

Jefferson County Circuit Court

Case Files - Civil

December 1859, #46

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Merke, Margaret

vs

Merke, Henry

Divorce

Abuse

Margant Murke
against
Henry Murke

} In the circuit court
of Jefferson County
Missouri

Plaintiff states that on the
day of 18 in the county of Jeffe-
-son and state Missouri she was lawfully
married to defendant; that plaintiff contin-
ued to live with defendant as his wife
from & after that date and year aforesaid
until the day of July last past. That
during all that time faithfully discharged
herself & discharged all of her duties as the
wife of defendant and at all times treated
him with kindness and affection; but the
defendant wholly disregarding his duties as
a husband of the plaintiff as to be guilty
of such barbarous and cruel treatment as to
endanger the life of the plaintiff by diverse
ways whipping beating and kicking her and
by threatening to kill her and presenting
a pistol at plaintiff and threatening
striking to shoot plaintiff Plaintiff
further states that she has resided in this
state one whole year next before the
filing this petition Plaintiff therefore
prays to be divorced from the bonds of
matrimony contracted as aforesaid with
defendant and that she may have the care of
her infant child.

Francis Wagon atty for Plff.

This affirms the plaintiff makes oath
& says that the facts stated in the above

petition on time according to the best
knowledge and belief of the plaintiff
and that the complaint is not made out
of malice or collusion and that the
plaintiff and defendant for the true purpose
of being separated from each other but in sincerity
and truth for the cause mentioned in the
petition

Margrethe Berke

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 4th November 1854.

Thomas Edwards

Justice of the peace

Margaret Nichols

Agot

Henry Nichols

Petition for

Divorce

Attest my hand & seal
this 29th day of August 1859

Witness my hand & seal
this 29th day of August 1859

John A. H. H. H.

Clark

Margaret Merke } In the Circuit Court of
against } Jefferson County
Henry Merke. } Missouri

Plaintiff States that on the
day of 18 in the County of Jefferson
and State Missouri, she was lawfully married to de-
fendant; that plaintiff continued to live with de-
fendant as his wife from & after that date and year
aforesaid, until the day of July last past.
that during all that time faithfully demeaned herself
& discharged all of her duties as the wife of defendant
and at all times treated him with kindness and af-
fection; but the defendant, wholly disregarding his
duties as a husband of the plaintiff as to be guilty
of such barbarous and cruel treatment as to en-
danger the life of the plaintiff by divers ways, whip-
ping, beating and kicking her and by threatening
to kill her and presenting a pistol at plaintiff and
threatning & striving to shoot plaintiff. Plaintiff
further States that she has resided in this State one
whole year next before the filing of this petition.

Plaintiff therefore prays to be divorced from the bonds
of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with defend-
ant, and that she may have the care of her infant
child

Francis Hagan Atty for Plff.

Her affiant the plaintiff makes oath & says that
the facts stated in the above petition are true as

according to the best knowledge & belief of the Plaintiff
and that the complaint is not made out of levity or
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 mentioned in the petition

Margrethe Merker
Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 4th November 1859
Thomas Edwards Justice of the peace

A true copy of the original petition and
affidavit on file in my office

Witness my hand and the seal of
said Court Nov. 7th 1859
Elias D. Honey

Margaret Marke } In the Circuit Court of
against } Jefferson County
Henry Marke. } Missouri

Plaintiff states that on the
day of 18 in the County of Jefferson and State
Missouri she was lawfully married to defendant;
that Plaintiff continued to live with defendant as
his wife from and after that date and year afore
said until the day of July last past. that
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tition. Plaintiff therefore prays to be divorced
from the bonds of matrimony contracted as
aforesaid with defendant, and that she may have
the care of her infant child

Francis Hagan Atty for Plff.

This affiant the plaintiff makes oath 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, fear or 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 mentioned in the petition

Margrethe Morke

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 4th November 1854

Thomas Edwards Justice of the peace

A true copy of the original petition and of
affidavit on file in my office

Witness my hand and the seal
of said Court. Nov. 7th 1854

Chas D. Conroy Clerk

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

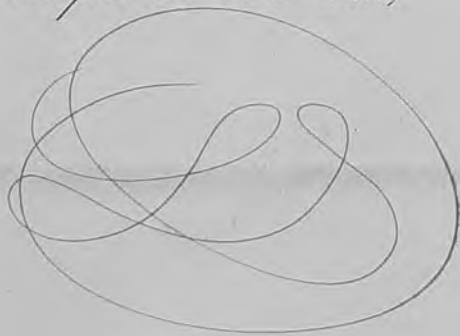
Saint Louis

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

We command you, that you summon *Henry Merke*

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 second
Monday after the fourth Monday of *November*
next, then and there to answer unto *Margaret Merke*

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



Witness, **ELIAS F. HONEY**, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office
in *Hillsboro*, this *Seventh*
day of *November* A. D. 1859

Elias F. Honey

Clerk Circuit Court.

Margaret Clarke

n

Henry Clarke

Coping petition & writ for
Defendant

A true copy of the writ
Alfred E. Horney Clerk

The State of Missouri, } ss.
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Elias F. Honey

Clerk Circuit Court.

No 46

20 Jefferson Circuit Court

December Term 1859

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Margaret Werke

v. J. Summers

Henry Werke

Filed Jan'y 30th 1860
E. J. Henry Clk

Herewith named

Defending and

Michael C. C. C.

Jan'y 30