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Doris Ann Sharrer

VERSUS

Richard Glenn Sharrer

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
No. 600 February Term, 1961  
In Divorce

*Divorce Settlement*

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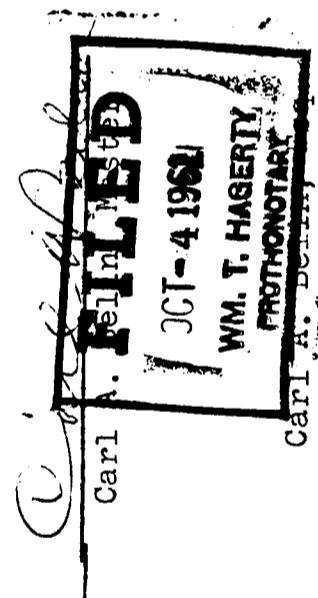
DORIS ANN SHARRER

VS.

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

MASTER'S REPORT

Carl A. Belin, Master  
Master Fee.....\$35.00  
Carl A. Belin, Advertising  
in Clfd. Progress \$10.90



Carl A. Belin  
1115 E. Locust St.  
Clearfield, Penna.

And now, Oct. 2, 1961 notice of the presentation  
of the within report is hereby accts and notice  
waived.  
Bell, Kelly Bell & Woods  
City's of Coalport  
City's of Plant

Clearfield County, ss:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to

CARL A. BELIN, ESQ.,

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

Doris Ann Sharrer

Plaintiff

and

Richard Glenn Sharrer

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 the 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 18th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one

*Wm T. Haggerty*

Prothonotary

To the Honorable, the Judge, &c.:

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

*Carl A. Belin*

SEAL

COMMISSIONER.

No. 600 February Term. 19 61

DORIS ANN SHARRER

VERSUS

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

COMMISSION

Swoope  
Bell, Silberblatt & Attorney.

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

DORIS ANN SHARRER : No. 600 February Term, 1961  
VS : In Divorce  
RICHARD GLENN SHARRER :  
:

DOCKET ENTRIES

April 28, 1961, Complaint in Divorce filed. One copy certified to the Sheriff.

June 1, 1961, Sheriff's Return filed: NOW, June 1, 1961, after diligent search and inquiry, the within named defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer is not found in my Bailiwick, and I hereby return this writ "Not Found" as to Richard Glenn Sharrer. So answers, Charles G. Ammerman, Sheriff.

June 1, 1961, On praecipe filed by Bell, Silberblatt & Swoope, Attorneys, service by publication directed. One copy certified to the Sheriff.

JUNE 13, 1961, Sheriff's Return filed: NOW, June 2, 1961, sent a true and attested copy of the original Complaint In Divorce by registered mail, addressee only, return receipt requested to Richard Glenn Sharrer, Tampa, Florida, that being his last known address. Registered letter, marked "Not in Directory" is hereto attached and made part of this return of service.

NOW, June 23, 1961, served the within Complaint In Divorce on Richard Glenn Sharrer by advertising the printed notice hereto attached in the Clearfield Progress, a newspaper of general circulation published in the city of Clearfield, Pa., on the dates mentioned in the affidavits of the publisher., hereto attached and made part of this return of service. So answers, Charles G. Ammerman, Sheriff.

NOW, July 17, 1961, by motion on the watch-book, Carl A. Belin, Attorney, is appointed Master to take the testimony and report the same with form of Decree.

Certified from the record this 18th day of July, 1961

Wm T. Haggerty  
Prothonotary

Doris Ann Sharrer Plaintiff  
vs.  
Richard Glenn Sharrer Defendant

In the Court of Common Pleas,  
of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania,  
No. 600 February Term 1961.

