

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case Files - Div. 1
September 1872, No. 25

Wideman, James L.

vs

Wideman, Jennima

Divorce

Married 1835; abuse; defendant
counter claimed desertion, abuse

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James L. Wideman, - Plaintiff } On the
Against } Circuit
Jemima Wideman, - Defendant } Court of
Jefferson County
State of Missouri
September Term 1877,

The Plaintiff states that he, sometime in the year 1835, - was lawfully married to the Defendant, in Jefferson County Missouri; that he continued to live with the Defendant as her husband, from and after the year aforesaid, until about the first day of January 1871; that during all that time Plaintiff faithfully demeaned himself and discharged all his duties as the husband of Defendant, and at all times treated her with kindness and affection; but that the said Defendant, wholly disregarding her duties as the wife of Plaintiff, became some two years ago, extremely quarrelsome and abusive towards the Plaintiff, - that she would often, without any cause or provocation get into a violent rage, and curse and abuse the Plaintiff in the most disgusting and intolerable manner, - and that she has several times threatened to kill Plaintiff, and burn up and destroy his property, and

That her excessive bad temper, and abusive and threatening conduct is such as to render the Plaintiff's condition intolerable and dangerous, - And Plaintiff therefore charges that the Defendant has been guilty of such cruel and barbarous treatment towards the Plaintiff, since the marriage aforesaid as to endanger his life; and that Defendant, by her continuous acts of cursing, swearing, and abusing of Plaintiff, and the use of indecent and disgusting epithets towards Plaintiff, has offered such indignities to him as to render his condition intolerable;

Plaintiff states that he has resided within this State one whole year next before the filing of this petition.

The Plaintiff therefore, for the causes herein stated, prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the Defendant as aforesaid.

Almer Green
Attorney for Plaintiff

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 the Defendant, for the
mere purpose of being separated from
each other, but in sincerity and truth
for the causes mentioned in the petition.

Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 16th August 1872
James L. Weimer
W. Bruce Clerk
By C. M. Horne Deft

In the Circuit Court
Jefferson County

James L. Wideman
vs,
Jemima Wideman

Petition for
divorce

Let summons issue
Alvren
for Def.

Filed Aug 16th 1877
W. J. Boyce clerk

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, } SS.
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON—GREETING:

We command you, that you summon *Jemima Wideman*

if she be found in your County, that she be and appear before the Honorable
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 *September* next, then and there to answer unto
James L. Wideman

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

Witness, *W. S. Pryce*
ELIAS F. HOVEY, Clerk of our said
Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed,
at office in Hillsboro, this *Sixteenth*
day of *August* A. D. 1872

W. S. Pryce Clerk Circuit Court.
By *E. F. Hovey* Deputy.

I Executed the within in the county of Jefferson
State of Missouri by Delivering a ^{on Gemma Wideman} true copy of the
Writ and Petition as furnished me by the clerk
of said court on the ~~19~~¹⁹th day of August 1872

J. B. Moss Sheriff

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RETURNABLE

TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

Sept Term, 1872
James L. Wideman

Plaintiff

AGAINST

Gemma Wideman

Defendant

Original

— Sheriff's Fee 1.00

James L. Wideman, Plaintiff
vs
Jemima Wideman Defendant

In the Circuit
Court of Jefferson
Co. Mo.

Defendant admits the marriage between herself & Plaintiff as stated in his petition but denies that he faithfully demeaned himself from and after the marriage & discharged all his duties as the husband of Defendant or that he at all times treated her with kindness & affection; denies that she some two years ago became extremely quarrelsome & abusive towards Plaintiff; denies that she would often without any cause or provocation get into a violent rage & curse & abuse the Plaintiff in a most disgusting & intolerable manner & denies that she has several times or at any time threatened to kill Plaintiff or to burn up or destroy his property, denies that her excessive bad temper & threatening conduct is or ever was such as to render Plaintiff's condition intolerable & dangerous & denies that she has been guilty of such cruel and barbarous treatment towards the Plaintiff since her marriage with him as to endanger his life, & denies that she by her continuous acts of cursing

Swearing & abusing of Plaintiff & the use of indecent & disgusting language or epithets towards Plaintiff & ~~the use of~~ has offered such indignities to him as to render his condition intolerable; & denies that he is entitled to a Decree of Divorce against Defendant,

By way of cross bill Defendant says that since she was married to Plaintiff in 1835 she continued to reside with him as his wife & perform all her duties and treat him with kindness & affection till about three years ago when he without cause left and abandoned her and failed and refused to live with her or provide for her support or maintenance & so Defendant says that since the marriage as aforesaid Plaintiff has absented himself from her without reasonable cause for more than the space of one whole year next before the filing of this answer & cross Bill or the institution of this action,

