

DOCKET NO. 175

NUMBER TERM YEAR

267 November 1961

Ruth Louise Saricks

**VERSUS**

Joseph Charles Saricks

Clearfield County, ss:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to

Eugene Valleley, Esquire

Greeting:

Know you, that in confidence of your prudence and fidelity we have appointed you, and by these presents do give unto you full power and authority, in pursuance of an order made in our County Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Clearfield, in a certain cause there depending, wherein

Ruth Louise Saricks

Plaintiff

and Joseph Charles Saricks

Defendant

to call before you at a certain day and place by you for that purpose to be appointed, all and every person who may be named to you on the part of the parties

as witnesses in the said cause, and then and there to examine each of the said witnesses upon their oath or solemn affirmation touching the premises and reduce their testimony to writing and report same with form of Decree.

and when you shall have done so, you are to send the name before our Judge at Clearfield, at our said Court, together with the interrogatories and this writ, and under your hand and seal.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the seal of our said Court to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Hon. John J. Pentz, President of our said Court, at Clearfield, the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Sixty-Two

*Carl E. Walker*

Prothonotary

To the Honorable, the Judge, &c.:

The execution of this commission appears in a certain schedule hereunto annexed.

*Eugene O. Valleley*

SEAL

COMMISSIONER.

No. 267 November Term. 1961

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Ruth Louise Saricks

Joseph Charles Saricks

VERSUS

COMMISSION

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Gleason, Cherry and Attorney.  
Cherry

Ruth Louise Saricks :  
-vs- : No. 267 November Term, 1961  
Joseph Charles Saricks :

DECEMBER 18, 1961, COMPLAINT IN DIVORCE filed: One copy, certified to Attorney.

December 26, 1961, SHERIFF'S RETURN FILED:

December 20, 1961 at 10:20 A. M. served a Complaint in Divorce on Joseph Charles Saricks at place of employment, 110 N. 2nd Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, by handing to him personally, a true and attested copy of the original Complaint in Divorce and made known to him the contents thereof. So Answers Charles G. Ammerman, Sheriff.

January 29, 1962, By Motion on the Watch Book, Eugene Valleley, Esquire, is appointed Master to take the testimony and report same with a form of Decree, John J. Pentz, President Judge.

Certified from the Records this 29th day of January, 1962

Carl E. Walker  
Prothonotary

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS

-vs-

JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS

No. 267 November Term, 1961

M A S T E R ' S   R E P O R T.

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN J. PENTZ, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SAID COURT:

The undersigned Master, appointed by your Honorable Court to take testimony and report the same with form of decree, respectfully reports as follows:

I. COMMISSION.      (Hereunto attached)

II. DOCKET ENTRIES AND SCHEDULE

1. Complaint in Divorce filed December 18, 1961. One copy certified to Sheriff.

2. December 20, 1961, Complaint in Divorce served upon the defendant, Joseph Charles Saricks, personally, at his place of employment, 1:10 N. 2nd Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, by the Sheriff.

3. January 29, 1962, by motion on the Watch Book, Eugene D. Valley, Esq., appointed to take testimony and report the same with form of decree.

4. Master's hearing appointed for Tuesday, February 27, 1962, at 2:00 P. M., at the office of the Master, No. 11 N. Brady Street, Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

5. Notice of Master's hearing served upon the defendant, personally, at 110 N. Second Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, by L. E. Strunk, Constable; sworn return of service is hereto attached.

6. The time and place for hearing having arrived, there appeared before the master, John A. Cherry, Esquire, Attorney for the plaintiff, and Ruth Louise Saricks, the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear nor was he represented by counsel.

III. COMPLAINT AND FILE PAPERS.

(Hereto attached)

IV. CAUSE OF DIVORCE: INDIGNITIES TO THE PERSON.

V. FINDINGS OF FACT.

1. Marriage - Plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on October 21, 1950, by a minister of the gospel.

2. Residence - At the time of this marriage the plaintiff resided in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and the defendant lived at Freeland, Pennsylvania. Both were born in Pennsylvania, the plaintiff at Tamaqua and the defendant at Freeland. The present residence of plaintiff is at No. 233 Maple Avenue, Du Bois, Pennsylvania, that of the defendant is 915 Old Town Road, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

3. Citizenship - Both plaintiff and defendant are natural born citizens of the United States.

4. Age and Occupation - Plaintiff is 32 years of age and is a housewife. The defendant is 33 years of age and is a salesman and part time manager of a specialty business owned by his father.

