

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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February 1862

Dalton, Margaret

vs.

Dalton, John

Divorce

Married 8 September 1850 in St.
Louis; drunkenness; desertion

Margaret Dalton, Plaintiff } In the Circuit
Against } Court of Jef=
John Dalton, defendant } ferson County
Missouri,

The plaintiff states that she was married to the Defendant, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, about the 8th day of September 1850. That she lived with Defendant as his wife but a short time until he became addicted to drunkenness, which habit grew worse and worse, until he entirely neglected to provide means for their support. When drunk he was often very abusive and quarrelsome. Plaintiff therefore charges that the Defendant has been addicted to habitual drunkenness for the space of two years since the marriage aforesaid. - Plaintiff further states that some time in the Spring of 1852, the Defendant went off and left her without any means of support, and has remained absent ever since, and failed to furnish her any means of support. Plaintiff therefore charges that the Defendant, without a reasonable cause, has absented himself from her for the space of two years, and upwards, since the marriage aforesaid. Plaintiff states that there was born of the marriage aforesaid, one child a daughter now about ten years old,

Plaintiff further states that she has resided one whole year in this State, next before the filing of this petition, and is now a resident of Jefferson County Missouri;

Plaintiff therefore, for the causes above stated, prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the Defendant as aforesaid, - that she may have the care and custody of her said daughter, and that she be restored to her maiden name, Margaret Ivers, - & that the Court will grant such further orders & judgments as may be just and necessary in the premises.

Margaret Dalton
By Abner Green, her
Attorney

This Affiant, the Plaintiff, makes oath, and says 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 the Defendant, for the mere purpose of being separated from each other, but in sincerity and truth, for the causes mentioned in the petition. Plaintiff further states that the Defendant John Dalton is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, sworn to and subscribed Margaret Dalton before me July 18th 1862

Chas Honey Clerk.

Subscribed by Plaintiff

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In Circuit Court
Jefferson County

Margaret Dalton
vs.
John Dalton

Plaintiff for Divorce,
vs. answer of husband
petition for divorce
for adultery

Filed July 18th 1862
Elias J. Hovey
Clerk

W. H. Hovey

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In the Circuit Court, in Session, February 1862.

Margaret Dalton, plff.
 against
John Dalton dft.

} Order of Publication.

Now at this day comes said plaintiff and files in the office of the undersigned Clerk of said Court, her petition verified by affidavit, as required by law. Stating that the said John Dalton is a non-resident of the State of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the undersigned clerk, that publication be made, notifying the said defendant, that an action has been commenced against him in said Court by petitioner, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of Matrimony contracted between the plaintiff and defendant on the ground that the defendant has been addicted to habitual drunkenness, for the space of two years and that the defendant, without reasonable cause, has absented himself from plaintiff for the space of two years, and upwards and failed to furnish her any means of support. And unless he be and appear before said Court, on the 1st day of the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House, in Hillsboro, in said County, on the second Monday after the Fourth Monday of May next and on or before the 5th day of said term, answer or demur to said petition, the same will be taken as confessed against him. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof, be published in the Missouri Argus a newspaper printed and published in this State, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of said next term.

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Attest: ELIAS F. HONEY, Cl'k.

I, Joseph J. Brady, publisher of the MISSOURI ARGUS, a Weekly Newspaper, printed in the
Town of Farmington, county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the an-
nexed Advertisement has been published in said Newspaper.....4.....consecutive

weeks, in Numbers.....11, 12, 13 and 14.....of volume

2.....Commencing.....April, 3.....A. D. 1862 and ending...24th

of April.....A. D. 1862.

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6.25

J. J. Brady

State of Missouri, }
County of St. Francois } S. S.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Jefferson, } S. S.

Personally appeared before the undersigned

Joseph J. Brady, who being duly sworn, on oath declares that the
bove statement of the manner and time of publishing the annexed Advertisement is true,

J. J. Brady

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

this the 24th day of April, A. D. 1862

W. R. Taylor Clerk
St. Francois Circuit Court

Chrgd. to E. J. H.