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Marilyn L. Gougeon

VERSUS

Ralph A. Gougeon

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

MARILYN L. GOUGEON,
Plaintiff

-vs-

RALPH A. GOUGEON,
Defendant.

COMPLAINT

TO WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANT:

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

GILMASON, CHERRY & CHERRY
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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GILMASON, CHERRY & CHERRY
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108 N. BRADY STREET

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Clearfield County, ss:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Ervin S. Fennell, Jr., 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

Marilyn L. Gougeon

Plaintiff ,

and Ralph A. Gougeon

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 in form of Decree

and when you shall have done so, you are to send the same 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

4th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two

Ervin S. Fennell, Jr.
Prothonotary

To the Honorable, the Judge, &c.:

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

Ervin S. Fennell, Jr.
COMMISSIONER.

No. 341 September Term, 1961.

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Gleason, Cherry & Cherry
Attorney.

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

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D O C K E T E N T R I E S

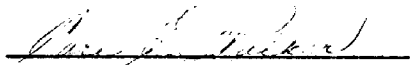
October 23, 1961, COMPLAINT IN DIVORCE filed. One copy certified to Attorney.

November 1, 1961, RETURN OF SERVICE OF COMPLAINT, filed.

NOW, October 31, 1961, served RALPH A. GOUGEON, Defendant, by sending to him a true and attested copy of the Complaint in Divorce entered to No. 341 September Term, 1961, by Registered Mail Deliver to Addressee Only with Return Receipt Requested; said attested copy of the Complaint was delivered to the said RALPH A. GOUGEON on October 30, 1961, as shown by the Return Receipt with is attached hereto. So answers, Edward V. Cherry, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOW, June 4, 1962, By motion on the Watch Book, Ervin S. Fennell, Jr., Esquire, is appointed Master to take the testimony and report same with a form of Decree.

Certified from the records this 5th day of June, 1962.



PROTHONOTARY
My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1966

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MARILYN L. GOUGEON, :
Plaintiff :
-vs- : No. 341 SEPTEMBER TERM,
: 1961
RALPH A. GOUGEON, :
Defendant. : IN DIVORCE

COMPLAINT

And now, comes MARILYN L. GOUGEON, the above entitled Plaintiff, by her attorneys, GLEASON, CHERRY & CHERRY, and brings this Complaint in Divorce of which the following is a statement:

1. That the Plaintiff, MARILYN L. GOUGEON, is an individual residing at Rockton, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.
2. That the Defendant, RALPH A. GOUGEON, is an individual residing at 1875 Pierce Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
3. That neither the said Plaintiff nor the said Defendant is a minor or is incompetent.
4. That both the said Plaintiff and the said Defendant are natural born citizens of the United States.
5. That said Plaintiff and the said Defendant were married in Niagara Falls, New York, on April 7, 1956.
6. That the said Plaintiff has resided continuously in the Commonwealth for a period of over one (1) year, immediately preceding the institution of this divorce, to wit, from June 6, 1960 to the present date.
7. That there were two children born as a result of the said marriage, to wit: Michael D. Gougeon, born October 20, 1956; and Charmaine E. Gougeon, born May 29, 1958, both of whom reside at the present time, and have resided since birth, with the said Plaintiff. Their present residence being Rockton, Pennsylvania.

8. That the said Defendant, contrary to his marriage vows and the laws of this commonwealth, has offered such indignities to the person of the Plaintiff as to render her condition intolerable and life burdensome.

9. That said action is not collusive.

10. That there has been no prior action for divorce or annulment of the marriage between the parties hereto in this or any other jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that a divorce a vinculo matrimonii be entered in her favor and against the said Defendant.

Margaret
Marilyn S. Davidson
Plaintiff

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
: SS.
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD :

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, MARILYN L. GOUGEON, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct 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 purposes mentioned in the Complaint.

Marilyn L. Gougeon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of October, 1961.

Joseph H. Henry
Notary Public
My Commission expires January 7, 1963.

See inside

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Ralph A. Longem

SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT, IF ANY

DATE DELIVERED


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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MARILYN L. GOUGEON, :
Plaintiff :
-vs- : NO. 341 SEPTEMBER TERM, 1961
RALPH A. GOUGEON, :
Defendant : IN DIVORCE

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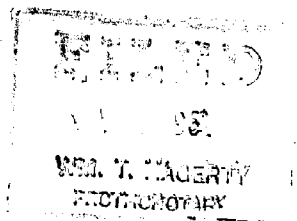
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So Answers,

Edward V Cherry
Attorney for Plaintiff

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of October, 1961.