## Complaint in Divorce

- 1 (a) The name of the plaintiff is Doris Ann Sharrer of 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.
- (b) The name of the defendant is Richard Glenn Sharrer
- 2 The plaintiff resides at 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania
- 3 (a) The defendant is a citizen of the United States  
and was last known to reside at Tampa, Florida (or)  
(b) The plaintiff has no knowledge as to the whereabouts and last known address of said defendant. since the first week of
- 4 The plaintiff has resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Sept. 1959 years, and has been a bona fide resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania for at least 80 days past. for over a year and a half.
- 5 The plaintiff and defendant were married on May 13, 1956 at Wheeling, West Virginia by a Protestant Minister.
- 6 The defendant has:
  - (a) By cruel and barbarous treatment, endangered the life of the plaintiff who is the injured and innocent spouse.
  - (b) Offered such indignities to the person of the plaintiff who is the injured and innocent spouse, as to render her condition intolerable and her life burdensome.
  - (c) Committed wilful and malicious desertion, and absence from the habitation of the plaintiff who is the injured and innocent spouse, without reasonable cause, for and during the term and space of two years;
  - (d) Committed adultery
- 7 That the plaintiff and defendant have entered into no collusive arrangement regarding this action.
- 8 That neither of the parties, plaintiff or defendant, has ever applied in this or any other court for a divorce from the other party to the action, or for annulment of marriage. (If so, state when and in what court and place, and to what number and term the action was brought, and the result of such action.)
- 9 One child was born to this marriage, namely, Robert Glenn Sharrer, a son, born December 21, 1956 and is therefore 4 years of age, and who resides at the home of the Plaintiff's parents, Cecil and Ruth Witherite at 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully prays that a decree of this Honorable Court may be made for the divorcing and separating of the said Richard Glenn Sharrer , defendant, from plaintiff's society, fellowship and company for all time to come, and the said plaintiff from the marriage bond aforesaid, as if they had never been married, or as if the said defendant were naturally dead, and the Plaintiff prays for a divorce; a vinculo matrimonii.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
County of Clearfield ss.

*Bell, Silberbatt & Shurpe*  
*By M. J. Silberbatt*

(Atty for Plaintiff)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county, Doris Ann Sharrer, the above named plaintiff, who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that the facts contained in the above complaint are true and correct, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, and that said complaint is not made out of levity, nor for the mere purpose of being freed and separated from each other, but in sincerity and truth, for the causes mentioned in said complaint.

Sworn and subscribed before me this

28th day of Apr, A.D. 1961 PROTHONOTARY  
Wm J. Rogers My Commission Expires  
Jan. 1962



In the Court of Common Pleas of  
Clearfield County, Pennsylvania  
No. 600, February Term, 1961  
Doris Ann Sharner

versus

Richard Glenn Sharner

### Complaint in Divorce

To Richard Glenn Sharner

copy to self

FILED	Defendant
APR 28 1961	
You are hereby cited to appear within 20 days from service of this Complaint.	

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Bell, Alabaltta, Knott  
L.M. of Alabaltta

Plaintiff's Attorney  
Address  
Clearfield, Pa.  
Clearfield, Pa.

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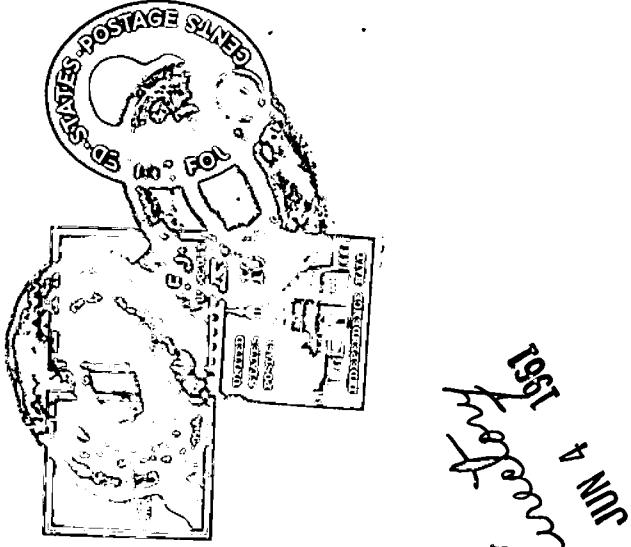
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CHARLES G. AMMERMAN  
Sheriff of Clearfield County  
CLEARFIELD, PA.

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**REGISTERED MAIL**  
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For Richard Grange, Sheriff

Richard Grange, Sheriff

Tampa, Florida 33601

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Addressee Only

For Richard Grange, Sheriff

NOT IN DIRECTORY  
Tampa, Florida 33601

June 4, 1961

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

DORIS ANN SHARRER

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VS.

:

No. 600 February Term, 1961

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

:

In Divorce

Praeclipe for Publication

TO: William T. Hagerty, Prothonotary of the said Court:

Sir:

Direct service of the Complaint in the above captioned matter by publication.