5. Children - The parties have one child, Joseph Charles Saricks, jr., born March 1, 1957, now residing with his mother, the plaintiff in this action.

6. Armed Forces - The defendant is in the Air Force Reserve, but he is not serving at the present time and lives in Clearfield where he is wholly enganged in his civilian activities.

7. Findings on the Merits and Discussion - The parties were married in October, 1950, and began their married life by moving in with defendant's father. They lived there during their entire married life together, with the exception of two years of active duty with the Air Force at Bellville, Illinois, and one year which they spent in Miami, Florida. The parties remained with the father-in-law continuously from September, 1954, until their separation on December 12, 1961. This

appears to be one of the underlying causes of defendant's difficulties with her husband. The defendant is basically immature and did not accept the responsibilities of marriage. He would have nothing to do with plaintiff's friends, and insisted on her attending parties with his crowd, drinking and dancing until late hours, which was a way of life not approved by the plaintiff. They had their only child after seven years of marriage only because the plaintiff became ill as a result of worry about not having children; after the birth of the child the defendant showed no love or concern for the plaintiff, and would not help in any way in the care or upbringing of his son. He was jealous of the child and didn't want to be around him. His attitude towards the plaintiff changed and from that time they became incompatible. Plaintiff again became ill and had to be hospitalized for an arthritic condition. The illness was a painful one and lasted for two years. The doctor recommended they move to the South, but the defendant refused to go saying that he was the one who had to earn the money, that was the way he wanted it, and she would have to learn to live with the disease.

The defendant was not concerned with the welfare of defendant. He would go away, sometimes for weeks, and she would never hear from him until he got back. The parties had financial troubles, also. The husband had enough money to buy a new Cadillac each year, but there was no money for things that the plaintiff requested. His attitude was that the plaintiff should have no life of her own, she was merely there to please him. The plaintiff did not feel welcome in her father-in-law's home and requested defendant many times to provide a separate home for his family. This the defendant refused to do. Living under these conditions has had an adverse affect on the health of plaintiff and has made her life burdensome. The defendant showed no love or affection for his wife, criticized her, and imposed his wishes on her for many years. They consulted a marriage counselor and he advised the husband that his attitude towards marriage was the cause of their difficulties, but the defendant would not accept the counselor's conclusions and

continued his former treatment of the plaintiff.

In conclusion, the master believes that the evidence shows the defendant has been guilty of a course of conduct over a long period of time, years in fact, which would be distasteful and offensive to a woman of normal sensibility, and is guilty of such indignities to the person of the plaintiff as to render her life burdensome and condition intolerable.

VI. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

1. Your master finds that the proceedings in this action are according to law and the Rules of Court.
2. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties.
3. Good and sufficient grounds for divorce have been established by the evidence.

VII. RECOMMENDATION.

The Master recommends that a divorce be granted to the Plaintiff and against the Defendant on the grounds of Indignities to the Person.

Respectfully submitted,

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Master.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNA.  
No. 267 NOVEMBER TERM, 1961  
IN DIVORCE

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS

-VS-

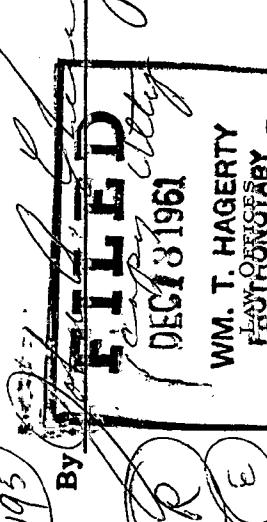
JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS

COMPLAINT

TO WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby notified  
to plead to the enclosed  
Complaint within twenty (20)  
days from the service hereof.

