Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
November Term 1867

Box 74 File 35

Boyd, Charles M.

vs

Boyd, Edmonia T.

Divorce

- Married Aug. 13, 1865
- Claims def. left him for 1 week in 10/1866 & then again left him June 16, 1867
- Accuses def. of committing adultery & of allowing into her circle, "one Martha Cockenill, a woman of color" who he refers to as a common prostitute
- Petition filed in June 1867 & dismissed in Aug. 1867

Charles M. Boyd, Plff.

vs

Petition

Edmonia F. Boyd.

In Novemb Term
1867

Dismissed in Vacation then the
1st day of August a.D. 1867.

F. M. Tutt
Clerk

Filed June 24th 1867.

F. M. Tutt
Clerk

Charles M. Boyd, Plaintiff }
vs }
Edmonia S. Boyd, Defendant }
In the Circuit Court of Platte Co.
Missouri, November Term, 1867.

Plaintiff states that on the 13 day of August 1865 he was lawfully married to the Defendant in Platte Co. Missouri; That he continued to live with her as his wife from and after the day & year aforesaid until the 11th October, 1866 when she, without cause or provocation and without Plaintiffs knowledge or consent left him notwithstanding plaintiff at all times had treated her with kindness & affection and had performed all the duties of a husband.

Plaintiff states that on the 18th October, 1866 Defendant returned to him and became reconciled & they continued to live together, plaintiff at all times performing all the duties Enjoined on him and at all times shewed her all the Evidences of a dutiful husband until the 16 June, 1867, when Defendant again left his house & removed her clothes and no longer looks to Plaintiff for support and protection and plaintiff here states and charges the fact to be that Defendant for months past has wholly disregarded the duties enjoined on her as the wife of Plaintiff and has offered such indignities to him

as to render his condition intolerable and has so conducted herself especially since her return to him on the 1st of October 1866 as to render life anything but a pleasure to him; In this, that the said defendant, has as plaintiff is informed and believes & so charges the fact, been guilty of the offense of adultery with persons whose names are unknown to plaintiff & to the Witnesses of Plaintiff and plaintiff is now unable to give the names of the persons, but the offense she has committed and that is in Platte City, Mo. Plaintiff further charges that Defendant has not only been guilty of the gross crime of adultery but against the protestations of Plaintiff. Defendant has moved in the Company of open & notorious, lewd & unvirtuous characters & preferred their society to that of respectable persons; and among her associates and friends and as her equals, she has admitted into her circle and society, one Martha Cockrill, a woman of Color, living in Platte City, who is and has been known to Defendant and to the Community at large for years as a "Common Prostitute" and conducted herself as such and defendant selected her as one of her associates and

friends and for her company turned away respectable ladies & stayed night and day with said person, while Plaintiff was Absent from home on business. Defendant knowing at the time that her conduct was such as to render Plaintiffs condition intolerable and has brought disgrace on Plaintiff, & sunk Defendant to infamy and disgrace forever and planted grievances in the heart of Plaintiff that he cannot be reconciled to.

Plaintiff further states that Defendant has disregarded his wishes and advice.

He also states that he has resided One whole year, in this State, next before the filing of this petition.

Therefore Plaintiff prays that for the cause & reasons alledged that he be divorced from the Bonds of Matrimony contracted with the Defendant and that he be Entitled to all the rights & immunities of an unmarried man and for other proper relief.

Joseph E. Merryman, Atty
for Plaintiff.

This affiant the plaintiff makes oath & says that the facts stated in the above petition are true according to the best Knowledge & Belief of the plaintiff and

that the cmplaint is not made out of
Senty 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.

Charles W. Boyd.

Subscribed & Sworn to Before me
this 24 day of June 1867

F. M. Tufts Clerk
By L. P. Hartwright Dpc

Charles W. Boyd, Plff
vs
Petition
Edwin Ann S. Boyd, Def

Ogden Sept Court 1867

Dismissed on Plaintiffs
the 1st day of August A.D. 1867
F. M. Tufts
Clerk

Filed June 24 1867
F. M. Tufts
Clerk

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

The State of Missouri to the Sheriff of Platte **County, Greeting:**

You are hereby commanded to summon Edmonia J Boyd

that she be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, in and for said County, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the Court House in Platte City, on Monday, the 11th day of November next, then and there to answer to the petition of Charles M. Boyd

Wherein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.

F M. Taft

Witness, **GEO. W. BELT,** Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, this 24th day of June A. D., 186 7

F M. Taft CLERK.

By L. P. Cartwright D C

Served the within Summons and annexed petition on the within named Edmonia T. Boyd, by delivering to her personally a true, perfect, and complete copy of the same in Platte County Missouri on this the 24th day of June A.D. 1867.

N. P. Ogden Sheriff of Platte
County Mo. By Wm G. Neely Deputy

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F. M. Zufft CLERK.

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A. B. Ogden Sheriff of
Platte County Mo. by
Wm C. Wells Dept