BELL, SILBERBLATT & SWOOP  
By

*Morris L. Silberblatt*

By Morris L. Silberblatt, Attorney for Plaintiff

Clearfield, Pennsylvania  
June 1, 1961

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clfd, Clfd, Pa

Doris Ann Sharrer

No 600 Feb Term 1961

vs -

Richard Glenn Sharrer

Complaint In Divorce

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(Sheriffs Return)

Now, June 1, 1961, after diligent search and inquirey, the within named defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer is not found in my Bailwick and I hereby return this writ "NOT FOUND " as to Richard Glenn Sharrer.

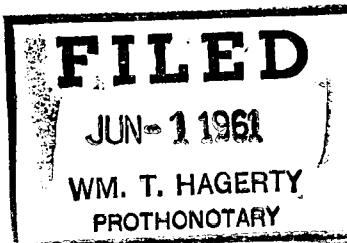
Costs Sheriff Ammerman \$5.00  
(Paid by Attys B.S.S.)

So Answers,

*Charles G. Ammerman*  
Charles G. Ammerman  
Sheriff

Sworn to before me this 1st  
day of June 1961 A.D.

*Wm. T. Hagerty*  
Prothonotary.



In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pa.

Doris Ann Sharrer

No 600 Feb Term 1961

vs

Richard Glenn Sharrer

Complaint In Divorce

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(Sheriff's Return)

Now, June 2, 1961 sent a true and attested copy of the original Complaint In Divorce by registered Mail, Addressee Only Return receipt requested to Richard Glenn Sharrer, Tampa, Florida. that being his last known address. Registered letter marked "NOT IN DIRECTORY" is hereto attached and made part of this return of service.

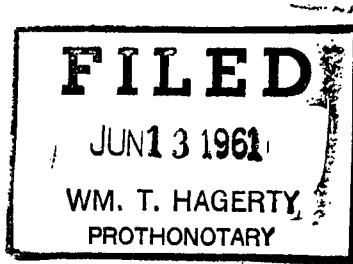
Now, June 23, 1961 served the within Complaint in Divorce on Richard Glenn Sharrer by advertising the printed notice hereto attached in the Clearfield Progress, a newspaper of general circulation published in the city of Clearfield, Pa., on the dates mentioned in the affidavit of the publisher, hereto attached and made part of this return of service.

Costs Sheriff Ammerman \$7.14  
Clearfield Progress \$6.00  
(Paid by Atty Silberblatt)

So Answers,  
*Charles G. Ammerman*  
Charles G. Ammerman  
Sheriff

Sworn to before me this 13th  
Day of June 1961 A.D.

Wm. T. Hagerty  
Prothonotary.



PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Pa., County of Clearfield,  
Richard Glenn Sharer;  
To Richard Glenn Sharer;  
You are notified that Doris Ann Sharer, the plaintiff, has commenced an action of divorce against you which you are required to defend. Charles G. Ammerman, Sheriff of Clfd. County, and BELL, SILBERBLATT, and BELL, Atlys. at Law, Clear-SWOOP, Atlys. 6:8-15-22-b, Clearfield, Pa.

600 July 1961.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA : ss:

COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD :

June 22nd, day of

A. D. 1961.

On this 22nd day of June, 1961, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared William C. Plummer, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Advertising Manager of the Clearfield Progress, a daily newspaper published at Clearfield, in the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, and established April 5, 1913, and that the annexed is a true copy of a notice or advertisement published in said publication in the regular issues of the Clearfield Progress, and that the character of publication is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertising, and that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time, place, and character of publication are true.

*William C. Plummer*

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

*William C. Plummer*

NOTARY PUBLIC 1963  
Notary Public Commission Expires March 22, 1964  
My Commission Expires March 22, 1964  
Clearfield County  
Clearfield, Penna.

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## PROGRESS

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c/o Sheriff's Office  
Clearfield County Courthouse  
Clearfield, Pennsylvania

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To Richard Glenn Sharrer:

You are notified that Doris Ann Sharrer, the plaintiff, has commenced an action of divorce, etc.

May 1, 1961

Clearfield Progress \* (Please publish once a week for three  
successive weeks, Beginning June 8, 1961)

Commonwealth of Pa.  
County of Clearfield,

To Richard Glenn Sharrer;

You are notified that Doris Ann Sharrer, the plaintiff,  
has commenced an action of divorce against you which you are  
required to defend.

Charles G. Ammerman  
Sheriff Of Clfd County.

Bell, Silberblatt and Swoope  
Attys At Law  
Clearfield, Pa.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD, PENNA.

