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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

JOSEPH G. HUFFMAN,

Appellant,

v.

ELIZABETH ANN HUFFMAN,

Appellee.

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Appeal from Crawford District Court - George F. Davis, Judge.

Appeal from order granting modification of visitation provisions in decree of divorce. Affirmed.

L. V. Gilchrist, Denison, for appellant.

R. E. Franck, of Raun, Franck, Mundt & Nepper, Denison, for appellee.

Submitted to Allbee, C.J., and Donielson, Snell, Oxberger and Carter, JJ.

PER CURIAM

Joseph G. Huffman appeals from modification of the visitation provisions of a divorce decree entered on May 2, 1967. These parties have already been before the supreme court on one occasion to contest the refusal of the district court to modify custody. Huffman v. Huffman, 176 N.W.2d 859 (Iowa 1970).

The principles governing the disposition of this appeal are set out in In re Marriage of Melton, 256 N.W.2d 200, 205 (Iowa 1977) and Donovan v. Donovan, 212 N.W.2d 451, 453 (Iowa 1973). Trial court's disposition of the case was entirely justified.

We have considered York v. York, 246 Iowa 132, 67 N.W.2d 28 (1954) and have reached the conclusion that it does not control the present case. York's result was predicated on the principle which remains the overriding consideration in visitation questions: the best interests of the child. Rule 14(f)(15), Rules of Appellate Procedure. Since York the supreme court has, on numerous occasions, recognized that those interests generally require a continuing association with both parents. See, e.g., In re Marriage of Morton, 244 N.W.2d 819, 822 (Iowa 1976). Such is the case here. Trial court's modification order merely assures the continuance of a worthwhile mother-daughter relationship. See Remsburg v. Remsburg, 180 N.W.2d 461, 463 (Iowa 1970). The modification order cannot be construed as creating split custody. Cf. Green v. Sherman, 173 N.W.2d 843 (Iowa 1970). Nor is this a case where a resident custodial parent will be exposed to the possibility of "interstate bickering" over custody because of trial court's order, a significant consideration in York. 246 Iowa at 142, 67 N.W.2d at 34.

AFFIRMED.