck plaintiff in the face with his hand bruising her face; and at other times defendant slapped the plaintiff without cause.

Plaintiff further states that defendant although he was a strong able bodied man refused and neglected to apply himself to labor in order to support plaintiff, but loitered about and neglected to provide her with sufficient clothing and other necessities; that because of defendant's failure to provide for her and because of his abuse and ill treatment of her plaintiff left defendant about the day of June 1887 and ^{since said date} has been earning a livelihood for herself by working as domestic; and she avers that on the 14th day of August 1887 defendant met plaintiff on a public road between Victoria and Defoli-
Mo and drew a pistol and threatened to kill her, and by threats and menaces compelled her to deliver to him her wedding ring.

Plaintiff says that she is a resident of Jefferson County Missouri; that she has resided in said County and State one whole year and more next before

the filing of this petition.

Plaintiff, for the causes mentioned in this petition prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with the defendant, and that she may be restored to her maiden name viz Elizabeth Ruppel, and for such further order and decree as may be just and proper.

J. F. Green

Attorney for Plaintiff

Elizabeth Mohrer the Plaintiff in the foregoing petition being duly sworn on her oath says that the facts stated in the said petition are true according to the best of her knowledge and belief, and she further states that the complaint above made is not made out of levity, or by collusion fear or restraint between Plaintiff and defendant for the mere purpose of being separated from each other but in sincerity and truth for the causes stated in the ~~fore~~ above petition.

Elizabeth ^{per} Mohrer
_{mark}

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this 15th day of August 1887.

D. B. Neuzer
Clerk. Cir. Ct.

Elizabeth Warner - P.H.

Frederick Warner - P.H.

Action for divorce

Petition

Filed Aug. 15/87

W.B. Warner

clerk

\$300 paid P.H. -

THE STATE OF MISSOURI } ss.
County of Jefferson.

The State of Missouri,

To the Sheriff of Jefferson County---Greeting:

We command you, that you summon.....

Frederick Mohrer
Defendant

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

Elizabeth Mohrer
Plaintiff

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

Witness, D. O. Tenney
C. THO. HORINE, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed, at
office in Hillsboro, this 15th day of
August A. D., 1887
D. O. Tenney, Clerk Circuit Court.

I hereby certify that I executed the within writ in the
County of Jefferson in the State of Missouri on the
16th day of August 1887 by delivering a true copy of the
within writ and annexed petitions furnished me by
the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the hands of the
within named Defendant Frederick Morker

Fee \$1.00

G. W. McFry Sheriff
Jefferson County, Mo.

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No - 8264

To, September Term 1887

Elizabeth Morker

VS =

Frederick Morker

Petition for divorce

Original

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson
County and State of Missouri. } S.S.

To January Term 1888.

Elizabeth Mohrer. Plaintiff }

vs.

Fredrick Mohrer. Defendant }

For answer to
plaintiffs petition defendant denies
each and every allegation therein
contained not herein after admitted.
Defendant admits that he was lawfully
married to defendant on the 26th day of
December A.D. 1886, in the County of Jefferson
and State of Missouri and that plaintiff
continued to live with defendant from the
date of said marriage until about the
12th day of June A.D. 1887.

For further answer and crossbill defendant
states that during said marriage the
plaintiff had frequent and improper
relations and intercourse with other
men, defendant further says that during
said marriage the plaintiff offered many
and frequent indignities to defendant
such as was calculated to render his condi-
tion as her husband wholly intolerable.
The defendant states that he is a resident
of this State and has been for more than
one year past. Defendant avers that
plaintiff left him and deserted his house
and board without any just cause.
For the cause mentioned in the crossbill

The defendant prays the court to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with the plaintiff and for such other orders as may seem fit and proper.

F. R. Dearing
Attorney for Defendant.

Fredrick Mohrer the defendant of the above entitled cause on his oath, being duly sworn says that ^{the} facts stated in the above answer and crossbill are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and he further states that the allegations above made are not made out of levity or by collusion fear or restraint, for the mere purpose of being separated from each other but in sincerity and in truth for the causes stated therein.

Fred. Mohrer.

Subscribed and sworn to this
the 5th day of December 1887.

J. C. Jenkins J.P.

To January Term 1898
Elizabeth Mather.
JR.
Frederick Mather.

Dependents answers
and briefs.

Filed Dec 5th 1887
W. D. Mather
Clerk

SUBPOENA.--CIRCUIT COURT.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF

J. E. Egan
} ss.

No. 41

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, To

Robert E. Ostry, Nicholas Williams

Mrs. Mary Manned, Robert E. Ostry, Geo. Barker
Mrs. Arbuckle, Mrs. William Arbuckle J. A. Barker

You are Hereby Commanded, That setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you be and

appear in proper person, before the Judge of our Circuit Court, at the Court House in the

of St. Louis

within and for said County, on

the 13th

day of

January

A. D. 1888, then and there

to testify and the truth to speak, in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,

wherein

Col. J. A. Barker

Plaintiff,

and

Frederick M. Barker

Defendant,

on the part of said

Plaintiff,

, and this you shall in no

wise omit. And the person or officer serving this Writ is commanded to have the same at the time and place aforesaid, certifying thereon his return.

Witness my hand and the seal of our said Court. Done at

office in St. Louis

in said County, this

6

day of

January

A. D. 1888

Clerk.

W. B. Leary

By

Deputy Clerk.

SUBPENA.

No. 41

CIRCUIT COURT

Of Jefferson Co., Mo.,

Term, 1888

Elizabeth Mohrer

VS.

Frederick Mohrer

PLAINTIFFS'

WITNESSES.

DEFENDANTS'

Day of Trial

Jan 13th / 88

John M. Nulty, Rich Borsby

Mrs. Mahala Williams, Jan 7 1888

Mrs. Mary Maness Jan 7 1888

Ruth Cornwell Jan 7 1888

George Baker Jan 7 1888

Wm Broughton Jan 7 1888

Mrs William Broughton Jan 7 1888

J. B. Dorr Jan 7 1888

Filed January 9 / 1888
D. T. Venable
clerk

FEE, \$4.50

RETURN.

I hereby certify that I served the within Writ in the County of Jefferson and State of Missouri, on the 7 day of January, 1888, by taking the same in the presence & hearing of the within named John M. Nulty, Rich Borsby, Mrs. Mahala Williams, Mrs. Mary Maness, Rich Borsby, George Baker, Wm Broughton & Mrs. William Broughton of B. Dorr.

G. W. Medley, Sheriff Jefferson Co.
By R. Richardson, Deput