DORIS ANN SHARRER

VS.

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

February Term, 1961, No. 600

In Divorce

NOTICE OF MASTER'S HEARING

TO: Doris Ann Sharrer, Plaintiff  
Morris L. Silberblatt  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Clearfield, Pennsylvania

You are hereby notified that I have been appointed Master in the divorce action of Doris Ann Sharrer vs. Richard Glenn Sharrer in the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, at No. 600 February Term, 1961, and that I will hold a meeting for the purpose of taking testimony in said case at my office at 115 East Locust Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, September 12, 1961, at 10 o'clock, A.M., when and where you may attend with witnesses if you so desire.

Carl A. Belin  
Carl A. Belin, Master

NOW, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1961, service of the above notice is hereby accepted.

X Doris Ann Sharrer  
Doris Ann Sharrer, Plaintiff

NOW, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1961, service of the above notice is hereby accepted.

M. L. Silberblatt  
M. L. Silberblatt, Attorney  
for Plaintiff

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLEARFIELD, PENNA.

DORIS ANN SHARRER  
VS.

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER  
February Term, 1961, No.

In Divorce  
To Richard Glenn Sharrer, late  
of Tampa Florida:  
You are hereby notified that the  
undersigned has been appointed  
Master in the above action for  
divorce brought by Doris Ann  
Sharrer, your wife, against you  
on the grounds of indignities to  
the person. A meeting to take tes-  
timony of witnesses will be held  
before me at my office, 115 East  
Locust Street, Clearfield, Pennsyl-  
vania, on Tuesday, September 12,  
1961 at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which  
meeting you are notified to appear  
in person or by counsel and pro-  
duce such witnesses you desire to  
have testify.

CARL A. BELIN, Master, 115

East Locust Street, Clearfield,

Pennsylvania.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA : : SS:  
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD :

AUGUST 19 61

On this 19th day of August, A. D. 1961,  
before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and  
State, personally appeared William C. Plummer, who being duly sworn  
according to law, deposes and says that he is the Advertising Manager  
of the Clearfield Progress, and designated agent of the Publisher of  
the Clearfield Progress, a daily newspaper published at Clearfield, in  
the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, and established  
April 5, 1913, and that the annexed is a true copy of a notice or  
advertisement published in said publication in the regular issues of  
August 12 & 19/1961. And that the affiant  
is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertising, and  
that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time, place, and  
character of publication are true.

*William C. Plummer*

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

*(Signature) William C. Plummer*

NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires March 20, 1963  
Clearfield County,  
Clearfield, Pa.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD, PENNA.

DORIS ANN SHARRER

VS.

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

February Term, 1961, No. 600

In Divorce

To Richard Glenn Sharrer, late of Tampa Florida:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned has been appointed Master in the above action for divorce brought by Doris Ann Sharrer, your wife, against you on the grounds of indignities to the person. A meeting to take testimony of witnesses will be held before me at my office, 115 East Locust Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, September 12, 1961 at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which meeting you are notified to appear in person or by counsel and produce such witnesses you desire to have testify.

Carl A. Belin, Master  
115 East Locust Street  
Clearfield, Pennsylvania

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CLEARFIELD, PA. August 12, 1961 ~~REGX~~

CARL A. BELIN, ATTORNEY

115 East Locust Street

Clearfield, Pennsylvania

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DORIS ANN SHARRER  
 VS  
 RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

February Term, 1961

In Divorce

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

DORIS ANN SHARRER

-vs-

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

No. 600 February Term, 1961

IN DIVORCE

MASTER'S REPORT

SCHEDULE: April 28, 1961, the Complaint In Divorce was filed. The same was filed with the Sheriff, Charles G. Ammerman, to be served upon Richard Glenn Sharrer, and the same was returned "Not Found". On June 2, 1961, Sheriff, Charles G. Ammerman, sent a true and attested copy of the original Complaint In Divorce by registered mail, addressee only, return receipt requested, to Richard Glenn Sharrer, Tampa, Florida, that being his last known address. Said registered letter was returned marked "Not in Directory", and the same is hereto attached. On June 23, 1961 Sheriff, Charles G. Ammerman, served the within Complaint In Divorce on Richard Glenn Sharrer by advertising the printed notice hereto attached in the Clearfield Progress, on the dates mentioned in the affidavits of the publisher, hereto attached. Proof of all services are hereto attached. The Master was appointed on the 18th day of July. The Master's Hearing was fixed for Tuesday, September 12, 1961, at 10:00 O'clock A.M., D.S.T. The Notice of Master's Hearing was accepted by M. L. Silberblatt, Attorney for Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, and the Plaintiff personally accepted Notice of the Master's Hearing. The Notice of Master's Hearing was served on the defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, by advertising the printed notice in the Clearfield Progress, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania on August 12, 1961 and August 19, 1961, which is evidenced by proof of publication hereto attached. The Master's Hearing convened on Tuesday, September 12, 1961 at 10:00 O'clock A.M., D.S.T..