GLEASON, CHERRY & CHERRY  
Attorneys for Plaintiff



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS :  
-vs- : No. 2567 NOVEMBER TERM, 1961  
JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS : IN DIVORCE

COMPLAINT

Now comes, RUTH LOUISE SARICKS, Plaintiff and brings this Complaint in Divorce against her husband, JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS, on a cause of action whereof the following is a statement:

1. That the name of the Plaintiff is RUTH LOUISE SARICKS and the name of the Defendant is JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS.
2. That neither the said Plaintiff nor the Defendant are minors or incompetent.
3. That the said Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, on October 21, 1950.
4. That at the time of the said marriage, the Plaintiff and Defendant were both natural born citizens of the United States and that the said Plaintiff has resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania all of her life. The present residence of the said Plaintiff is 233 Maple Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania; and the present residence of the Defendant being 915 Old Town Road, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.
5. That there was one child born as a result of the said marriage, to wit, JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS, JR., aged 4 years and nine months, who has, since birth, and does at the present time, reside with said Plaintiff. His present residence being 233 Maple Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania.
6. That no prior divorce action was instituted between the parties.
7. That in violation of his marriage vows and the laws of this Commonwealth, the said Defendant has been guilty of such

indignities to the person of the Plaintiff, the injured and innocent spouse, as to render her condition intolerable and life burdensome.

8. This case is not brought out of collusion.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that she be freed and separated from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted between herself and the said Defendant and be granted a decree in divorce a vinculo matrimonii dissolving the bonds of the said marriage .

GLEASON, CHERRY & CHERRY  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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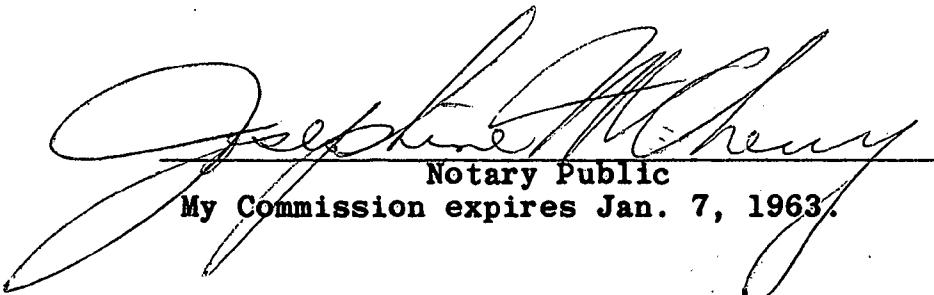
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD : SS.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, RUTH LOUISE SARICKS, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and that the same is not made out of levity or by collusion between herself and the said defendant for the mere purpose of being freed and separated from each other, but in sincerity and truth for the causes mentioned in the Complaint.

Ruth Louise Saricks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of December, 1961.

  
Josephine McHenry  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Jan. 7, 1963.

# Affidavit of Service

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Ruth L. Saricks }  
vs. }  
Joseph Charles Saricks }

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No. 267 November Term, 19

Complaint In Divorce

Returnable within days  
from date of service hereof.

A. M.

NOW December 20, 19 61 at 10:20 o'clock

served the within Complaint In Divorce

on Joseph Charles Saricks

at place of employment, 110 N. 2nd Street, Clearfield, Pa.

by handing to him personally, Complaint In Divorce

a true and attested copy of the original

known to him the contents thereof.

Costs Sheriff Amerman

Sworn to before me this 20th

day of Dec A. D. 19 61

So answers Charles G. Amerman

Sheriff

Prothonotary

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WM. T. HAGERTY

PROTHONOTARY

Sheriff

Prothonotary

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS

NO. 267 NOVEMBER TERM, 1961

-VS-

JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS

IN DIVORCE.

NOTICE OF MASTER'S HEARING.

TO: JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS, 915 Old Town Road, Clearfield, Pennsylvania,  
defendant above named.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have been appointed Master in the  
divorce action of RUTH LOUISE SARICKS, your wife, against you in the  
Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, at the above  
Term and Number, and that I will hold a hearing in the said action at  
my office, No. 11 North Brady Street, Du Bois, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday,  
the 27th day of February, 1962, at 2:00 P. M., for the purpose of taking  
testimony; when and where you may appear if you so desire.

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EUGENE D. VALLEY, MASTER.

NOW, February 27, 1962, at 10<sup>30</sup> AM o'clock \_\_\_\_\_  
served the within Notice of Master's Hearing on Joseph Charles Saricks,  
at 110 N. Second St. Clearfield, Pa.  
by handing to him personally a true copy of the original and making known to  
him the contents thereof.

