* **Pryor and Eliza Marry Divorce and Marry Again**

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Due to the fact my family had several land transactions with the Hines family, I began to research them in an effort to determine if they are any relation to me. While researching Pryor and Eliza Hines Stansberry, I noticed there were two marriage dates. Finding that a bit odd, and possibly a mistake, I looked into it further. I looked to the Knox County Divorce records for clues. Sure enough, I found a divorce. I immediately noticed in the comments that one of my relatives was listed in the comments section. Since I don't know of a familial connection to the Hines or Stansberry families at this point, I wondered what Mahala Porterfield had to do with their divorce. Knowing that in those days divorces were not allowed without just cause, I had to go and read the file. Here is what I found. I apologize in advance for any embrassment this may cause to people who are related, but the truth is the truth, and we all have skeletons in our family closets.

Stansberry, Eliza B Hines  vs  Stansberry, Pryor L

Docket: 8851/6686 Court: Circuit -1

  Comment: MB 13, page 614; EB 9, pages 9-11; Deft + Mahala Porterfield

Stansberry divorce details...

Married 16 Sep 1852. On 1 Oct 1859, Eliza Hines Stansberry filed for divorce because her husband, Pryor Stansberry, struck her with his hand and a stick. He also committed frequent adultry with Mahala Porterfield. Upon testimonies of the witnesses, the complaints were found to be true, and the divorce granted.

Eliza's Statement: She lived as a dutiful wife until she went to visit her sister 22 Aug 1859. Before that time, her husband had cursed her, treated her rudely, and beat her with his hand as well as a stick. He went to her sister's to retrieve her and she refused to leave with him. He also repeatedly committed adultry with Mahala Porterfield, thereby breaking his marriage vows.

Witnesses Summoned: James N Monday, William Monday, Mary Monday, S Hines, Adiline Julian, Jacob W Payne, Nancy Swaggerty, Samuel Monday, Charles Monday, Biddy Monday, Wesley Dykes, Jefferson Griffin, Robert Bridges, T Bridges, Fanny Wade (her sister), Lucy Ferguson (her sister), Reese Widner (her brother-in-law), Richard E Walker (her brother-in-law), and Harriet Widner (sister of Reese Widner) (the best I could read them)



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