at which time the following persons appeared: M. L. Silberblatt, Attorney for the Plaintiff; the Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer; and the Plaintiff's witness, Della Caldwell. The Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, did not appear in person or by counsel, nor did any witness appear for him.

CAUSE FOR DIVORCE: Indignities.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Marriage - The Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, and the Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, were married on May 13, 1956 at Wheeling, West Virginia, by a Protestant Minister.

2. Residence - After their marriage, the Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, and the Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, lived on South Third Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania. A few months later they moved to Tampa, Florida, where they lived together as husband and wife until June, 1959. The Plaintiff's present address is 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and the Defendant's address was last known to be Tampa, Florida.

3. Citizenship - The Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, is a citizen of the United States and Pennsylvania, and has resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since the first week of Sept. 1959 and has been a bona fide resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania for over a year and a half. The Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer is a citizen of the United States and was raised in Clearfield County.

4. Age and Occupation - The Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, is Twenty-six years of age, and at the present time is unemployed. When employed, she worked in a factory. The Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, is Thirty years of age, and when he was employed, he worked in a factory for his father.

5. Children - There was one (1) child born to this marriage, namely; Robert Glenn Sharrer, born on December 21, 1956. Robert Glenn Sharrer now resides at the home of the Plaintiff's parents, Cecil and Ruth Witherite at 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

6. Military Service - The Master finds as a fact that the Defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, is not a member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America at the time this divorce action was commenced, nor at the time the Master's Hearing was held.

7. Findings on the Merits - Doris Ann Sharrer and Richard Glenn Sharrer were married May 13, 1956, and lived in Clearfield Borough as husband and wife just a few months after their marriage, then they moved to Tampa, Florida, where they lived together as husband and wife until June, 1959. The Defendant Richard Glenn Sharrer, was last known to be living in Tampa, Florida, and the Plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer is living at the home of her parents, which is 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania. There was one (1) child born to this marriage.

The husband and wife had separated in Tampa, Florida, and the wife came back to Clearfield in June 1959 where she has made her home. The wife, Doris Ann Sharrer, appeared to be a credible witness and her testimony shows that her husband, Richard Glenn Sharrer was continually drinking and was an alcoholic, and while he was drinking he would be very mean and curse and swear at her and abuse her, and in the presence of company he would make her go into the bedroom with him, and while drunk he would even make her have intercourse with him during her menstrual period, and since he was drinking most of the time, his conduct was mean most of the time. He gambled and he did not work and it was his continuous drinking and meanness that

her to become nervous, and she went to Doctor Thorp and he gave her medicine and told her that it would be better if she stayed at home away from her husband, because it was ruining her life, and she stated that she could not stand the treatment any longer and that she at all times had been a good dutiful wife to her husband, and the Master finds that this case is one of indignities and that Richard Glenn Sharrer is guilty of indignities.

8. Discussion - This case presents a simple question of law, as to whether the facts constitutes indignities, and the Master finds that the facts we have reviewed and have found to be true, do constitute indignities.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

(a). That the Court had jurisdiction over the defendant by advertising the printed notice hereto attached in the Clearfield Progress, on the dates mentioned in the affidavits of the publisher, hereto attached.

(b). That the Court had jurisdiction over the subject matter of the parties as the plaintiff was a resident of Clearfield County continuously for over two (2) years prior to the filing of the Complaint.

(c). That the Master had jurisdiction over the parties by advertising the printed notice in the Clearfield Progress on August 12, 1961 and August 19, 1961, for the defendant, which is evidenced by proof of publication hereto attached, and by having service accepted by the attorney for the plaintiff and by the plaintiff herself.

(d). The Master finds the defendant, Richard Glenn Sharrer, guilty of offering such indignities to the plaintiff, Doris Ann Sharrer, who is the injured and innocent spouse, and did render her condition intolerable and life burdensome.

