

Mary C. Latham

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The Evening Star, July 31, 1879, p. 4

Wants A Divorce

This morning, Mr. A.K. Browne, for Leonidas Latham, filed a bill for divorce from Mary C. Latham. The date of the marriage is not given, but it is set forth that there is one child by the marriage fourteen years of age; that they lived together until June 1877, when he separated from her on account of her reckless, extravagant and adulterous habits, but has frequently contributed since to her support; and he, on information, charges that since his separation -- on or about July 1st last -- she gave birth to a child.

The Evening Star, August 1, 1879, p. 4

A Wife Charged With Infidelity

Messrs. J.R. McConnell and A.K. Brown yesterday, for Leonidos Latham, filed a bill for divorce from his wife, Mary C. Latham. The parties were married in this District, and lived together until June, 1877, when he says he separated from her on account of her adulterous and extravagant habits. He further charges that since the separation the defendant has given birth to a child, the result of her adulterous practices with some party unknown to the complainant.

The Washington Post, August 1, 1879, p. 4

Leonidas' Tale of Woe

Leonidas Latham, by a suit entered yesterday in the Equity court, seeks to be divorced from his wife, Mary C. He has evidently forgotten the date of his marriage, for the spaces are left blank in the petition. They have one child, a boy of 14, who is now with his grandmother. The reckless and extravagant habits, and adulterous conduct of the defendant, for a long time, were such as to injure the plaintiff in his business reputation, thereby rendering his life a burden, and causing a separation between them in 1877. He further charges that a child was born to the defendant in July, 1879, of which he was not the father.

The Evening Star, August 14, 1879, p. 4

The Wife's Answer Filed In a Divorce Suit

In the divorce suit of Leonidas Latham against Mary C. Latham, commenced last week, an answer was filed yesterday. The defendant denies emphatically the charge of adultery, but charges that on June 3, 1877, the complainant wantonly and cruelly deserted her, and went to St. Louis with a divorced woman named Mary Seitz, and staid with her until July 1, 1877 in a state of adultery; that on his return to this city he remained with the defendant two days, and then returned to the other woman, with whom he lived for two weeks, leaving defendant then for six or seven months; that on February 4, 1878, he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Annie R. Turner, and occasionally visited the defendant. She asks only judicial separation and alimony.

The Washington Post, August 14, 1879, p. 4

Counter Charges of Adultery

A cross bill has been filed in the divorce suit of Leonidas against Mary C. Latham, commenced last week. The defendant denies emphatically the charge of adultery, but asserts that on June 3, 1877, the complainant wantonly and cruelly deserted her, and went to St. Louis with a divorced woman, named Mary Seitz, and staid with her until July 1, 1877, in a state of adultery. On his return to this city he remained with the defendant two days, and then returned to the other woman with whom he lived for two weeks, leaving her then for six or seven months. On February 4, 1878, he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Annie R. Turner, and occasionally visited the defendant. Two children were born to them during this intermittent period, and the custody of these the defendant desires. She does not ask for a divorce, that they may not have that stigma, but only judicial separation and alimony.

The National Republican, August 25, 1879, p. 4

In the case of Leonidas Latham against Mary Latham for divorce, Justice James passed an order in chambers last Saturday directing the plaintiff to pay \$50 counsel fees to the defendant's solicitor.

National Republican, August 27, 1879, p. 4

City Notes

In the suit of Leonidas Latham against Mary C. Latham for divorce and vice versa, the husband, through his counsel, A.K. Browne, esq., denies the allegations set up in the crossbill, and charges that she tried to commit an abortion upon herself to conceal the consequences of adulterous practices.

The Evening Star, August 27, 1879, p. 4

Divorce Cases

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In the suit of Mary C. Latham agt. Leonidas Latham the husband yesterday, by Mr. A.K. Browne, filed an answer. He denies her allegations as to his having committed adultery with one Mary Seitz, and charges that he is not the father of his wife's youngest child, and that she expended large sums of money to hide her shame.

The Evening Star, December 8, 1879, p. 4

Equity Court – Judge MacArthur

... Latham agt. Latham; alimony of \$25 per month ordered ...

The Evening Star, October 10, 1887, p. 1

Recent Robberies

Mary C. Latham, No. 450 New Jersey avenue reports the larceny of \$10 worth of clothing. ...

The Evening Star, October 22, 1887, p. 4

A Dishonest Servant

Lizzie Armstead, colored, aged 22 years, made it a practice to hire out as a servant, and on obtaining employment stayed only long enough to get the run of a house, when she would rob it. This was the way she treated Mrs. Mary C. Latham, whom she robbed of \$30 worth of clothing, which Detectives Horne and Wheeler recovered. She stopped at Mrs. Abram's house, on G street, for one night, and on

leaving she stole from Mary Brooks, a servant there, a sum of money. In the same way she stole \$4 from the house of Mr. Sterling Massingale. At Mr. Oliver G. Waters's house she stole \$35 worth of lady's clothing. She was committed to jail by Judge Snell yesterday for a hearing.

Latham. Suddenly, on Thursday, February 17, 1916, at 12 p.m., Mary C. Latham. Funeral Monday, February 21, 3 p.m., from 717 North Carolina avenue. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment at Congressional cemetery.