Josephine M. Cherry
Notary Public
My Commission expires Jan. 7, 1963



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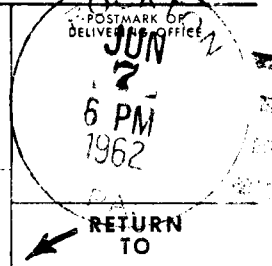
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Ralph A. Houghton

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DATE DELIVERED

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MARILYN L. GOUGEON,
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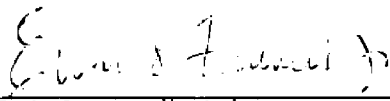
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In Divorce

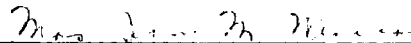
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF MASTER'S NOTICE

The undersigned, Ervin S. Fennell, Jr., hereby certifies that on the 6th day of June, 1962 he sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, deliver to addressee only, copies of the attached Master's Notice to Ralph A. Gougeon, 1845 Pierce Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York, and Marilyn L. Gougeon, Rockton, Pennsylvania, and that the attached U. S. Post Office Department return receipts show delivery personally to Ralph A. Gougeon on June 8, 1962 and to Marilyn L. Gougeon on June 7, 1962.


(Ervin S. Fennell, Jr.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 13 day of June, 1962.



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MARILYN L. GOUGEON,
Plaintiff

v.

RALPH A. GOUGEON,
Defendant

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No. 341 September Term, 1961

In Divorce

MASTER'S NOTICE

To: Ralph A. Gougeon
Marilyn L. Gougeon

You are hereby notified that I have been appointed Master in the divorce action of Marilyn L. Gougeon, Plaintiff, v. Ralph A. Gougeon, Defendant, in the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, at No. 341 September Term, 1961, and that I will hold a hearing for the purpose of taking testimony in the said case on Friday, June 29, 1962 at 11:00 a. m. in the Robert V. Mulne Law Offices, 228 DuBois Deposit National Bank Building, DuBois, Pennsylvania, when and where you may attend with witnesses, if you so desire.


Ervin S. Fennell, Jr.

Master

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MARILYN L. GOUGEON,
Plaintiff

v.

RALPH A. GOUGEON,
Defendant

No. 341 September Term, 1961

In Divorce

MASTER'S REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN J. PENTZ, PRESIDENT JUDGE:

The undersigned Master, appointed by the Court to take testimony and report the same with form of Decree, represents as follows:

SCHEDULE

1. Complaint in Divorce: Complaint filed October 23, 1961. One copy certified to attorney.
2. Service: Service of the Complaint was made on the defendant on October 30, 1961 by sending to him a true and attested copy of the Complaint by registered mail, deliver to addressee only with return receipt requested. Said attested copy was delivered to the defendant at his residence, as is shown by the return of service of complaint made by Edward V. Cherry, attorney for plaintiff.
3. Appointment of Master: Ervin S. Fennell, Jr. was appointed Master on June 4, 1962.
4. Date and Place fixed for Hearing: The Master's hearing was scheduled for Friday, June 29, 1962 at 11:00 a. m. in the Robert V. Maine Law Offices, 228 DuBois Deposit National Bank Building, DuBois, Pennsylvania.
5. Notice of Master's Hearing: Service of the Master's Notice was made upon the defendant, Ralph A. Gougeon, on June 8, 1962 by certified mail, deliver to addressee only, return receipt requested, as will appear from the attached affidavit of service of Master's Notice. Service of the Notice of Master's Hearing was made upon the plaintiff, Mrs. Marilyn Gougeon, on June 7, 1962 by certified mail, return receipt requested, deliver to addressee only, at Rockton, Pennsylvania, as will appear from the

enclosed affidavit of service of Master's Notice.

6. Master's Hearing: The Master's Hearing was held at the time and place aforesaid. Edward V. Cherry appeared as attorney for the plaintiff, who appeared in person. The defendant did not appear in person or by counsel. Testimony was taken in question and answer form.

CAUSE OF DIVORCE

Indignities

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Marriage: The plaintiff and defendant were married in Niagara Falls, New York, on April 7, 1956.

2. Residence and Citizenship: The plaintiff and defendant are natural born citizens of the United States. They resided for a period of five years after their marriage in Niagara Falls, New York, until the parties separated on June 6, 1960. After defendant left plaintiff she resided at R. D. #1, DuBois, Pennsylvania until February of 1961, when she and her children moved to Rockton, Pennsylvania. The defendant continued to reside at 1875 Pierce Avenue in Niagara Falls, New York.