RECOMMENDATION - The Master does recommend that a Decree of Divorce "a vinculo matrimonii" or absolute divorce be granted to Doris Ann Sharrer, the plaintiff, from Richard Glenn Sharrer, the defendant.

John Belm  
MASTER

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

DORIS ANN SHARRER

-vs-

RICHARD GLENN SHARRER

No. 600 February Term, 1961

IN DIVORCE

MASTER'S HEARING

Master's Hearing in Divorce held before the Master on the 12th day of September, 1961, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., D.S.T. at the office of Carl A. Belin, Esquire, 115 East Locust Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the notice of Master's Hearing. The following persons appeared at that time:

<u>Appearances:</u>	DORIS ANN SHARRER	Plaintiff
	DELLA CALDWELL	Plaintiff's Witness
	M. L. SILBERBLATT	Plaintiff's Counsel

The Defendant, RICHARD GLENN SHARRER, did not appear either in person or by counsel and no witnesses were present on behalf of the Defendant.

DORIS ANN SHARRER being duly sworn according to law testifies as follows:

BY M. L. SILBERBLATT, ESQ.:

Q. Are you Doris Ann Sharrer?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. And were you married to Richard Glenn Sharrer?

A. Yes I was.

Q. When were you married to him?

A. May 13, 1956.

Q. Before you were married to him, where did you live?

A. I lived with my folks in Clearfield.

Q. In Clearfield?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did Richard Glenn Sharrer live before married?

A. He lived with his people on Weaver Street in Clearfield.

Q. Then you were both residents of Clearfield at the time you were married?

A. Yes.

Q. Where were you married?

A. In Wheeling, West Virginia.

Q. Do you know the name of the minister who married you?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of what denomination he was?

A. You mean.....

Q. Protestant or Catholic

A. Protestant

Q. But you don't know what denomination?

A. No, I don't.

Q. After your marriage where did you first go to live?

A. We lived on South Third Street.

Q. Did you live there up until your separation?

A. No, we only lived there a few months and moved to Florida.

Q. Where in Florida?

A. Tampa, Florida.

Q. How long were you in Tampa Florida?

A. Nine months.

Q. Then where did you move?

A. That is when I came home.

Q. You came home from Florida?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is your residence at the present time?

A. I live on Clearfield Street, Clearfield.

Q. Do you know the residence of your husband?

A. No I don't.

Q. Have you tried to find out?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Tampa Florida the last known place of his residence?

A. Yes.

Q. Where were you born?

A. Clearfield.

Q. And I presume you are a citizen of the United States?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you lived in Clearfield all your life except the time you were in Florida?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was your husband born?

A. I believe Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Q. Has he been raised in Clearfield County?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your age?

A. Twenty-six.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Right now I am unemployed.

Q. When you were employed what kind of work did you do?

A. I worked in a factory.

Q. What is the age of your husband?

A. Thirty.

Q. What is his occupation...if he works?

A. He worked in a factory for his father, when he worked.

Q. Were there any children born to this marriage?

A. One.

Q. What is the name of that one?

A. Robert Glenn Sharrer.

Q. When was he born?

A. December 21, 1956.

Q. He is therefore four (4) years of age?

A. That is right.

Q. You say you live with your parents, Mr. and Mrs. Witherite, is that right?

A. That is right.

Q. And is the residence at 213½ Clearfield Street, Clearfield?

A. That is right.

Q. And the boy lives with you at the home of your parents, is that right?

A. That is right.

Q. Is your husband in the Military Service?

A. No he isn't.

Q. Was he ever in the Military Service?

A. Yes he was.

Q. When was he discharged?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Was it before you married him?

A. Yes it was before I married him.

Q. You testified you were married May 13, 1956, how long was it before trouble started?

A. It was only about two weeks after we were married that he left and started drinking.

Q. Did he just drink occasionally or quite often?

A. Quite often. After the first couple weeks we were married, then it was every pay-day he would go out and drink?

Q. What would he do with his pay?

A. Spend it at bars and gamble.

Q. You say he gambled, too?

A. Yes he gambled.

Q. What kind of gambling did he do?

A. He played cards and .....

Q. Was he a winner or a loser?

A. He must have been a loser.

Q. Did he continue this drinking up to the time of your separation?

A. That is right.

Q. When did he leave you?

A. He left me in June.

Q. Of 1956?

A. No, 1959.

Q. At the time he left you, you were living in Tampa, Florida?

A. That is right.

Q. Then where did you go?

A. I came home.

Q. When you were living in Clearfield you say he drank too?

A. Yes he did.

Q. He drank in Tampa, Florida?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you try to get him away from drinking?

