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Southampton County Chancery

Ford, Mary Jane vs. Ford, Ephraim

"Divorce"

Edwards, L. R.
Att. friend of
Ford, Mary Jane

Ford 127
vs $\frac{1}{3}$ Bill &c,
Ford

1881 October Rules

To the Honorable Geo. Blow, Judge of
the Circuit Court of Southampton.

In Chancery.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
Honor, your Complainant, Mary Jane
Ford, who sues by L.R. Edwards, her next
friend, that she is now years old;
that at the age of she was lawfully
married to one Ephraim Ford on the
day of 1881 as will more fully
appear from a copy of the certificate of
marriage recorded in the Clerk's Office of
the County of Southampton, marked A, and
made a part of this bill; That since their
said marriage she has been to him, a
constant, faithful and dutiful wife and
has borne him one child, to-wit, Mary
Ann Virginia Ford, aged 6 years. Her hus-
band, on the other hand, has been negli-
gent and insufferably abusive and violent
to her, frequently beating and choking her,
until to protect her person from violence
and to preserve her life, she has been
compelled to leave her said husband and
seek refuge in the house of her brother,
Jas. W. Hill, where she is now with
her child. Your Complainant shows fur-
ther that she and her husband have no

property, except probably a little household furniture and what he receives from his labor. That her husband has not for several months made any provision for her support or the support of her child.

In Consideration of all which, and in as much as your Complainant is without remedy except in a Court of equity, where matters of this kind are properly to be heard, to the end, therefore, that justice may be done, your Complainant prays that the said Ephraim Ford may be made a party defendant to this bill and Compelled to ^{answer} its allegations. That he may be enjoined and restrained from interfering with or ⁱⁿ any matter molesting her and her child; That your Complainant may be divorced from him and the marriage as to bed and board, dissolved; and that out of whatever property the defendant may now have or may hereafter acquire, or of his labor, if such may be subjected to that end, she be allowed for the support of herself and child, such part as to the Court may seem just and proper. And that your Honor will grant such

property, except probably a little household furniture and what he receives from his labor. That her husband has not for several months made any provision for her support or the support of her child.

In Consideration of all which, and in as much as your Complainant is without remedy except in a Court of equity, where matters of this kind are properly to be heard, to the end, therefore, that justice may be done, your Complainant prays that the said Ephraim Ford may be made a party defendant to this bill and Compelled to ^{answer} its allegations That he may be enjoined and restrained from interfering with or ⁱⁿ any matter molesting her and her child; That your Complainant may be divorced from him and the marriage as to bed and board, dissolved; and that out of whatever property the defendant may now have or may hereafter acquire, or of his labor, if such may be subjected to that end, she be allowed for the support of herself and child, such part as to the Court may seem just and proper. And that your Honor will grant such

other, further, general and special re-
lief as equity may dictate and the na-
ture ^{of the case} require - and as in duty bound
your Complainant will ever pray &c.
May it please the Court &c.

Parker J. J.

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, *Southampton County* to wit:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Ephraim Ford
and *Jane Hill*

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the *County* Court
of *Southampton* this *6th* day of *April* 188*8*

L R Edwards Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

To be annexed to the License, required by Acts passed 15th March, 1861, and February 27th, 1866.

Time of Marriage, ...	Place of Husband's Birth, <i>Southampton Co</i>
Place of Marriage, ...	Place of Wife's Birth, <i>Do</i>
Full Names of Parties Married, <i>Ephraim & Jane Hill</i>	Place of Husband's Residence, <i>Do</i>
Color, <i>(Colored)</i>	Place of Wife's Residence, <i>Do</i>
Age of Husband, <i>22 years</i>	Names of Husband's Parents, ...
Age of Wife, <i>21</i>	Names of Wife's Parents, ...
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single) <i>(Single)</i>	Occupation of Husband, <i>Farmer</i>
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single) <i>"</i>	

Given under my hand this *6th* day of *April* 188*8*
L R Edwards Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the *7* day of *April* 188*8*,
at *Flat Head Church* I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

L R Mason

The Minister celebrating a marriage, is required, within TEN days thereafter, to return the license to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the FACT of such marriage, and of the TIME and PLACE of celebrating the same.

of Virginia, Southampton County - Sent:

This day personally appeared before me,
a Commissioner in chancery for the County Court of said County,
Henry Ford, and made oath that he executed the within notice
or summons by delivering a copy of the same to the said
Ephraim Ford father of the said Ephraim Ford, on
the 30th day of September 1881, said Wickerson & Ephraim
residing together in the same family, & the said Wickerson being
above the age of sixteen years - the said Ephraim being ab-
sent from home. I also explained the contents of said sum-
mons to said Ephraim Ford. Given under my hand this 5th Octo 1881

Geo. S. Kindred
Comm'r. &c.

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Chancery
Ford

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ALL CONTAINED HEREIN

THE COUNTY COURT OF SAID COUNTY

Return this to me
(Signed)
Ephraim Ford

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of ^{Dupont} Southampton County - GREETING;

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Ephraim Ford

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 October
next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against him in our
said Court by

Mary Jane Ford, (who sues by L. R.
Edwards, her next friend.)

Mary Jane Ford

and have then there this writ.

Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court at the Court
House, this 27th day of September 1881, in the 106th year
of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

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v { Stat. Rules

Ford

In Southampton Circuit Court
Mary Jane Ford who sues by L.R. Edwards her next friend Plff
against Ephraim Ford In Chy.
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1881 Sept 27. Summons issued
Oct 12 Sum's ret. Ex. ruled. Bill filed.
Nov. Cause set for hearing 12

1882 May Cause removed from the Docket

Ford by ac

is 3 Decree

Ford

Nov. Term 1881

To be entered.

Ford by oc.,
vs $\frac{3}{3}$ Decree
Ford

This day this cause came on to be heard on the Complainant's bill, the examination of witnesses and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the parties, Mary Jane Ford and Ephraim Ford be divorced from bed and board; that the said Ephraim Ford be enjoined and restrained from removing or interfering with the infant child, Mary Ann Virginia Ford, and that the custody and control of the said child remain with its mother, Mary Jane Ford. That the said Ephraim Ford be also enjoined and restrained from interfering in any manner with the liberty of the said Mary Jane Ford. The Court doth further decree that the said Ephraim Ford pay to the plaintiff her costs by her expended in the prosecution of this suit. And nothing further remaining to be done in this cause, 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. And it is also ordered that a copy of this decree be served upon the defendant Ephraim Ford.

Ford by &c.,
vs Decree
Ford

May Term 1882.

To be entered.

Geo. B. Blow