3. Ages and Occupations: The age of the plaintiff is 27 and that of the defendant is 27. The plaintiff has no occupation except that of housewife and the defendant is an electrician, employed in Niagara Falls, New York.

4. Children: Two children were born as a result of this marriage, namely, Michael Daniel Gougeon, age 5, born October 20, 1956, and Charmaine Gougeon, age 4, born May 29, 1958. Both children reside with the plaintiff.

5. Armed Forces: Neither the plaintiff nor the defendant is a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

6. Findings on the Merits: The evidence submitted in support of the charge of indignities justifies the following findings:

(a) The testimony offered by the plaintiff showed that for approximately one year prior to June 6, 1960, the date of the separation of the parties, the defendant was continually seen in the company and in the association of various

women at bars and taverns and other public places, and plaintiff testified that her husband's running around was the chief difficulty with the marriage. Plaintiff testified that various women would call at their home, asking for her husband, any time in the morning, afternoon or evening, and that these women would request him to come and get them at whatever bar they were or at their homes. Plaintiff also testified that she requested her husband to stop running around for the sake of their marriage and she also testified that he would merely walk out of the room and ignore when she made such requests. On at least one occasion defendant came home at night with lipstick on his shirt, on his jacket and on a handkerchief. Upon being confronted with this evidence defendant admitted that he had taken a woman home from a bar, and, in addition, admitted that he had been doing a considerable amount of running around with other various women. It was defendant's practice to arrive back home anywhere from three to five o'clock in the morning, and plaintiff testified that this type of conduct and activity continued for the greater part of a year almost every night. Plaintiff testified that her husband came home intoxicated very often and that this would cause trouble between the parties when he would come home in that condition. His intoxication would cause arguments and difficulties relating to his conduct toward other women. Plaintiff also testified that the defendant used degrading profanity in her presence and in the presence of the two children, all of which was, of course, a source of embarrassment to the plaintiff. The plaintiff also testified that the defendant said once that he would rather see her dead than alive and, upon at least one occasion, said that he would like to use a knife on her and that he would just as soon kill the plaintiff as look at her. According to plaintiff, defendant also made unfounded accusations regarding plaintiff and another man. Plaintiff testified that this was untrue and that the accusations on the part of her husband made her feel bad to think that he would think such things about her. Plaintiff also testified that as a result of

her husband's actions she was under a doctor's care for her nerves and that since the parties separated in 1960 her health has improved considerably. Because of the above outlined intolerable set of circumstances the plaintiff separated from her husband on June 6, 1960 and since that time has not lived with nor cohabited with her husband, the defendant.

(b) The plaintiff was a good and dutiful wife.

(c) There is no evidence of collusion to obtain a divorce.

DISCUSSION

In the opinion of the Master the charge of indignities was established by the testimony of the plaintiff. The conduct of the defendant clearly rendered the plaintiff's condition intolerable and life burdensome. Such conduct distressed the plaintiff both emotionally and physically and was entirely inconsistent with the defendant's duties as a husband, so that any continuation of the marital relationship would be undesirable under the circumstances.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties.
2. The defendant is guilty of indignities to the person of the plaintiff, rendering her condition intolerable and life burdensome, contrary to subsection 1(f) of the Act of May 2, 1929, P. L. 1237, section 10, and (23 P. S. 10) as amended and supplemented.
3. The proceedings conform to the rules of Court and the requirements of the law.
4. Plaintiff is an injured and innocent spouse.

RECOMMENDATION

The Master recommends a Decree granting Marilyn L. Gougeon a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from Ralph A. Gougeon, a form of Decree being hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

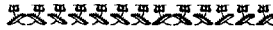
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Master

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MARILYN L. GOUGEON, Plaintiff	v. RALPH A. GOUGEON, Defendant
Uncontested	
Master's Report and Decree	
Master's fee and expenses: Ervin S. Fennell, Jr., fee \$85.00 Postage, certified mail 2.18 \$87.18	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> FILED JUN 29 1962 CARL E. WALKER PROthonotary </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> LAW OFFICES ROBERT V. MAINE 228 DuBois Deposit National Bank Building DuBois, PENNSYLVANIA </div>	

*Service accepted this 29th day
 of June, 1962 and Time Waived
 by Jason Cherry + Cherry
 by Edward V. Cherry*

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania



Marilyn L. Gougeon, Of September Term, 19 61

Plaintiff No. 341

VERSUS

Ralph A. Gougeon, Defendant

DIVORCE

And Now, the 2nd day of July 19 62, the
report of the Master is acknowledged. We approve his findings and recommendations; ~~except~~
~~xxxx~~