Defendant says further that during the marriage as aforesaid Plaintiff was at divers times guilty of such cruel & barbarous treatment of her as to endanger her life by

assaulting & beating her, that he has at many times assaulted & beat her without cause, especially since he deserted her as aforesaid viz in March 1877 he assaulted her and took hold of her and threw her with such ~~so~~ violence on the floor that she was knocked lifeless thereby for a considerable period of time,

And in consideration of the premises Defendant says that she is entitled to be divorced from Plaintiff. She avers that he owns Real & Personal Property of the Value of Twenty five Hundred Dollars & that she is wholly without the means of support wherefore in consideration of the premises Defendant Prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the Plaintiff & that the Court will decree her such support and maintenance out of the property of Plaintiff as to the Court may seem just & that he may be required by the Decree of the Court to give security for the payment of the same & that the Court will

make such further orders & decrees as
may be just

3 Jos. J. Williams
3 Atty. for Defendant

Jemima Wideman Defendant on oath
says that the foregoing answer & cross
Bill & the matters therein stated is true to
^{the best knowledge & belief of}
_{Defendant} & that the complaint is not made out of
envy or by collusion fear or restraint
between the plaintiff & Defendant for
the mere purpose of being separated
from each other but in sincerity &
truth for the purposes mentioned
in the complaint

Sworn to and
subscribed before
me Dec. 9th 1872

3 Jos. J. Williams
3 Judge of Probate

3 Jemima ^{her} x Wideman
marks

Francis Wideman

James S. "

Wesley "

Witnesses

J. S. Wideman

Jemima Wideman

Answer of the
Defendant

Filed Dec 13 1877

Wf Boyce cler

By Esth Corine

Deft.

County of Jefferson,

The State of Missouri.

To *Isaac Williams, Sarah Williams*

Alfred Williams, Mary Williams

You are **Hereby Commanded**, That setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the *11th day of May 1874* at Hillsboro, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our said Court, wherein

Plaintiff, and *James L. Wideman is*

Defendant, on the part of *Sept,* and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, W. S. BOYCE, Clerk of our said Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this *5* day of *May*, A. D. 1874.

W. S. Boyce Clerk.
D. C. Ho. Marine Dept

Wideman
no
Wideman

~~Left~~

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Isaac Williams
Sarah Williams
Alfred Williams
Mary Williams

sheep \$2.00

of P. Brock & Co
of J. Williams & Co

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of Septima ~~Septima~~ on the within manner
with the, by reaching the same to each
of them on the 9th day of May 1894

County of Jefferson,

The State of Missouri.

To *Sat. B. Wilson, John Mayfield*
Wm Harvey

You are Hereby Commanded, That setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the *11th day of May 1874* at Hillsboro, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain

matter of controversy, now pending in our said Court, wherein

Plaintiff, and *James L. Wilman* vs *Jemima Wilman*

Defendant, on the part of *JLW*

and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, W. S. BOYCE, Clerk of our said Court, with

the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this *5th* day

of *May*, A. D. 1874

W. S. Boyce Clerk.

R. C. Ho. Merim Dept

Accepted their petition and returned at the County
of Jefferson State of Missouri on the 21st of the month
named with them for J. Wilson John
mayfield Wm Harvey for receiving the same
to each of them and the 9th day of May 1850

By J. P. Brock Sheriff
By J. A. Williams Det

Wideman

vs

Wideman

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So. B. Wilson +
John Mayfield +
Wm Harvey +

Sherriff fees \$650

County of Jefferson,

The State of Missouri.

To *Dr A. Crull, Joshua Herrington &
Elizabeth Brindley*

You are Hereby Commanded, That setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the *11th day of May 1874* at Hillsboro, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our said Court, wherein

Jemima Wideman is
Plaintiff, and *James L. Wideman is*

Defendant, on the part of *Sept,* and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, W. S. BOYCE, Clerk of our said Court, with
the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this *5* day
of *May*, A. D. 1874.

W. S. Boyce Clerk.
R. C. Ho. Martin Secy

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vs

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Sept

D^r A Crull

Joshua Herrington +
Elizabeth Brindley +

Sheep head \$ 1.50

Received the within purchase at the county
of Sept 18 on the the within man and his money
by making the same to each of them on
the 2^d day of May 1874

By J. B. Smith Sheriff
J. B. Smith Sheriff
J. B. Smith Sheriff

No. 3850

Jefferson Circuit Court.

Sept Term, 1872

James S. Wideman
vs.

Jemima Wideman

Judgment, - - \$

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Green
Plaintiff's Atty.

ATTORNEYS: Exercise care and return promptly.

C. F. Chamberlin & Co., Printers and Stationers, St. Louis.