

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case Files - Civil
October 1858

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Cross, Margaret

vs.

Cross, Nelson

Divorce

Married 9 March 1856; defendant
convicted of murder

Margaret Croft } In the Circuit Court
vs } Jefferson County Mo
Nelson Croft } October Term. 1858,

Plaintiff states that a marriage was on the 9th day of March 1856. at the county aforesaid, solemnized between her and the defendant, that she has resided in this state one whole year next before the filing of this petition, She states that during said marriage to wit, on the 26th day of May 1857, the defendant was indicted at the said County of Jefferson. for the crime of Murder. of which felony, he was subsequently convicted at the Circuit court of Franklin County Missouri,

Plaintiff further states, that she continued to live with defendant, as his wife, from and after the day of said marriage until the arrest and imprisonment of said defendant on said charge and that during all that time she faithfully demeaned herself and discharged the duties of a wife to said defendant, treating him with kindness and affection

She further states that there was born of the marriage aforesaid a child a girl now aged two years

Plaintiff prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with the defendant, and that she may have the custody and care of her said

infant, and for such other judgments and orders touching the premises as may be proper.

Margaret Croft Plff
By Hatcher atty.

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,

Signed & Sworn to before
me June 22nd 1858.

Elias & Honey Clerk

Margaret ^{her} ~~Croft~~ ^{+ Croft} ~~mark~~

No

Margaret Croft.

us

Chelon Croft.

for Advice.

leave parcel to S. Davis
Co' & send to me,

McLachlan for self

Dated June 22nd 1858

Eliza & Henry

etc

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, SS.

The State of Missouri.

Saint Louis

To the Sheriff of the County of ~~Jefferson~~—Greeting:

We command you, that you summon Nelson Croft

if he be found in your County, that he be and appear before the Hon. 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 fourth Monday of October next, then and there to answer unto Margaret Croft

upon ~~her~~ original petition, a copy whereof is herunto annexed and accompanies this writ—and have you then there this writ.

Elias B. Honey

Witness, ~~THO. C. FLETCHER~~, Clerk of our said Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, in Hillsboro, this 22nd day of June A. D. 1858

Elias B. Honey

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT.

Presented this writ in the County of Harris June
 24th 1858 by delivering a copy of writ & petition
 as furnished by the Clerk to the within
 named defendant Nelson Crofs

Shff Fees }
 \$1.00 }
 10^{cts} }
 Fletcher atty }
 for self }

James Castello Shff
 By J. S. Martin Depy

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Filed July 30 1858
 Geo. J. Henry
 Clerk

State of Missouri
 Clerk of the Court