

Married Life With Owen Moore



The Ugly Little Court House in Minden, Nevada, Where Mary Pickford Told the Story of Her

Matrimonial Misery and Was Given Her Divorce. The Sheriff Is Sitting Cowboy Style on His Horse. In This Same Court the Attorney General of Nevada Has Now Started Proceedings to Revoke the Divorce.

myself went to the desk for our keys and he looked at my mother and said, "Where is she staying?" and I said, "With us," and before five bell boys he said that he didn't wish it, and so the night clerk and the elevator boys all heard him, and I asked him to lower his voice and he said he didn't care about anybody. So he came upstairs and said that I could get my things and go. "No," he said, "I will get my things and go. In fact, the two of you can go to Hell." Finally he came home at daybreak, and we had the two bedrooms, and he retired to the bedroom and locked himself in and went to sleep.

Q—Then when did you see him again after that?

A—Well, he refused to take me to dinner and I couldn't go unescorted downstairs, and he came in and was dressing, and I said "I will be ready in just a minute." "No," he said, "you can stay here." And he went downstairs and left me.

Q—Did he leave you on that occasion for any length of time.

A—No, sir.

Q—Well, when after that did he leave you?

A—Well, just before I returned to Los Angeles, and I told him that I wanted him to come with me.

Q—When was this?

A—In April, 1917. He said that it was a good thing that my business called me west as he was happier without me and that I might find him morbid and that I needn't try to come back to him.

Q—Did you talk to him?

A—It was absolutely no use.

Q—Where did you go then?

A—To my work in California.

Q—What did you do in the way of corresponding with him?

A—I wrote him and wired him.

Q—What was the tenor of your letters?

A—Asking him to return.

Q—The fact that he had left you on various occasions, and notwithstanding that fact, you still loved him?

A—Yes.

Q—And your letters were loving?

A—Yes.

Q—And you attempted to induce him to come to you?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—What did you do following that?

A—Nothing.

Q—When, if at all, did you see him after that?

A—A friend of mine told me that he was in the city. This was in the Summer, 1917, and she said that my husband had been there two weeks at the Alexandria, so I called up the Alexandria and he answered the phone and I asked him to come to dinner. I was then living with my mother and he said he would but he did not come, so finally he did come up to the house and I asked him to stay with us or else I would go to the Alexandria. He said no, and that he was very happy and said that a bachelor's life was fitted for him.

Q—How long did you continue to live together at Beverlyhill?

A—We stayed two weeks. He quarreled with me all of that time, and one morning he came to the room and was packing his things and said he was going back to New York. He said that he wasn't going to stand any of this nonsense any longer. "This is the end," I talked to him all of that morning but he wouldn't listen to me. So he got on the train and left.

Q—Have you done anything since that to induce him to return to you?

A—Yes, I have sent him presents, written to him and telegraphed him.

Q—Has he responded?

A—No, sir.

Q—That was during the early part of the year 1917. He has never acknowledged your presents nor your tokens?

A—No, sir.

Q—And your inducements and protestations of love have failed to bring him back?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Where do you live?

A—At Genoa, Nevada.

Q—At what place in Genoa?

A—Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell's ranch.

Q—When did you first come here?

A—The 15th day of February.

Q—Have you any other residence?

A—No.

Q—It is your intention to make Nevada your residence?

A—Yes.

Q—State how it was you came there to live.

A—Christmas time I had a nervous breakdown and the doctor said I needed a change of climate and I had heard of this region and the country around Lake Tahoe, and I asked my manager to seek a place for me. He is a friend of Judge McCarran's, a Mr. Bach, and I wanted a little place where I could attend to my work and rest and Judge McCarran did look for a house for me, but upon my arrival I found it was too small.

Q—Do you know whether or not your manager authorized me to purchase a home for you?

A—Yes.

Q—And those negotiations, so far as you

know, have not as yet been carried out?

A—No, sir.

Q—Your home and residence, permanent residence, so far as you know at the present time, is at Genoa?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Have you been out of Douglas County since your arrival?

A—No, sir.

Q—State whether or not it is your intention to make this your permanent residence.

A—It is.

Q—Your mother, is she with you?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And what is her name?

A—Mrs. Charlotte Smith.

Q—Mrs. Moore, did you by any means know of the coming of your husband into this State?

A—No, sir.

Q—Did you make any arrangements whereby he was to come into this State?

A—No, sir.

Q—When did you first learn that he was in this State?

A—My manager told me Mr. Moore was coming to Nevada to look for a coal mine for one of his pictures.

Q—And did he mention any place that your husband might be going to?

A—Yes, he said something about Virginia City.

QUESTION BY THE JUDGE—Do you know where there are coal mines in Virginia City? You mean gold mines.

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—Yes, gold mines.

QUESTION BY LAWYER MCCARRAN—What, if anything, did you do on hearing that he might come into this State?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—Why, I telephoned you and informed you.

Q—Did you see Mr. Moore?

A—No, sir.

