

1882-04

Southampton County - Chancery

Avent, Nathan vs. Avent, Caroline

"Divorce"

Nathan ¹²⁰ went
w/ Bill for dinner.
Caroline went

1882 April Rules

To the Honorable George Blow Judge of the Circuit Court
for the County of Southampton

In Chancery Sitting -

Complaining sheweth unto the Court, your Complainant
Nathan Avent, who is now 26 years of age, that on the
3^d day of May 1874, in the County of Southampton, he was
married to Caroline Avent, who was then Caroline Cloud
as appears from the marriage License herewith marked "X",
and asked to be taken as part of this bill, your Complainant
further states, that after their intermarriage in May 1874,
his wife the said Caroline Avent only remained
with him three months, and did wilfully abandon and
desert him in July 1874, and that she has been living
separate and apart from him ever since, your Complainant
further states that during the time he remained with her, he
was a constant faithful and dutiful husband, giving her
no cause to desert or abandon him, and since her voluntary
and wilful desertion she has been leading a life of lewdness,
and adultery, which has become notorious in the neighborhood
in which she lives, and your Complainant states that he has never lived
with her since these facts, ^{have come to his knowledge} and your Complainant is advised by
authority vested in your Honor under section 6th Chapter
105 Code of Virginia 1873 that he is entitled to be
liberated and absolved from further marriage disabilities
your Complainant states that they are without issue, and
in tender consideration, to the end therefore, your Complainant
prays that the said Caroline Avent may be made a
defendant to this bill, and be required to render a full true
and perfect answer to the same, that your Complainant
may be entirely freed from her, and the marriage be dis-
solved, and that your Honor will grant such other and further
relief as his case requires, and equity may seem meet
May it please, and your Complainant will ever pray -

W. H. Samuel Goodwyn, P. G.

State of Virginia

Greensville County to wit

This day personally appeared before me E. L. Turner
a Commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Greensville
County Nathan Ament, in my County appeared and made
oath that the statements made in the annexed bill are
true to the best of his knowledge and belief Given under
my hand this 18th day of March 1882 -

E. L. Turner.

Commissioner in Chancery.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County - GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Caroline Arent

to appear at the Clerks Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton County
at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *April*
next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against in our
said Court by

Nathan Arent

and have then there this writ.

Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court at the Court
House, this *21st* day of *March* 1882, in the *10th* year
of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards c

of the Commissioners

Respectfully

1882

and from the above type will

Arant
v { June Chy
1881

Arant
1881 April Rules

Executed by delivering

Caroline Arant a copy

of the Simmons on the

29th day of April

1882

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for W W Daviegg

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to the office of the Commission

The Commission of the Albany

Notice to take dispositions

Executed by delivering
Carolus Went a copy of
this Notice on the 24th
day of ^{March} ~~March~~ 1882

Deleg. Garrison
by W. W. Briggs

To Caroline Ament

I take notice, that I stand on the 8th day
of April 1882, at the Office of Wm & Wm
Gordy in the village of Milford between
the hours of 6 at A.M. & 6 P.M. of that day, present
to take the depositions of Epps Jones, Robt
Lissey & Henry Pearson & others to be read
as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit
in equity depending in the Circuit Court for the County of
Southampton, wherein I am Plaintiff & you
are defendant, & if from any cause the taking
of the said depositions be not commenced on that
day, & if commenced be not concluded on that
day, the taking of the same will be adjourned
& continued from day to day or from time to
time at the same place, & between the same
hours until the same shall be completed.

Respectfully yours

Nathan Ament

By Wm & Wm Gordy
Attys.

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This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill,
exhibit, & examination of Witnesses & was argued by Plaintiffs
consideration whereof the ^{Count} ~~Judge~~ doth adjudge, order & decree that
the said bill ~~be~~ be dismissed and that the plaintiff pay the
costs of this suit.

Agents
of Decree
Agents

May Term 1882 -

To be entered.

I think the allegations
of the Bill not sufficiently
proved. Good Reputation
of Adulterous Practices
not sufficient. And
there seems to be no other
direct testimony in the
Record.

The Government by detention
for years not satisfying
just demands with costs

Y.B.

