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April 'man'
or woman?
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judge

A HIGH COURT judge was today being asked to decide whether 34-year-old ex-model April Ashley—formerly merchant seaman George Jamieson until an operation—was a man or a woman at the time of her marriage.

The Hon. Arthur Corbett, who married Miss Ashley in September 1963, in Gibraltar, is seeking a decree of nullity on the ground that Miss Ashley was a male at the time of the marriage.

She is defending the petition and claims she was a woman at the time.

She is also seeking a decree of nullity. The ex-model, wearing white, knee-length boots and dark glasses, sat at the front of the court, as her husband's counsel, Mr. Joseph Jackson, QC, opened the case.

Mr. Corbett is the 49-year-old son and heir of Lord Rowallan, former Chief Scout.

The hearing is expected to last two weeks.