

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
County of Christian, } ss.

In the Circuit Court, In Chancery

To the November Term, A. D. 1922

Ruth Picchiani

vs.

Anthony Picchiani

DECREE FOR DIVORCE

And now in this day, the same being the one of the judicial day of the present term of this Court, comes the said complainant by J. A. Merry his solicitor, no one appearing for the defendant Anthony Picchiani, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court here, from the writ issued herein to the sheriff of Christian County, Illinois, and the return thereon, that the defendant Anthony Picchiani has been regularly served with process herein, at least ten days prior to the first day of the present term of this Court.

And it further appearing to the Court, from the return of the writ issued herein to the County of Christian that the said defendant cannot be found; and it further appearing to the Court here, from the affidavit on file, that said defendant Anthony Picchiani is not a resident of the State of Illinois, and that his last place of residence is 204-9th ave New York City N.Y. and on due inquiry cannot be found, and that due notice of the pendency of this suit has been given by publication for at least four weeks successively, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided by notice in the Daily Courier a public newspaper, printed and published in Christian County, Illinois, the first insertion having been made on the 27 day of Sept A. D. 1921, at least forty days prior to the first day of the present term of this Court, and by mailing a notice thereof to the address of the defendant, within ten days of the first publication of said notice, at

204-9th ave New York City N.Y.

And this cause coming on now to be heard:

IT IS ORDERED that the said defendant be called, and having been three times solemnly called in open Court to plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill the said defendant came not, nor any one for him, but makes default;

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, that said complainant's bill be taken for confessed by the said

Anthony Picchiani

~~Upon the bill of the complainant, and the answer of the said defendant filed herein and thereto, and the replication of the complainant to said answer filed;~~

~~And the said.....having demanded that this cause be tried by a jury, it is ordered that a jury be called. Whereupon comes a jury of twelve good and lawful men, to-wit:~~

~~who were selected and sworn to try the issue herein, viz: whether the defendant.....~~

~~in manner and form as charged in said complainant's bill.~~

And the *Court*.....having heard the evidence offered by the respective parties, and the argument of the counsel, and.....

~~and~~ being now sufficiently advised and satisfied in the premises, finds the issues for the *Complainant* and finds that the complainant has been a resident of the State of Illinois for more than one year immediately preceding the date of the commencement of this suit..... *and the Court further finds that said Defendant Anthony Pichiani has been guilty of habitual drunkenness for more than two years subsequent to his intermarriage with the complainant here and prior to the filing of this suit herein*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the complainant and the defendant be dissolved, and that all the duties, rights and obligations accruing to the complainant and the defendant by reason of said marriage shall cease and determine, and the said parties be at liberty to again marry, in like manner, as though said marriage had never existed.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that.....

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, by the Court, that the ~~said~~  
*Ruth Picchiani* have the care, custody, control and education  
of the children of the said *Anthony Picchiani* and  
*Ruth Picchiani* to-wit:

*Anthony Picchiani Jr*

without any interference on the part of the said *Anthony Picchiani Sr*  
*Defendant* until the further order of this Court.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, that the  
.....be allowed to resume her maiden name of  
.....the same as if said marriage had never existed.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED,

to-wit:.....

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the said *Anthony Picchiani Sr Defendant*  
pay all the costs of this proceeding within *60* days from date, and that in default  
thereof execution may issue.

The foregoing decree examined and approved in open Court, this.....day  
of.....A. D. 192.....

CIRCUIT COURT

*November* Term, 192*2*

VS.

DECREE FOR DIVORCE

Filed this *27* day of

*November* A. D. 192*2*

*James Hunter*  
Clerk.

Solicitor.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY } ss.

I James Hunter, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County of  
Christian, in the State of Illinois, and keeper of the records and seal of said Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true, perfect and complete copy of Decree for Divorce

in a certain cause lately pending in said court on the Chancery

<sup>side</sup>  
said thereof, wherein

Ruth Picchiani  
was Complainant  
and  
Anthony Picchiani  
was Defendant

as the same appears from the records and files in said Court in my office remaining.

In testimony whereof, I have thereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of said Court at Taylorville, this 29 day of December

A. D. 1922

James Hunter Clerk.

**JAMES HUNTER**  
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder  
Christian County  
TAYLORVILLE, ILL.