Q—Would you know his signature if you saw it?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—I hand you the original summons issued out of this court, in the case of GLADYS M. MOORE vs. OWEN E. MOORE, and ask you if you find your husband's signature on that instrument?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Do you recognize his signature there?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—I hand you an instrument entitled "Power of Attorney," attached to the answer in this action, and ask you if you find your husband's signature on that instrument?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Is that his signature, OWEN E. MOORE?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Mrs. Moore, looking back now over all the instances that may have been in your married life, state to the court whether you believe it possible for a reconciliation to be brought about?

A—No, sir.

Q—Mr. Moore, so far as you testified, would remain true to his statement that he wanted to be a bachelor?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—He desired to be free from all restraints and responsibilities?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—During all of your married life you supported yourself?

A—Yes, sir.

LAWYER MCCARRAN—I think that is all. Does the Court care to question?

QUESTION BY THE JUDGE—Did you have anything to do with the appearance of Mr. Moore in this vicinity?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—No, sir.

QUESTION BY LAWYER MCCARRAN—You didn't see your husband and didn't see him in this State?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—No, sir.

Q—And your only knowledge was the information that he might come into this State for the purpose of finding a location for the taking of pictures?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And on being informed that he was coming into the State, you advised your attorney?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—State whether or not you asked me if he did come into the State, whether I could do anything in the way of serving him?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Well, did you hear of his being in Douglas County?

A—Yes.

Q—Through whom?

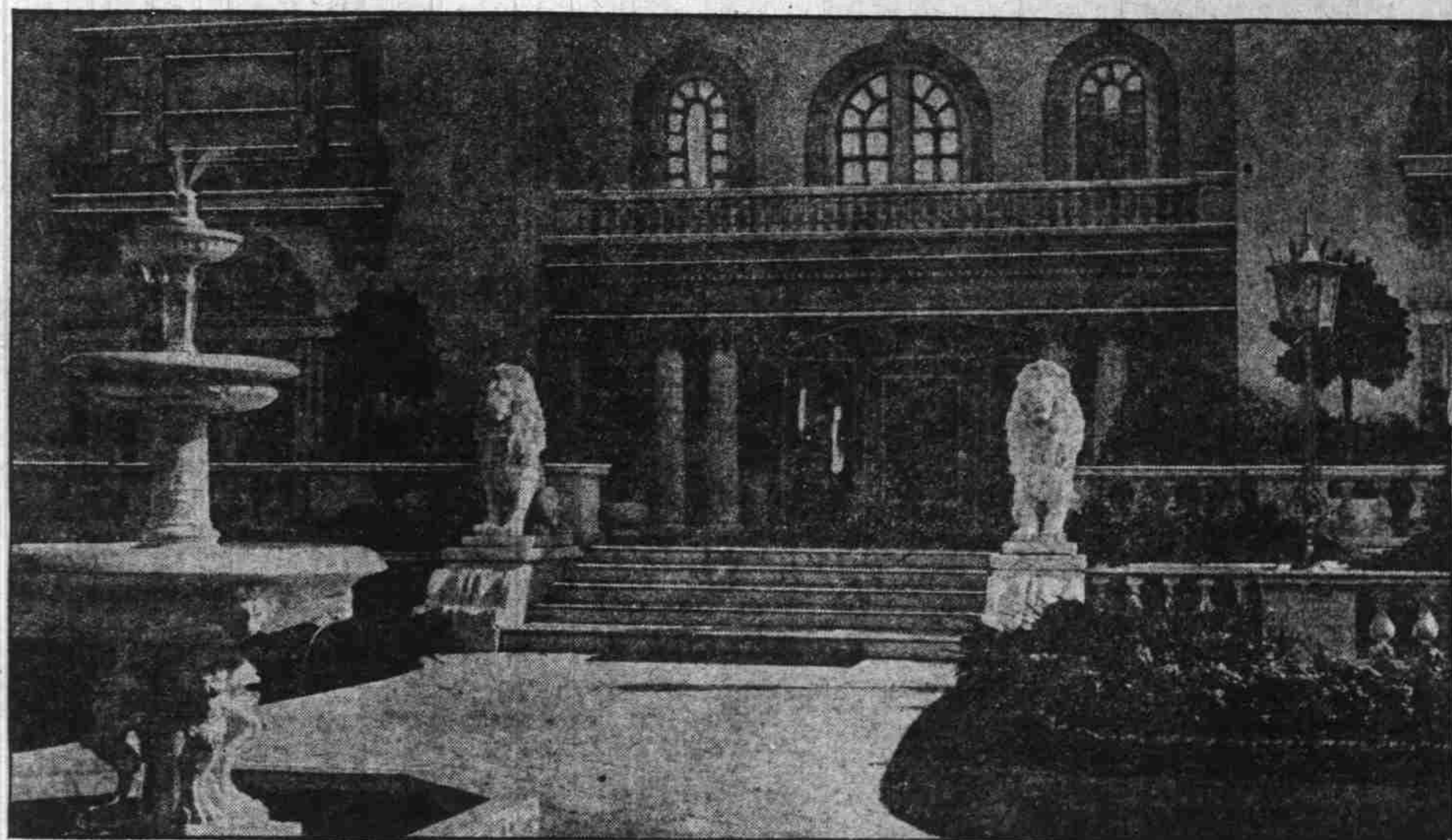
A—Through you.

