

Telferson County Circuit Court

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Steen, Ann

vs

Steen, William

Divorce

Married 1842; desertion

Ann Steen, plaintiff, } In the Circuit Court
Against } Jefferson County,
William Steen, defendant, } Nov. Term 1857.

To the Hon. John N. Stone, Judge of
the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, in Chancery
sitting.

Your Petitioner, Ann Steen, would res-
pectfully state, that some time in the year 1842,
she was married to one William Steen, in the
County of Jefferson aforesaid, and that she continued
to reside with him as his wife, for the space of
about two years, during which time, the said ^{Mr.} Steen
became very intemperate, and wholly neglected to
provide for the support of your Petitioner and
her family. And that some time in the year
1844, the said William Steen, without any just
cause, deserted and abandoned your Petitioner,
and went to unknown parts, leaving your Petitioner
without ^{any} means of support, except what she pro-
cured by her own industry; since which time he
has since been heard from. Your Petitioner there-
fore alleges that the said William Steen has
willfully deserted and absented himself, without
any reasonable cause, from your Petitioner, for
the space of two years, and upwards. Your Pe-
titioner states that she has resided in the County
of Jefferson and State of Missouri, for more than
one year immediately preceeding the filing this
Bill, ^{and that} ~~where~~ she at present resides, ^{in said County.} She further
states that she has good reason to believe and
does believe, that the said William Steen is a

now-resident of the State of Missouri at this time, and therefore she asks that an order of publication may be made, notifying him of the commencement of this suit; and that he be made a proper defendant to this Bill.

In consideration of the premises, your Petitioner prays your Honor, to order, adjudge, and decree that she be divorced from the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said William Steen, and that said marriage be declared null and void. And in duty she will ever pray &c.

Abner Green
Atty for plaintiff.

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson }

Ann Steen, the foregoing Petitioner, being duly sworn, by the undersigned clerk of the circuit court of said County, deposes and says, that the facts stated in the foregoing Bill are true, to the best knowledge and belief of this affiant, (the said complainant,) and that the Complaint is not made out of levity, or by collusion, fear, or restraint, between the complainant and the defendant, for the mere purpose of being separated from each other, but in sincerity and truth, for the causes mentioned in said Bill; and said affiant further states that she has good reason to believe and does believe that the said William Steen, the defendant, is not a resident of the State of Missouri.

Sworn to & subscribed before
me June 25th 1857.
Thos C. Fletcher clk

Ann ^{her} Steen
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Am Steen

vs.

Am Steen

Petition for Divorce

Filed July 30 1851
Thos. C. Starcher
Clerk

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STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of St. Louis, *George Thrapp* who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that the annexed advertisement was published in the "Missouri Republican," printed in this State, the newspaper of which he is printer, for *twelve* times, the first insertion being on the *25th* day of *July* and the last insertion on the *1st* day of *September* 1851 as follows:

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Jefferson,
Circuit Court, in Vacation, July 3d, 1861.
Ann Steen, Plaintiff,
vs.
William Steen, Defendant.

NOW at this day comes said plaintiff and files her petition, verified by affidavit as required by law, and stating that said defendant is a non resident of the State of Missouri. On motion of said plaintiff, it is ordered by the undersigned, Clerk, that said publication be notified of the commencement of this suit by due following notice, to-wit: To William Steen: You are hereby notified that suit has been commenced against you by petition in the Circuit Court within and for the county of Jefferson, in the State of Missouri, by Ann Steen, to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony by her contracted with you, on the grounds of desertion and absence on your part from said plaintiff, without any reasonable cause, for the space of two years, and you are required to appear in said Court at the next term thereof, to be begun and held at Hillsboro, on the Fourth Monday of November next, and answer said petition, or the same will be taken as confessed.

A true copy of the record. Attest:
THO. C. FLETCHER, Clerk Circuit Court,
A. GREEN, Atty for Plaintiff. j29 web

31	July	25th	1851
32	"	1st	"
33	"	8th	"
34	"	15th	"
35	"	22d	"
36	Sept	29th	"
37	"	5th	"
38	"	12th	"

George Thrapp

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
21st day of November 1851

John A. Patton Justice

Printer's Fee, 7.50
Affidavit, 2.25
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