A. Yes, we tried many times to get him to stop. He was in Warren State Hospital to be helped, but he said he didn't want to be cured.

Q. Did you talk to anyone in Clearfield about him?

A. Yes, Guy Cowdrick was helping him.

Q. What kind of help?

A. He helped him to get into the AA and took him to Warren State Hospital.

Q. Did he accomplish anything with him?

A. No he didn't.

Q. When drunk what did he do that he didn't do when sober?

A. If we had company, he would insist that I go into the bedroom with him.

Q. When you had company, he would want you to leave and go into the bedroom with him, is that right?

A. That is right.

Q. Did that make it embarrassing for you?

A. Very embarrassing.

Q. Did he do this often or just occasionally?

A. Often, because he was drunk quite often.

Q. When he was drunk did he stay home or go away?

A. He left he would always go away.

Q. Would you know where he went?

A. No, not until he got into trouble or in jail then he would call his father, and his father would call me and tell me.

Q. Did you ever have him arrested for support?

A. No, I had a warrant out for his arrest, after about the fifth time, but we never found him.

Q. He was in jail several times?

A. Many times.

Q. Who would arrest him, would you?

A. No, I never did, it was always the police officers.

Q. Do you know what he was arrested for?

A. One time he come up a one-way street, another time he ran into a Judge, he hit people, caused fights, pulled a gun on one man, gambling, anything.

Q. What else did he do when he was drunk?

A. One time he ask me for an ash tray, and I gave it to him. It wasn't the right ash tray and he threw it at me, and it missed me and broke a window in our door. He ran his hand through a glass and shattered it all over.

Q. Would he work steady?

A. No, he would work a couple weeks get his pay and leave.

Q. When he got his pay, did he give you much of the pay for the home or what did he do with his money?

A. He would never give me any, he would go to the beer gardens.

Q. Did he drink a lot?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever try to convince him not to drink?

A. Yes, we tried to convince him that it would be a lot easier if he didn't drink, but he said he didn't want a family and that he wasn't going to stop drinking.

Q. You testified he was sent to Warren State Hospital?

A. No he wasn't sent there, he went on his own free will.

Q. What for?

A. Alcoholism.

Q. Did they cure him?

A. No, after about three months he wanted to come home.

Q. But in Warren they didn't help him?

A. No, he got liquor up there, he said some of them gave it to him.

Q. Did you talk to anyone in the Alcohol Anonymous about him?

A. Yes, we talked to Guy Cowdrick and Father Clark.

Q. Did Guy Cowdrick do anything with him?

A. Many times he would talk to him and go get him out of the bars, but Dick would go right back the next night.

Q. Did Guy Cowdrick spend lots of time with your husband?

A. Yes a lot of time.

Q. You said Father Clark tried to help him?

A. Yes, he would go to A A meetings with him, and got him to join the church, he thought that might help him. We joined the church and went a couple Sundays, but it didn't do any good.

Q. What else does he do when he is drunk?

A. He curses and swears at me.

Q. Does he use mean language?

A. Very mean.

Q. Would he make any remarks about your character when he was drunk?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you want to state what he said when he was drunk?

A. He would call me a whore, a bastard, slut, and just about everything.

Q. Did he call you names often?

A. Yes, he even called me names in front of our friends. It was very embarrassing.

Q. When he was drunk, did he force you to do anything?

A. Yes, he would force me to go to bed with him.

Q. Did that happen quite often?

A. Yes, when he would come home drunk he would.

Q. Did he make attacks on you at improper times?

A. Yes, when I was having my minstral period, he would insist I would, and if I didn't he would say that he would leave.

Q. You said he gambled, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he lose lots of money?

A. He would come home broke, so he must have lost a lot of money.

Q. Did he properly support you?

A. No he didn't.

Q. Were you a good and dutiful wife?

A. I thought I was, I tried to make a go of things. I took in ironings to feed my child. His parents helped us too, they brought things down, and would take me for groceries.

