

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case File - Civil

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June 1864

Hensley, Melissa, by Next Friend
Medley, W. H.
vs

Hensley, James

Divorce

Married June 1862; desertion;
abuse

Malissa Hensley, by
W.H. Medley, next friend Plff

vs
James Hensley, def

} In the Jefferson
Circuit Court - June 7. 1864.

Plaintiff by her next friend, W.H. Medley states, on the day of June 1862, in the County of Jefferson in the State of Missouri she was lawfully married to the defendant: that Plaintiff continued to live with defendant as his wife from and after the day and year aforesaid until about the day of December 1863: that during all of that time she faithfully demeaned herself and discharged all other duties as the wife of Defendant and at all times treated him with kindness and affection: the said Defendant wholly disregarding his duties as the husband of Plaintiff about the time last aforesaid, left this Plaintiff without any just cause and has not returned: that during the time they lived together as husband and wife, Defendant offered such indignities to her person as to render condition intolerable by the most abusive and obscene language applied to her ~~and~~ that after the separation aforesaid the Defendant has repeatedly used slanderous language about ^{her} that is to say, in stating that the only child born of the marriage was no child of his. Plaintiff further states that there was born

of the marriage one child, male, which is
now ~~about six months old~~. dead.

Plaintiff further states that she has resided
in this State one whole year before
the filing of this petition.

The Plaintiff therefore prays to be divorced
from the bonds of matrimony heretofore
contracted as aforesaid with defendant,
~~that she may have the custody and care~~
~~of her said child~~; and that the Court
will adjudge her such support & maintenance
out of defendant's estate as may be necessary.

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J. L. Thomas

Atty for Plaintiff.

Melissa Hensley makes oath & says
that she believes the above petition is
true and that the Complaint is not made
out of envy or by collusion fear or constraint
between the Plaintiff & defendant for the mere
purpose of being separated from each
other but in sincerity & truth for the
causes mentioned in the petition.

Seen to & subscribed

before me this 11th 1864 } Melissa Hensley

Elias J. Hooney

clerk

Walter Hornby
James Hornby

April 11th 1864
Elias J. Hornby
Leeds

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

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

We command you, that you summon *James Henry*

if he be found in your County, that he
do 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 *May* next, then and there to answer unto
Melissa Henry by *W. H. Medley*
next friend

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

Witness, ELIAS F. HONEY, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed, at office
in Hillsboro, this *Nineteen* the
day of *February* A. D. 18*64*

Elias F. Honey

Clerk Circuit Court.



I hereby authorize
Patrick Dunigan
to execute this writ
this March 16th 1864

I executed this writ at the county of
Jefferson State of Missouri on the 16th
day of March 1864 on James Henkel by
delivering to him a true copy of
this writ and annexed petition as
furnished me by the clerk
soon to before
me April 5th 1864
Elias J. Rooney Clerk

J.B. Dwyer Sheriff
By Patrick Dunigan
D.S.

TO JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

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James Henkel, 1864
Deputy Sheriff by
W. H. Deedley next
Friend
vs J. Dunigan
James Henkel

Served on James Henkel
March 16th 1864

W. Deedley Sheriff \$1.00