Q—State whether or not it was after that you signed and verified your complaint.

A—Yes.

Q—I want to have you very clear on this. No arrangements were made between yourself and your husband whereby he was to come into this State?

A—No, sir.



Mary Pickford's Home in Los Angeles, Where She Is Living With Her New Husband, Douglas Fairbanks.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY JUDGE LANGAN.

QUESTION BY JUDGE LANGAN—When last, before the time you came into the State of Nevada, did you see your husband?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—I saw him in the studio and spoke to him and walked out.

Q—When was that?

A—When he first came to California, and later on I was sitting in my machine and he passed by and tipped his hat and walked off.

Q—When was it that you determined to stay in Nevada?

A—When the doctor told me that I needed a change.

Q—And when was that?

A—That was at Christmas, about two weeks after.

Q—It was about Christmas time that your physician in California advised you to seek a dry climate?

A—Yes, sir. He said that I should take a rest.

Q—How was it that you determined to come into this State?

A—Well, I had heard around California and from friends in San Francisco about the region around Lake Tahoe, and they said that it had done them a lot of good, so I determined that it would be good for my health and my mother's. Mother has been suffering from rheumatism.

Q—Did you ever at any time inform Mr. Moore, either directly or indirectly, of the fact that you intended to come to this State?

A—No, sir.

Q—Have you ever, directly or indirectly, had any understanding with Mr. Moore that you should come into the State of Nevada, and after being here, that he should come into this State, and that you should institute divorce proceedings and have him served with papers?

A—No, sir.

Q—How and under what circumstances did you make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell?

A—Through my manager, who is a friend of Judge McCarran's.

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Q—And what is the name of your manager?

A—Mr. O'Brien.

Q—You have spoken several times of your company. What is your work?

A—Engaged in motion pictures.

Q—You have been engaged in that work for some time?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Is it your purpose and intention to remain in the State of Nevada as a resident and particularly in the County of Douglas?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Is it your purpose to build here?

A—Well, if I can find a place to suit me I will.

Q—Do you recall at this time the date you left California to come into this State?

A—We left California on the 13th day of February.

Q—Did your husband know of your coming at that time?

A—No, sir.

Q—When was it, Mrs. Moore, that you learned through your manager that Mr. Moore was within Douglas County?

A—Well, I heard Saturday.

Q—Last Saturday?

A—Yes.

Q—What date was that?

A—The 28th of February.

Q—Your manager was in this county at that time?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And he informed you that he was in Douglas County?

A—You see, we work in the same studio and one of the members of his company was going to seek a mining location and communicated that information to my manager.

Q—Do you know as to the whereabouts of Mr. Moore at the present time?

A—No, sir.

Q—And it was on the 28th of February that you learned he was in this county?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Did you make any efforts to see him?

A—No, sir.

Q—What information did you receive from your manager as to the reason of Mr. Moore being in this section of the country?

A—He said that he was looking for a gold mine and that he was seeking a mining location for his next picture and that he was going to Nevada.

Q—Is he manager of the studio, himself?

A—No, sir, just an interest.

Q—Has he any interest in any studio in which you have an interest?

A—No, sir, simply that his company is renting a space in the same company, and he might be there a year without my seeing him.

Q—How long have you been at this work?

A—Eleven years.

Q—You were married in 1911?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And at that time you were seven years of age?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Your married life has been very unhappy?

A—Very unhappy.

Q—Don't you think there is a possible chance of effecting a reconciliation between yourself and your husband?

A—No, sir.

Q—None whatever?

A—No, sir.

Q—Do you recall at this time when it was that you had your last conversation with Mr. Moore?

A—Yes. He telephoned me and said that he had something very important to see me about.

Q—When was that?

A—More than a year ago. He had then been in Los Angeles for months and I was very happy over it. Our conversation was according to a business deal, and I said that I didn't believe in it.

Q—Was it about a year ago?

A—Over a year ago, and I asked him how he liked living a single life and he said that he was very enthused over it.

Q—And he simply called on you at your home and talked over some business matters?

A—Yes.

Q—Is your mother with you constantly?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Lives at your home?

A—I live at her house.

A—Of course I have never been to Virginia City, and they said he was looking for a gold mine and that he was seeking a mining location for his next picture and that he was going to Nevada.

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QUESTION BY LAWYER MCCARRAN—That last instance that you just referred to, Judge, was it at Los Angeles?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—Yes, sir.

QUESTION BY THE JUDGE—Has your husband been in this work for some time?

ANSWER BY MARY PICKFORD MOORE—Yes, sir.

Q—He has been engaged in this work ever since 1911?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And you have worked together?

A—Yes, off and on.

Q—But not since you have been separated, not since the month of April, 1917?