We, therefore, DECREE that Marilyn L. Gougeon be
divorced and forever separated from the nuptial ties and bonds of matrimony heretofore con-
tracted between ~~himself~~ and Ralph A. Gougeon
~~herself~~
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~~

The Prothonotary is directed to pay the Court costs, including Master's fees, as not-
ed 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 Master a fee
of \$85.00 and his costs expended in this action.
~~her~~

ATTEST

BY THE COURT

Prothonotary

President Judge

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

No. 341 September Term 19 61

Marilyn L. Gougeon
Libellant

VERSUS

Ralph A. Gougeon
Respondent

DECREE

Attorney

MRS. MARILYN L. GOUGEON being produced and sworn testifies
as follows:

BY MR. CHERRY:

Q. When and where were you married Mrs. Gougeon?

A. Niagara Falls, New York, April 7, 1956.

Q. Where did you reside after you were married?

A. Niagara Falls, New York.

Q. How long did you reside in Niagara Falls, New York?

A. Five years, until the time of our separation.

Q. When did you separate from your husband?

A. June 6, 1960.

Q. After you separated from your husband where did you
reside?

A. R.D. #1, DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Q. How long did you reside at this residence?

A. Up until February, 1961 when I moved to Rockton,
Pennsylvania.

Q. Did you live in Rockton, Pennsylvania, up until the
present time?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that your present address?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that in Clearfield County?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the present residence of your husband?

A. Yes.

Q. What is it?

A. 1875 Pierce Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

Q. Are you a citizen of the United States?

A. Yes.

Q. Is your husband a citizen of the United States?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your age and present occupation?

A. I am 27 years old and I have no occupation, other than a housewife.

Q. What is the age and present occupation of your husband?

A. 27 years old and he is an Electrician.

Q. Do you know where he is working at the present time?

A. In Niagara Falls, New York.

Q. Do you know the name of his employer?

A. He is self-employed.

Q. Were there any children born to this marriage?

A. Yes, two.

Q. Will you kindly state their names, ages, places of residence and with whom they are living at the present time?

A. Michael Daniel Gougeon, age 5, born October 20, 1956, and Charmaine Gougeon, she's 4, born May 29, 1958, they both reside with me.

Q. Have these two children resided with you since birth?

A. Yes they have.

Q. Do they reside with you at the present time at your residence in Rockton, Pennsylvania?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you a member of the armed forces of the United States at the present time?

A. No.

Q. Is your husband a member of the armed forces of the United States at the present time?

A. No.

Q. Mrs. Gougeon, what would you say was the chief difficulty in your marital relationship?

A. Well, my husband left me alone for about one year, he went out every night and stayed out until 5:00 o'clock in the morning, and sometimes later, and I found out that he was at a Bar with other women. I would say that his running around was our chief difficulty.

Q. Did you ever see your husband out with other women, Mrs. Gougeon?

A. No.

Q. How do you know he was seeing other women during the time that he lived with you?

A. They would call the house for him anytime in the morning, afternoon or evening to come and get them at whatever Bar they were at or at their house; and he admitted to me that he had been seeing other women while we were married and living together.

Q. Was this a source of much difficulty and trouble in your household, his running around?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ask him to stop running around for the sake of saving your marriage?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say to that?

A. When I spoke to him about it he'd get up from wherever he was and walk out of the room and get dressed and go out. I never got an answer to any of the questions.

Q. Mrs. Gougeon, did you ever see anything that indicated

to you that your husband was running around with other women?

A. Yes, he came home one night and hid his clothes in the closet, there was lipstick on his shirt, lipstick on his jacket, and a hankie covered with lipstick.

Q. Did you mention this to your husband?

A. Yes, I did. When I found them I asked him where the lipstick came from and he said he had to take a woman home that was crying, or something, in a Bar, and that's how he explained the lipstick on his clothes.

Q. Did you say your husband would go out quite often in the evenings during the time you were married, without you?

A. Yes.

Q. Would he tell you where he was going?

A. He would just say he was going out for awhile.

Q. What hours did he keep?

A. He came home anywhere from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the morning.

Q. When he came home would he tell you where he was?

A. Yes, in the morning he would tell me where he was, and who he had been with and what they had done.

Q. And normally, where would it be?

A. He usually was at a Bar with this woman and then he would take her out for something to eat and they usually ended up in her apartment.

