Samuel George Read
vrs. Laura A. Read

Divorce filed 21 May 1866

Probate Court for County of Great Salt Lake, Territory of Utah
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The plaintiff in the case, Samuel Read, a resident of Great Salt Lake city in said county humbly complaining shewist unto the court, that on the day of 1861 he and the Defendant Laura A. Read formerly Gibbs were legally married in said city by Bishop Thomas Callister and that he and the said Laura A. have lived together as husband and wife from the time of their marriage as aforesaid, till the present that the fruits of said marriage has been one child Laura Maria Read born August 22d 1863; that in consequence of the incompatibility of their tempers, he and his said wife have not always lived together in that peace and happiness so desirable and essential to the enjoyment of life and etc. Complainant has become has become satisfied that he and his said wife cannot live together in peace and harmony that their welfare and happiness and particularly that of petitioner requires that they should be separated. He therefore prays that a decree of said court may be made dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between him and the said Defendant and that such just and equitable division of their property may be made as justice may seem to demand on the investigation of the case by the court which he prays may be at an early day. Samuel Read
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of May 1866. E. Smith
Judge of said court.

This case came on for hearing in the Probate Court for said county in the March term of said court for the year 1866. To wit, on the 24th day of May 1866, upon the petition of Samuel Read , plaintiff and upon the investigation thereof, it was fully and satisfactorily made to appear that the facts alleged in plaintiffs petition were true, that the said parties could not live together in peace and union as husband and wife, and that their welfare and happiness required they should be separated from each other. Therefore after hearing the evidence in the case and being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered and decreed by the court, that the bonds of matrimony heretofor existing between the said Samuel Read and Laura A. Read formerly Gibbs, be and the same are hereby forever dissolved. It is further ordered and adjudged by the court that the said Laura A. as per agreement, and consent of Plaintiff shall have and retain in addition to her individual wearing apparel, her beds and bedding and the household and kitchen furniture, the division or distribution of the remainder of their property and disposition of their infant child, Laura Maria Read, to be as has been agreed upon or may hereafter be amended by and between the said parties, or as may be hereafter legally determined and that plaintiff pay costs of suit.

Researched by: Robert Larsen