SO ANSWERS,

L. E. Walker  
Constable.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1962.

CONSTABLE'S COSTS \$ 45.02

NOTICE OF  
My Commissioning  
Carl E. Walker

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

RECORDED

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS } Of NOVEMBER Term, 19 61  
VERSUS } No. 267  
JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS }

DIVORCE

And Now, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 19 62, the  
report of the Master is acknowledged. We approve his findings and recommendations; except  
as to \_\_\_\_\_

We, therefore, DECREE that RUTH LOUISE SARICKS be  
divorced and forever separated from the nuptial ties and bonds of matrimony heretofore con-  
tracted between <sup>himself</sup> herself and JOSEPH CHARLES SARICKS.

Thereupon all the rights, duties or claims accruing to either of said parties in pursuance of  
said marriage, shall cease and determine, and each of them shall be at liberty to marry again as  
though they had never been heretofore married, except that \_\_\_\_\_

The Prothonotary is directed to pay the Court costs, including Master's fees, as noted herein, out of the deposits received and then remit the balance to the libellant. No Decree  
to issue until the costs be fully paid. We do further award to the said \_\_\_\_\_

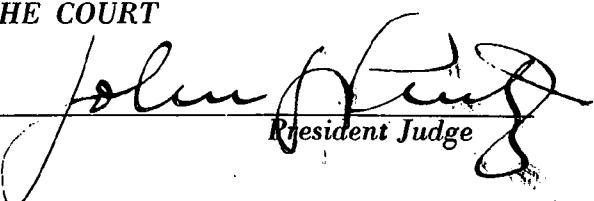
RUTH LOUISE SARICKS

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ATTEST

BY THE COURT

Prothonotary

  
John F. Reid  
President Judge

In The Court Of Common Pleas  
Of Clearfield County, Penna.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term 19 \_\_\_\_\_

*Libellant*

*VERSUS*

*Respondent*

**DECREE**

RUTH LOUISE SARICKS, being produced and sworn, testifies as follows:

BY MR. CHERRY:

Q. Mrs. Saricks, what is your full name?

A. Ruth Louise Saricks.

Q. And you are the wife of Joseph Charles Saricks?

A. Yes.

Q. And he is the one against whom you have instituted this divorce action?

A. Yes, he is.

Q. When were you and Mr. Saricks married?

A. October 21st, 1960

Q. And where and by whom?

A. By Rev. Gebphart, in Grace Evangelical Reformed Church, in Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Q. How do you spell Mr. Gebphart's name?

A. G-E-B-P-H-A-R-T.

Q. Is his first name William?

A. Yes, that's right, Rev. William Gebphart.

Q. Now at the time of your marriage, where did you live?

A. At 90 South Church Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Q. And at that time also, where was the residence of your husband?

A. He lived at 1038 Birkbeck Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Q. How do you spell the name of that Street?

A. B-I-R-K-B-E-C-K.

Q. Where were you born?

Q. Now where were you born?

A. In Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.

Q. And where was your husband born?

A. In Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Q. So that you are both citizens of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

A. That's correct.

Q. Now, after your marriage, did you two go into house-keeping?

A. No, we moved into his father's home at 915 Old Town Road, Clearfield.

Q. Pennsylvania?

A. Pennsylvania, that's right.

Q. What is the name of his father?

A. Joseph Grant Saricks.

Q. Now, how long did you remain together there?

A. Well, we lived there for approximately six months when he was called into the Service, into the Air Force, and we moved to Belville, Illinois.

