1872 – 15 Southampton County Chancery Bryant, Rebecca vs Bryant, Allen

Divorce

formerly a slave
of Wm. W. Briggs

Bryant Col'd
vs
Bryant Col'd

Bill for Divorce

1871 October Rules

Circuit Court
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To the Hon. Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Hon^r your Oratrix Rebecca Bryant Col^d formerly a slave of Wm^m Briggs of said County and respectfully represents as follows,—

That about the year 1859 she accepted as her husband according to the custom then common among negro slaves in Virginia one Allen Bryant, Col^d, a negro slave ~~formerly~~ then belonging to Capt^n I. D. Bryant—

That no other rites of matrimony were ever solemnized between them except the consent of their respective masters—

That they lived together as husband and wife till the year 1866, during which ~~year the said Allen~~ period, they had born unto them and now living two children to wit: Maria a girl of about ten years of age and a boy Simon of about Six years of age— That in the said year 1866, the said Allen wilfully abandoned and deserted your Oratrix without any just cause or provocation, and has ever since wholly refused to provide for, cloathe or support in any manner your oratrix or either of her said Children and has never since cohabited with her. That your Oratrix, has reared and has ever since provided for and Clothed the said Children in the best manner she could, solely by her own labor and efforts.

And your Oratrix further charges and alleges that during the period of her so-called coverture, the said Allen did in other ways shocks grossly maltreat her. ~~That is to say~~

Your Oratrix is advised that she is entitled to a divorce a vinculo matrimonii and therefore humbly prays that your Honor will decree such divorce and would further decree that your Oratrix shall have sole, seperate, and exclusive custody and control of her said two Children, according to law, as if she had always been a feme sole until they respectively arrive to lawful age, and grant such other and general relief as Equity may dictate and the nature of the Case may require

And as in duty bound she will ever pray &c,

May it please the Court &c,

Kindred N.D.

Monday October 2nd 1871 —

Service of the within ~~Attachment~~ Summons ac-
knowledged —

J. J. Kindrick
Atty for Allen Bryant

Bryant
vs
Smith Exr

Bryant
1871 October Rule.

The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Allen Bryant col,

if he be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in October next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him in our said Court by Rebecca Bryant col

And have then there this writ. Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, this 25 day of September A., D., 187/ in the 96 year of the Commonwealth.

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Bryant

v. } Stat. Rules

Bryant

In Southampton Circuit Court.

Rebecca Bryant

against

Allen Bryant.

1871 Sep 25 Sum. iss. Rtble to October Rules

" Oct. 16 Sum. Ret. Ex. Bill filed

Bryant (Cold)

vs

Bryant (Cold)

v. Deane

May term '72

To be entered

Geo. T. Bloss.

Bryant (Colored)

vs

Bryant (Col'd)

On motion of the plaintiff it is ordered that this cause be dismissed from the docket at her Cost —