Avent
vs
Avent

May Term 1882-

Note for decree

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill, the exhibits filed, and ~~depositions~~ ^{depositions} of witnesses, and was argued by Counsel, on consideration whereof the Court, being of opinion that the charges of desertion and adultery against the defendant are fully proved, doth order and decree that the marriage heretofore solemnized between Nathan Avent and Caroline Avent be and the same is hereby dissolved, the said Nathan Avent forever divorced from his wife Caroline Avent, and that the plaintiff recover from the defendant his costs by him expended in the prosecution of this suit, and nothing further remaining to be done in this suit, it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket; but leave is reserved to the parties to make application to the Court for such further orders as are authorized by law -

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The Evidence of duration
for years not satisfactory
will be met with costs

W.B.

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v. } Stat. Rules

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In Southampton Circuit Court

Nathan Trent
against
Caroline Trent

Plaintiff

Defendant

1882 March 21st Summons issued

" April Rules - Sum's returned Executed - Bill filed.

" May . Cause set for hearing 1st

" I Dismissed

The depositions of Henry Bell & others taken before me, I Mr. Sanders a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester. pursuant to notice hereto assigned, at the office of Mr. William Gordon in the Village of St. Michaels on the 8th day of April 1882, between the hands of W. Bell & C. Bell to be read as evidence on behalf of Nathan Ament in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton, wherein Caroline Ament is defendant and Nathan Ament is plaintiff.

Present. William Gordon Counsel for Plaintiff

Henry Bell being duly sworn deposes & saith as follows:

1st Question by Counsel for Plff. what is your age?

Answer Forty-two years

2^d Question Do you know the parties to this suit?

Answer Very well

3^d How long has it since the parties to this suit were married

Answer Over five years

4th Question Do you know how long Nathan Ament & Caroline Ament have been separate & apart if so state

Answer Over five years

5th Question

How long did they live together after their marriage

Answer

About three months

6th Question

Did you know whether Nathan Ament was kind to her during their married life

Answer

I do know that he was kind to her

7th Question

Did Caroline Ament ever live at your house any time long

Answer

She did about two years after her marriage

8th

Question

Answer

I do know that other parties
were giving in adultery with her
and cohabiting with her,

9th Question

Is not her general reputation for
Charity - True

Answer

The general representation for
Classical Virtue is bad

70th question

Did you know any man after the
operation with Nathan went to go to bed
with her

Answer

I do know it - it is a fact that it is a very common thing

77th Question

Has a rather event-ful life with
her since his separation with Caroline
event-

[Handwritten signature]

He has not
and further the defendant suggests not
proceeds. (H) This

L. B. Russell

His
Denon X Bull
Mark

I B Powell being only sworn September 7th - 1851

7th - Guistinn

What is your age

Answer

About 30 Three - Years of age and
do you know the parties to this suit - Jensen
I do -

L. H.

8nd Question

Do you know when the Parks &
this suit were married
Amner

At some time in spring of 1896

2nd Section

How Long & They are to gather after
their Marriages

Answer about three months

of the Garrison

Have they been living separate
and apart ever since their separation
announced

They have all the time of an

Still living apart

6. In- question

What is her general reputation for
Casting of Morality

Am 15. Juni

What is the World; I was compelled to
make her have my place because there
were so many mess running after they were all
day in a row, and the dancing disorderly.

And for this the Republic may not
V. B. Powell

No other witnesses appearing the further taking of these depositions is postponed to 1st May of 1852 at the same place and between the same persons

Present

R. Lamb, Jr. Assignee for Plaintiff

4 O. Ridge Being duly sworn the
deponent ~~doth~~ swears as follows—
That no living

Do you know the garden in this suit
brother - 2 know them and 2 know Caroline

over

Very Well;

2nd Question

Do you know whether these parties
were ever married?

Answer

I met them on the morning
that they went over to Beacon
Stations to get married.

3rd Question

How long did they live together?

Answer

They did not live together
long

4th Question

Do you know how long these parties lived
together as man and wife?

Answer

Over five years

5th Question

Has William Scott ever lived
with her since their separation?

Answer

If he has I don't know

6th Question

What is her general reputation for
character and morality?

Answer

Her general reputation is that she is a terrible
woman and a big whore

7th Question

And further this deposition is given
not

C. O. Sledge

No other witness appearing the further
taking of these depositions is continued
until the first day of May 1882

J. D. Dumas J. P.

And no other witness appearing the
further taking of these depositions is
discontinued

State of Virginia

Greenville County

I J. D. Dumas a Justice of the Peace
for the County of Greenville in the State
of Virginia do hereby certify that the
foregoing depositions were duly
taken sworn to and subscribed
to before me at the time and
place mentioned therein

Given under my hand this the
first day of May 1882

J. D. Dumas J. P.