Q. How do you spell Belville?

A. B-E-L-V-I-L-L-E.

Q. And how long was he in the Service?

A. Two years.

Q. Well, did you actually change your place of residence, or did you just live there because he was in Service?

A. Well we lived there--this was a temporary address, we could have moved around but he was stationed there.

Q. So that your residence remained 915 Old Town Road?

A. Yes, that's right.

Q. Now, when did you return from Service?

A. In December of 1952.

Q. And did you go to the father's home to live again?

A. That's right.

Q. And how long did you remain there?

A. For approximately six months.

Q. And then where did you go?

A. And then we moved to Miami, Florida.

Q. And how long or until when did you live in Miami?

A. Well, we lived there for approximately a year, we came back to Clearfield in September of 1954.

Q. Did you live in Clearfield then for any length of time?

A. Yes, we were there until December 12th, 1961 when we separated.

Q. Now where did you live on that last return to Clearfield?

A. At the same address of the father-in-law's home, 915 Old Town Road, in Clearfield.

Q. Now, after December 12th, 1961, you say you two separated?

A. Yes.

Q. And where have you lived since that time?

A. At 233 Maple Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Q. And where has your husband been living?

A. He is still staying at 915 Old Town Road, over in Clearfield.

Q. Were there any children born to this marriage?

A. Yes, we have one boy.

Q. What's his name?

A. Joseph Charles Saricks, Jr.

Q. What is his birthdate?

A. March 1st, 1957.

Q. And with whom is he residing?

A. He is residing with me.

Q. At 233 Maple Avenue, DuBois?

A. That's right.

Q. Were there any other children born to this marriage?

A. No sir.

Q. Mrs. Saricks is your husband in the Military Service of the United States?

A. No, he isn't.

Q. Does he have any participation with the Military Service?

A. Yes, he is in the active Reserves of the Air Force.

Q. However, he is not serving at the present time?

A. No.

Q. And he is living, as you said, at 915 Old Town Road?

A. That's right.

Q. Clearfield?

A. Clearfield.

Q. And what is his occupation?

A. Well, he works for his father.

Q. Doing what?

A. They run a speciality company and he is a salesman and part time manager.

Q. And what is your occupation?

A. I am a housewife.

Q. What is your age?

A. 32.

Q. And what is the age of your husband?

A. 33.

Q. And as I recall, your son will be four years of age, almost--?

A. Well, almost five.

Q. Oh, that's right.

Q. Mrs. Saricks you indicated that you two are not living together as of December 12, 1961 and you have alleged that your husband has been guilty of such indignities to the person as to make living together intolerable and life burdensome. Now, what caused your separation?

A. Well, it goes way back to when we were first married.

Q. Do you mean by that the requirement or what led to the separation continued from the time you were first married up until the time of your separation?

A. Well, the basic problem did; Charles is very immature. When we were first married he didn't want any children and didn't want to settle down and I went to work. Well we just went out and had a good time all the time.

Q. Because you wanted the good time?

A. No, no, because he did. He didn't want to be tied down.

Q. Why did you do it?

A. Well I felt that he would mature and things would be different or change. I felt that well, possibly, all men were immature when they were first married; and he eventually would settle down.

Q. Well did he ever do so?

A. No sir, we were married seven years when we first had our first child and that was only because I got quite sick, I had a psychosomatic illness due to the fact that I was so worried about not having children and when this was explained to him, he finally agreed that I should quit work and we should have a child.

Q. Did you receive medication because of this illness?

A. Oh yes, I had to go to the doctor, and--.

Q. And what happened then?

A. Well, after I had the baby, he just didn't show any concern or any love; he wouldn't help in any way.

Q. Any concern or any love toward you or toward the child?

A. Towards the child.

Q. And how about you?

A. He changed towards me too. We were incompatable from then on. I have discussed this with my family doctor and he said that it was his opinion that my husband was extremely jealous of the child.

Q. Well, despite the opinion do you know whether or not he was jealous of the affection of the child?

A. Oh yes, if I were to go into the room when the baby was crying, he would say, oh, you're always in there.

Q. Did he object to the attention you gave the child?

A. Yes and he in turn decided to take flying lessons and

he was gone most of the time, when the child was a baby and he just didn't want to be around him and didn't want to be bothered with him. He never watched him.

Q. What effect did this have on you?

A. Well, I became quite ill; I had very bad attack of arthritis and it turned out that I had to go to the hospital.

Q. Did that arthritis result from his actions?

A. The Doctor said that it was caused, as far as he could see, by extreme unhappiness and disappointment, the way my life was going. I hadn't expected this at all.

Q. You said your arthritis condition was extreme what did it do to you?

A. Oh I was crippled quite a bit, my hands and in a lot of pain.

Q. Were you hospitalized as a result?

A. Yes, I was and I took a lot of medicine. I had it for two years. The doctor said that I evidently could not tolerate cold climate and that I should move down South, but my husband refused to go, saying that his father needed him here, and after all this is the way it was going to be, he was the one that had to earn the money and that is the way he wanted it and I would just have to learn to live with the disease.

