

# SUIT FOR DIVORCE BY JESSE R. GRANT

The General's Youngest Son,  
at Goldfield, Asks Freedom  
Because of Desertion.

**G**OLDFIELD (Nev.), July 23.—Jesse R. Grant, youngest son of the great General, filed suit for divorce in the District Court this morning. Grant has resided in Goldfield for over six months, and has made many friends in the camp during his residence here.

The complaint is a brief document and states that Jesse R. Grant and Elizabeth Chapman Grant were married at San Francisco on September 21, 1880; that there are two children, a son and daughter, both of full legal age, and that there is no community property. The ground on which divorce is asked is simple desertion.

Society received something of a surprise yesterday when news came from Nevada that Jesse Root Grant had brought suit for divorce from Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman Grant. Although the Grants have not lived together for several years, a separation has never been hinted at, and even Mrs. Grant's most intimate friends were unaware that proceedings for a divorce were to begin. Grant has made his home in Goldfield for the last six months, where he has been following his profession as a mining engineer.

The Grants have two children, the eldest of whom, Mrs. John Piggott Cronan (Miss Nell Grant) was a popular belle in the local smart set. Her engagement to the dashing naval officer was announced in the "Chronicle" last April, and her wedding was scheduled for the first week of June, but on the arrival of Lieutenant-Commander Cronan on May 15th they went immediately to the County Clerk, procured a license and were married without even notifying her mother. Her father did not come to California for the wedding. Since her marriage Mrs. Cronan has made her home at Newport, where her husband is stationed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman Grant was a daughter of an old pioneer family which helped to settle the San Joaquin valley.

Jesse Root Grant is the youngest son of General Ulysses Grant and a brother of Ulysses S. Grant Jr., whose marital affairs have attracted so much attention of late, and also of the late General Frederick Dent Grant and Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris.

Mrs. Jesse R. Grant, who resides with her son at 3701 Washington street, was surprised last night when she heard that her husband had entered suit in Goldfield for a divorce.

"I am surprised that he should charge me with desertion," she said. "I never left my children or my home except to go to him, and if there has been any desertion it is on his part.

"The separation dated almost from the time of our marriage thirty years ago. Since that time he has been away on mining business in many parts of the world. I led a nomadic existence, going with him to Mexico, to New York and to many different places, where he had business interests. Mr. Grant has known that I am here. He has not seen fit to come here. It has been two years since I have seen him. I do not know whether or not I shall fight the divorce complaint."

Mrs. Grant is a daughter of the late William S. Chapman, who was a well-known real estate dealer here. Chapman Grant, the son, who is living with his mother, is a graduate of Williams College, Massachusetts.