Q. And he admitted this to you?

A. Yes.

Q. Did this happen quite often during the time that you lived with your husband?

A. Our last year he was out almost every night of the

week.

Q. Did your husband ever come home intoxicated?

A. Yes.

Q. How often would he come home in this condition?

A. Quite often.

Q. Would this cause any trouble between you when he came home in that manner?

A. Yes.

Q. In what way?

A. He constantly argued with me from the time he got up in the morning until he left, and then when he came home again for his meals he would just constantly pick and argue, anything to start an argument.

Q. Mrs. Gougeon, I mean what trouble did he cause when he came home intoxicated?

A. When he got home it caused a lot of argument and a lot of difficulties. I tried to explain to him that it wasn't right for him to come home that way, that after all he had two children and me to think about it, but it didn't seem to do any good. He would just keep on arguing.

Q. Did your husband ever offer to take you out in the evenings when he would go out, Mrs. Gougeon?

A. Yes, he would take me out sometimes and then when he got home he would drop me off at home and then go out after he brought me home.

Q. How often would he do this?

A. We didn't go out very often, it was very seldom that we went anywhere, but when he took me out he always went out after he brought me home.

Q. Would he tell you where he was going?

A. No, he would just say he was going out for awhile.

Q. Did your husband always show up at the proper time for your meals?

A. No, he was constantly late.

Q. Would he call you and advise you when he was going to be late for his meals?

A. Very seldom.

Q. How late would he be for his meals, normally?

A. Anywhere from a half an hour to three hours.

Q. Did your husband use any profanity in your presence?

A. Yes, he called me quite a few names.

Q. Were these degrading names to your character?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this done in the presence of other people?

A. No, usually just in front of me.

Q. How about your children?

A. He didn't care what he said in front of the children.

Q. Did he use this profane language in front of the children?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. Was this a source of embarrassment to you?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ask him to refrain from using such language?

A. Yes.

Q. What would he say?

A. He ignored me as he usually did..

Q. Did this go on throughout the time you lived together with your husband?

A. Yes.

Q. Did your husband ever threaten you in any manner?

A. He once said he'd rather see me dead than alive, and that it would be better off for the children if I was dead.

Q. Did he ever threaten to harm you?

A. At my mothers once he said that he'd like to use a knife on me, he would just as soon kill me as look at me.

Q. Did he ever threaten you any other time?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever hit you?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever make any false accusations towards you?

A. He falsely accused me of seeing another man, which at the time I wasn't.

Q. How often did he make this accusation?

A. Several times during the time we lived together.

Q. What effect did this have on you?

A. Well, it embarrassed me and it was untrue. It made me feel bad to think that my husband would think such things about me and, especially it was in front of my family, and I know it hurt my family as much as it hurt me.

Q. And you gave him no reason whatsoever to make such an accusation?

A. No.

Q. Did you always prepare his meals for him, Mrs. Gougeon?

A. Yes, when he was at home.

Q. Did you keep his clothes clean for him, and a clean home for him?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you always prepare the meals for the children and take good care of the children?

A. Yes.

Q. And so he had no complaints there?

A. No.

Q. Did your husband show much affection towards you?

A. No, only in the evening after he had come from one of his all night outings.

Q. Did you ask your husband to change his way of living in order to preserve this marriage?

A. I asked him to stop going out, I went to his mother and asked them to talk to him, but I got no results from either one.

Q. Did he continue in his actions throughout the time that you lived together?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of a provider was your husband?

A. There were many times he left us without money for food in the afternoon for the dinner meal. He was a poor provider, I couldn't depend upon him.

Q. Is he behind in his payments at the present time?

A. Yes.

Q. Mrs. Gougeon, what were the circumstances surrounding your separation?

A. One night he came home and told me this woman had invited him up to her apartment. She wanted him to see her new bedroom set and she asked him if he'd like to try it out. That night when he came home he told me about it and I decided that was the end. I couldn't stand any more of his running around and coming in and his arguments any longer, so I left.

Q. Is that the same woman that he had previously told you that he had been seeing on different occasions in Barrooms and at her home?

A. Yes,

Q. How was your health during the time that you lived

with your husband?

A. I was under a doctor's care at that time for my nerves because of his actions, and his arguments, his running around, and his constant arguments.

Q. How has your health been since you separated and have been living apart from your husband?

A. My health is much better now, I am resigned to living alone, I don't have to worry about what time he's coming in, who he's out with, or his arguments, we live a quiet, peaceful life now.

Q. Was there any agreement between you and your husband to obtain this divorce?

A. No.

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