

MRS. ANGIER B. DUKE ASKS FOR A DIVORCE

**Suit Is Filed at Philadelphia, but
Attorneys and Family Re-
fuse to Discuss It.**

COUPLE SEPARATED IN 1918

**Marriage of Miss Cordelia Biddle at
Age of 17 Was an Outstanding
Society Event of 1915.**

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—Mrs. Cordelia Biddle Duke filed a suit for divorce yesterday from Angier Buchanan Duke, from whom she has been separated since December, 1918.

Nothing concerning the grounds on which the suit is based could be learned here today from the attorneys representing Mrs. Duke. Members of the Biddle family would not discuss the suit for publication.

The filing of Mrs. Duke's application for a divorce has long been expected. It was known generally in society in Philadelphia and New York before their separation in 1918 that the couple did not get along well together and the institution of divorce proceedings is no surprise, but merely the foreseen culmination of events.

Mrs. Duke is the daughter of Major and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle. Her husband is the son of Benjamin N. Duke, the wealthy founder of the American Tobacco Company.

At present Mrs. Duke and her mother are living in Atlantic City, where they plan to stay until the action, entered yesterday in Common Pleas Court by John C. Bell, comes up for hearing. Mr. Duke is in New York.

The Duke-Biddle marriage, celebrated in Holy Trinity Church in 1915, was one of the outstanding society events of the year. The bride was 17 years old.

Two sons, Angier Jr. and Anthony Drexel Biddle Duke, are living with their mother.

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