

STATE OF ILLINOIS. }  
Effingham COUNTY. } SS.

The People of the State of Illinois, to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting :

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON *Ada Hughes*

if *She* shall be found in your County, personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court of said *Effingham* County, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the Court House in *Effingham* in said County, on the *3<sup>rd</sup>* *Monday* day of *March* A. D. 189*9*, to answer unto *Joseph Hughes*

in *his* certain bill of complaint for *Divorce* filed in said Court, on the Chancery side thereof.

And have you then and there this writ, with an endorsement thereon in what manner you shall have executed the same.

WITNESS, *Henry Heberich* Clerk of our said Court, and the seal thereof; at *Effingham* this *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *March*, A.D. 189*9*

*Henry Heberich* Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk.

State of Illinois }  
Effingham County } ss

In Circuit Court  
March Term, 1899

Joseph Hughes }  
vs. }  
Ada Hughes }

Bill for Divorce  
Decree

And now on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1899 being  
- one of the judicial days of said term of said  
- court. this cause having come on to be heard  
upon the bill of complaint filed herein  
and it appearing to the court from the return  
of the sheriff of said county ~~by~~ the summons  
issued herein that the defendant had been  
duly served with process more than ten  
days prior to the first day of the present  
term of this court, and said defendant  
having been three times called in open  
court to plead, answer or demur to com-  
plainant's bill, came not but herein  
made default, and the court having ordered  
that said bill of complaint and the matter  
and things therein alleged be taken as  
confessed, and having heard the testimony  
of witness produced, sworn and examined in  
open court, and having heard the arguments  
of counsel, and being fully advised ~~of~~ in the  
premises the court finds that it has jurisdiction  
of the parties and of the subject matter of this  
suit, that all the material allegations in  
said bill are true. That the defendant has  
willfully deserted and absented herself from

the complainant without any reasonable cause for the space of more than two years next prior to the commencement of this suit, and that the defendant has committed adultery ~~and~~ subsequent to her marriage with the complainant, and that she is a person unfit to have the care, custody, control or education of children.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the marriage between the complainant and defendant be dissolved and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly and the parties are and each of them is freed from the obligations thereof.

It is further ordered and decrees that the complainant, have the care, custody and control and education of the children in complainant's bill named, without any interference on the part of the defendant, and that complainant pay the costs of this proceeding.