

In the High Court of Justice
Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division
(DIVORCE)

Harlington Charlotte Elizth

v

Harlington Wm

COURT MINUTES

Petition Filed - 30 Jan 1885
Decree Nisi - 23 April 1885
Final Decree - 12 Janry 1886

*Before the Honorable SIR CHARLES PARKER BUTT, Knight, one of the Justices of the High Court,
sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, in the County of Middlesex.*

On the 23rd day of April 1885, the Judge having taken oral evidence of the Petitioner and of Witnesses . . . the Respondent not appearing . . . pronounced that the Petitioner had sufficiently proved the contents of the said Petition, and decreed that the Marriage solemnised on 22nd day of August 1872 at the Parish Church in Drypool in the County of York between Charlotte Elizabeth Harlington, then Charlotte Elizabeth Billham, spinster, the Petitioner, and William Harlington, the Respondent, be dissolved by reason that since the celebration thereof the said Respondent has been guilty of Adultery coupled with cruelty towards his wife, the said Charlotte Elizabeth Harlington, the Petitioner.

Extracts from the Affidavit in support of the Petition, filed 30 Jan 1885:-

That after the said marriage I lived and cohabited with the said William Harlington at Canal Lane, Thorne . . . but there has been no issue of the said marriage.

That the said William Harlington has treated me with great unkindness and cruelty and has used threats towards me and has struck, beat and otherwise assaulted me

That on an occasion in the month of June 1873 the said William Harlington struck me and turned me out of the house.

That on an occasion in the month of August 1873 the said William Harlington struck me in the mouth knocking two of my teeth out.

That on an occasion in the month of September 1873 the said William Harlington threw a pair of boots at me which struck me.

I am informed and believe that my said husband has frequently committed adultery with one Esther Rawbottom.