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Proceedings in Chancery before the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Lake and State of Ohio at a Term thereof begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Painesville in said County on the eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty four.

Be it Remembered that heretofore Marietta Harmon

to wit the thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight

William B Harmon Hundred and forty four Marietta

Harmon the Petitioner in the above entitled cause by her counsel Charles Wheeler filed in the Clerks Office of said Court the following Petition for Divorce which is in the

words and figures as follows, to wit,

Petition

In the Court of Common Pleas.

The State of Ohio Vacation before October Term AD1844

Lake County, ss. Petition for Divorce.

Your Petitioner Marietta Harmon

Marietta Harmon would represent ٧s unto your Honors that she has been a William B Harmon resident of the State of Ohio about nine

years and has resided in the County of Lake for the year last past before the filing of this petition, the said petition -er would further represent to your Honors that she was married to the said William B Harmon on or about the fifteenth day of March AD1835 in the Township of Perry in the County aforesaid, and that she lived with the said William B Harmon about two years during which time she had one child named Byron Harmon who is now about seven years old, that after the expiration of about two years living together the said William B Harmon went away from your Petitioner and the child and has never been [page 245]

back to see your Petitioner or her child that he has wholly neglected to provide any support for your Petitioner or her child that he the said William B Harmon has wholly aban--doned your Petitioner and child & has been absent more than six years. Your Petitioner has no knowledge of the place of resi--dence of said Harmon, but by report. Your Petitioner would ask your Honors to grant her alimony and the Guardianship of the said Byron . your petitioner would pray that the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said William B Harmon and your petitioner be forever dissolved – as in duty bound will Chas Wheeler Solicitor for Petitioner. ever pray.

Decree

And now at this Term of said Court that is to say at the Term thereof first aforesaid, this cause came on to be heard at this Term of this Court, and the Defendant not appearing and ans--wering said Petition the Court proceeded to hear and deter-

-mine the same, and it being made to appear to the Court that notice had been given of the pendency of said petition according to Law, and that the Defendant had been willfully absent more than six years next before the filing of said petition without ha--ving provided any support for the complainant and her child as set forth in said petition, the Court do order decree and adjudge that the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said William B Harmon and Marietta Harmon be forever dissolved between the parties, and that the said Marietta Har--mon have the sole and absolute Guardianship of the minor child Byron Harmon and that the said William B Harmon pay to the said Marietta Harmon the sum of two thousand and five Hundred Dollars, and the cost of this suit to be paid in sixty days and in default thereof that Execution issue to collect the same as upon judgments at Law. Petitioners costs taxed at six Dollars and thirty four cents. Defendants costs taxed at sixty one cents.