Q. You say his parents helped, and would bring food to the home?

A. Yes they did.

Q. Did they try to do something with their son?

A. Yes they would talk to him and give him money if he would try, but he wouldn't listen.

Q. Did he leave you in Florida?

A. Yes, he left on June 20, he was suppose to go to work that day.

Q. Did you come right home?

A. No, I waited until September on him, then my parents came to visit, and I came home with them.

Q. Then you lived in Clearfield?

A. Yes.

Q. How did this treatment affect you?

A. I was under weight and very nervous, and I went to Dr. Thorp. He gave me some medicine and told me that it would be better if I stayed at home away from Dick, because it was ruining my life and that I couldn't stand it much longer.

Q. Could you have stood it to live with him the way he was treating you?

A. No I couldn't.

Q. You were a good dutiful wife?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there an agreement between you and your husband to get this divorce?

A. No.

BY CARL A. BELIN, MASTER:

Q. Did you try to be a good dutiful wife?

A. Yes I did.

Q. What caused him to start drinking?

A. I don't know. When we went together before our marriage, we never drank. My mother thought it was me that caused him to start drinking, but his family said no that it wasn't me, that I didn't do anything to cause it. You see he had a dishonorable discharge from the Army and they thought maybe that worked on his mind and caused him to drink.

Q. You never gave him any cause for his conduct?

A. No, I never argued with him, I would walk away.

BY M. L. SILBERBLATT, ESQ.:

Q. Did I ask you the age of your husband?

A. Yes, thirty.

Q. Did this make you nervous?

A. Yes it did.

Q. Did you cry at times?

A. Yes I would.

Q. Did your sister try to console you?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it possible for you to live with him any longer?

A. No it wasn't.

DELLA CALDWELL, being duly sworn according to law testifies as follows:

BY M. L. SILBERBLATT, ESQ.:

Q. Your name is Della Caldwell?

A. Yes

Q. Are you a sister of Doris Ann Sharrer?

A. I am.

Q. Did you have occasion to go to her home while she was living with her husband?

A. Many times.

Q. Did you notice whether she was happy or not?

A. Very sad most of the time.

Q. Did you ever notice the way her husband treated her?

A. Very nasty most of the time.

Q. Did he ever use lovingly kind of language to her?

A. Not that I ever heard, but I wasn't there that much.

Q. What kind of language would he use when you were there?

A. He was always swearing.

Q. When home, was he drunk or sober?

A. Usually drunk.

Q. When he was drunk you say he was mean?

A. Right, very nasty.

Q. Did he treat your sister the way a husband should treat a wife?

A. He didn't treat her the way my husband treats me, which is very kind.

Q. You say she was a good and dutiful wife?

A. Yes.

Q. Did she try to make a happy home?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know of any agreement between the two to get this divorce?

A. No.

M. L. SILBERBLATT, ESQ., TO MRS. DORIS ANN SHARRER:

Q. Mrs. Sharrer is there anything else your husband did?

A. He wrote bad checks.

Q. Many of them?

A. Many of them.

Q. What happened then?

A. They would call and give him so much time to pay them, then the policemen come around to me to pay. If I couldn't pay they would arrest him.

Q. Did they arrest him?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you pay any ~~decks~~?

A. No, I didn't have the money, I took in ironings to feed my son.

BY CARL A. BELIN, MASTER:

Q. What was he arrested for?

A. Bad checks, tearing up bars, reckless driving, ran into a Judge. The F. B. I. are looking for him now.

Q. What for?

A. I don't know, my sister writes to me and she said the F. B. I. was looking for him. She didn't know what for. She said they were questioning people about him, and that they probably would be up here to question me.

Q. You know he is not in the Military Service?

A. Yes, he is not in the Military Service.

I, Sandra R. Pry, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the testimony taken before the Master, Carl A. Belin.

Sandra R. Pry

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

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DORIS ANN SHARRER } Of February Term, 19 61  
Plaintiff } No. 600  
VERSUS }  
RICHARD GLENN SHARRER }  
Defendant }  
DIVORCE

And Now, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 19 61, the  
report of the Master is acknowledged. We approve his findings and recommendations; except  
as to no exceptions

We, therefore, DECREE that DORIS ANN SHARRER be  
divorced and forever separated from the nuptial ties and bonds of matrimony heretofore con-  
tracted between herself and RICHARD GLENN SHARRER.  
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  
no exceptions

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 \_\_\_\_\_

DORIS ANN SHARRER

~~XXX~~  
her costs expended in this action.

ATTEST

W. J. Hagan  
Prothonotary

BY THE COURT

John J. Dugay  
President Judge

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**DECREE**