

1870-01

Southampton County - Chancery

Washington, Gardner vs Washington, Ada

Deed

Washington
vs 3 Billfordville
Washington

1870 September Rules

Prince H. G.
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To the Hon: Geo: Blows - Judge of the Circuit Court
for the County of Southampton in Chancery.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor,
your orator, Gordon Washington that during
the year 186 he intermarried with Ado
and since that time has been to her
a constant, faithful & dutiful husband.
His wife, on the other hand has been unfaith-
ful & inconstant and some time during
the year 186 - gave birth to a child that
was one half white, of which your orator
could not have been the father, from
the fact that he is a full blooded African,
and his wife a mulatto. The only property
owned by your orator & his wife is some
little household & kitchen furniture. Your
orator further states that he has children
by his wife..

In tender consideration of all which and
inasmuch as your orator is without remedy
in the premises, save in a Court of Equity
where matters of this kind are peculiarly
cognizable: to the end therefore that justice
may be done: he prays that Ado
Washington may be made a party
defendant to this bill and compelled to
answer the allegations thereof - That your
orator may be entirely divorced from her
and the marriage be dissolved. And
for such other & general relief as Equity
may dictate & the nature of his case

may require. And as in duty bound
your orator will ever pray or May it
pleas the Court &c-

Pruned pgs.

Southampton County Twelfth

This - day of September 1870
Eudwyn Washington personally appeared
before me, Jno: N. Sebrall, a Commissioner in
Chancery for the County aforesaid and
made oath that all the allegations in the
foregoing bill stated as coming within
his own knowledge, he knows to be true and
all others resting upon the information
of others, he believes to be true. Given
under my hand this day of Sept 1870.

The Deposition of Isaac Ridley taken before me, J. St. Sebrell one of the Commissioners in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, pursuant to a notice hereto annexed, at my Office in the Town of Jerusalem, on the 31st day of October 1890 between the hours of 6 Am. and 6 P.M. to be read as evidence in behalf of Goodwyn Washington in a certain suit in Chancery pending in the said Circuit Court of Southampton County wherein Goodwyn Washington is Plaintiff and Ada Washington is Defendant.

Isaac Ridley being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and saith as follows—

1st Question by Plaintiff's Counsel—Do you know Goodwyn Washington & Ada Washington, and how long have you known them?

Ans—Yes I know them both, I have known Goodwyn all his life and have known Ada for 15 years or thereabouts—

2nd Question—When were they married—

Ans. I think during the year 1867—

3rd Question, Have they any children and how many.

Ans. There is only one child living, one died during the present year—

4th Question, Do you think the one living is Goodwyn's child—

Ans. I do not—

3rd Question - What reason have you for thinking it is not his child -

Ans - Because Goodwyn being a black man and ^{and being a very dark mulatto} I think it impossible for him to be the father of a child having hair nearly straight, and such a light complexion.

And further this Deponee saith not -

Isaac ^{his} Ridley
Deponent

The above Deposition was taken & subscribed to before me at the place & on the day in the Caption mentioned - Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid this day & year first aforesaid.

In Subscribed

Witnessed in my
presence in testimony
Jas. M. 1870

Washington

Washington
Deposition

Southampton County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me
Geo. D. Vardem and made oath that on the 29th
October he delivered a true Copy of the within
notice to Ada Washington -

Given under my hand this 7th day of November 1870.

Samuel Tyler, J. C.

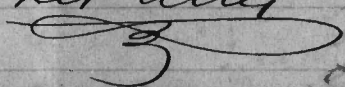
Washington
or
Washington
Notice

Executed by return

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93 Ada Washington.

You will please take Notice that I shall on Monday 31st of ~~October~~ ^{on} 1870, if fair & if not, the next fair day thereafter, proceed to take in Jerusalem, at the Office of Mr. N. Sebrell, the Depositions of Isaac Ridley to be read in my behalf in a suit for Divorce now depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County, in which I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant.

To the Sheriff of
Southampton To Execute

Goodwyn Washington
per J. B. Parice
his Atty


Southampton County to wit.

George W. Vick this day made oath before me
Jesse R. Tyler Deputy Clerk made oath that he delivered to Ada
Washington on the 20 day of August 1870 a true copy of the within
summons. Given under my hand this 5 day of September 1870

James R. Tyler J.C.

Washington

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to

Washington

1870 September Rules

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you to summon

Ada Washington

if *she* be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our *Superior* Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *September next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against her in* our said Court by *Goodwyn Washington*

And have then there this writ. Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *17* day of *August* A. D., 187*0*, in the *95* year of the Commonwealth.

Oswin White

Washington

~ } Stat. Rules

Washington

In Southampton Circuit Court

Goodwyn Washington
against
Ada Washington

1870 August 17th Summons issued

Sept Rules - Sum^s Ret^d Executed Bill filed D. Nisi to Deft

Oct " Bill taken for confessed

Nov " Cause set for hearing 8th

1871 May Dismissed

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Washington
or 3 Decree
Washington

Nov. Penn

To be entered

Washington
vs } Decree,
Washington

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the plaintiffs bill, and the deposition of Isaac Ridley, and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree, That the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between the Defendant Adia Washington and the Plaintiff Goodwyn Washington shall be and the same is hereby dissolved and the said Goodwyn Washington be forever divorced from the said Adia Washington -