Q. Did you have any other problems with your husband?

A. Well, financially we had quite a bit of trouble, I have never been asked or had any say as to how we would spend our money. My husband's gotten new Cadillacs. He has gotten a new one every year and yet I never had a car and he's out of town a lot and I needed a car for various things to go to the doctor. I was going to the doctor for shots for this arthritis and with the

baby and all. But he'd always say well find a ride from a friend or something like that.

Q. Was he at all concerned about your welfare?

A. No sir. He would go away on a trip and he would never call to see how we were doing and I'd never hear from him maybe for weeks, or until he'd come back. Then when he did come back he didn't seem to be very happy to be back either.

Q. Well, was it your husband's fault that you had any financial problems?

A. Oh--.

Q. Did he have enough money?

A. Yes, he has enough money. He makes a fairly good salary from his father, in fact, he made quite a bit putting it into stock; not asking me if there was anything that we needed and then when I would tell him about something that we needed, he'd say, no, there's no money for it, but he continually put money into this, it's a mutual fund.

Q. And does he still have that stock?

A. Oh yes.

Q. Is it in joint names?

A. No sir, we had it in joint names and he had it changed to his name before or well, when we were thinking of separating he did that.

Q. Tell me this, what was his general attitude towards your marriage?

A. He had very bad attitude that I could see, it was not a fifty-fifty attitude. His attitude was the woman is more or less a slave to the man. He said that if he felt like sitting

there and dropping his ashes on the floor, it was my duty to pick them up. He never cleaned up after himself and he just well he criticized my attitude, I thought I should have some say as to what we did and what went on. Any plans that I ever made he -- if he didn't feel like going and I had promised people that we were going to come to their house or something he would come home and say no, we are not going.

Q. Well, didn't he like your friends?

A. No, he said they were dull and they never talked about anything but their home and their children.

Q. What did he like?

A. Well, he had other friends that partied every Saturday night. It was a fast crowd, they danced with each other, a lot of drinking and going out every Saturday night.

Q. Were you accustomed to that?

A. Well, no. I never thought that we should really. For one thing I wasn't feeling well and I couldn't get to church Sunday mornings because I was staying out too late and he would never go and I felt that the little boy should start Sunday School.

Q. Did he arrange for the child to go to church?

A. No, he never did.

Q. What would be his attitude in that regard?

A. Well, he said if I wanted him to go, I should take him, but yet he wouldn't-- if we went out on Saturday night, which we did all the time, it was always late and he would never want to go home early and I didn't feel well in the morning and he

always sleeps until two or three o'clock on Sundays, and we had no family life.

Q. Did you try to discuss these matters with your husband?

A. Oh yes, many times, and he would say this is the way it is going to be and I would just have to like it or he would seem like he wasn't listening; he would go on reading.

Q. Did he try to solve any of your troubles?

A. No, oh no. I was to follow exactly what he did and he said I was not to have a life of my own, I was merely there to please him. That was his idea.

Q. Mrs. Saricks, you have testified as to your residences and it appears that you have always resided, except for the period of one year in Miami, Florida, you have always resided in your father's-in-law home, was that your choice?

A. No, I wanted a home of my own. I wanted furniture of my own, I thought surely -- I could understand when couples are first married, they don't have much money, that they can't sometimes do anything else but accept help from their parents but I felt that a man thirty-three years old should provide a home for his family.

Q. Did you ask your husband to provide a separate home?

A. Oh yes, many times.

Q. Why didn't you want to continue living with your father-in-law?

A. Well, because I thought that we should have a home of our own. We lived in a large, pretentious looking home and I -- I didn't feel like it was mine. It was his. I had things I

wanted to do, if I wanted to paint, you know the things women like to do, but you can't if it is not your house, not your furniture and no your--.

Q. Weren't you welcome?

A. I didn't feel as though I was, I just felt as though I was living in his father's house that's all.

Q. How did his father treat you?

A. Well, he didn't talk to me very much.

Q. Did he make you welcome?

A. No.

Q. How often would you ask your husband to provide a separate home for you?

A. Well, many times, but he said this was the way he wanted to live and I was to live that way too. He said we live in a nice big house. Everyone sees that we lived in this nice big house, it was all show as far as I could see.

Q. And is that what appealed to your husband?

A. Yes, yes sir.

Q. And did it appeal to you?

A. No.

Q. What affect did it have on you to have to live in someone else's home?

A. Well, I was depressed. I haven't been well for -- well for almost since the time the baby was born and this has got me down to the point where I just can't stand it any longer.

Q. Well, Mrs. Saricks, did you take good care of the home?

A. Yes.

Q. Provide proper meals?

A. Yes, I provided meals, but my husband, many times,

my husband would not eat what I had. He'd come home and say, "Oh, that again" or "I just ate a while ago." He would never call if he was going to stay out and I would never know when he was coming or when he wasn't.

Q. Did he show any appreciation for what you did?

A. No, no he criticized all the time; there was no pleasing.

Q. Mrs. Saricks did your husband ever beat you up?

A. No, he never beat me up.

Q. Did he ever strike you?

A. No.

Q. Did he make you feel welcome and wanted to be with you?

A. No, I never felt as though, well, for years I haven't felt as though he loved me or that he wanted to share his life with me.

Q. Did you so tell him?

A. Yes.

Q. And what was his answer?

A. He just refused to talk about it. He was happy the way things were. He said this is the way it would be.

Q. Did you have any other problems?

A. Oh yes, one of personal cleanliness, was one that bothered me.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. Well, he refused to take a bath and he wouldn't change his clothes, drop things all over the place and I would have to -- he wouldn't take care of his clothes; he wouldn't buy new ones when they got old. Some times I would be ashamed to see him go out. I would have to go down and buy his clothes

and oh, he'd wear them but never a word of thanks.

Q. Now, Mrs. Saricks, how did you feel out in public with him; how did he treat you?

A. Oh, out in public, everyone thought we were very happy, you know, the ideal couple. He was very courteous to me and everyone thought, oh my, she's lucky, isn't she?

Q. Was he that way when you were with your own friends or with his friends?

A. Oh, with his friends. We were never with my friends. If I had any friends that I liked, I would have to go to see them on my own time, he said.

Q. So that he refused to accept your friends?

A. Yes.

Q. But required that you accept his?

A. Oh yes, that's right.

Q. Were you able to continue living that way?

A. No., I can't.

Q. Mrs. Saricks did you get him to agree to attempt anything that would work these problems out?

A. Well, yes, before we separated, I -- when I told him that I wanted a divorce, that I found life was just impossible, it was ruining my health and I felt that my little boy was not being brought up correctly, he was not having proper father influence, I told him I wanted a divorce and he said that he'd agree to go to a marriage counselor and we went to a marriage counselor in Ridgway and we told our-- both sides of the story and the Counselor said that he wondered how it was that our marriage

lasted even as long as it did, because he said with an attitude that my husband had, he said this was not any way for any one to live who is married.

Q. Did he tell this to your husband?

A. Yes, in fact my husband had to go back up for a second time.

Q. Did your husband agree to change in order to correct these matters?

A. No, he thought the Counselor was wrong. He said that he still believed that the man makes the money and comes home and should sit down with his pipe and slippers and his wife should do only what he gives her to do and I am not to have any choice or say in anything.

Q. Now, Mrs. Saricks, since your separation, have you felt any better?

A. Much better. I have been very contented and happy actually.

Q. Do you feel you could live with your husband under those conditions?

A. No sir, I cannot live with him. I will not live with him.

Q. Now Mrs. Saricks, I would like to also know whether or not you are seeking this divorce by agreement or collusion?

A. No, sir.

Q. And then why are you suing and asking for a divorce?

A. Well, because I believe I am entitled to it. Life with him is unbearable. I can't put up with that any longer.

Q. Now, Mrs. Saricks, has he provided support for the

child?

A. You mean since the separation?

Q. Yes?

A. Yes, he has, he has paid our bills, rent and our fuel.

Q. Have you had him arrested?

A. No.

Q. Do you intend to?

A. No.

Q. If he should fail to provide support will you arrest him?

A. Yes.

Q. And so far however, he has provided for the child so that you have had no basis for an arrest?

A. Yes, that's right.

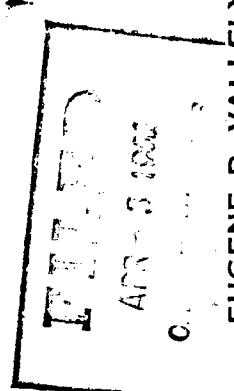
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