

1888-12

Southampton County Chancery - Womble, Wm. H. vs Betty (Bradshaw) Womble

Divorce

In Southampton Circuit Court.

Unpleasant

Against

In Chancery.

1886.

Bettie Womble Sept.

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March 20. Secum mms to Apl Reels.

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May 11 Cause set for hearing—

Humble

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Decree,

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1888 May Term,

to be entered.

C. H. Hill

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Decree,

Lomb

This day this cause came on to be heard on the Complainant's bill, the exhibits filed, the depositions of witnesses, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, and the Court being of opinion ~~that the~~ charge of adultery, and ~~also~~ ^{that} the charge of willful desertion and abandonment for five years, against the defendant, is fully proved, doth adjudge, order and decree, that the marriage heretofore solemnized between H. H. Lomb and Betty Lomb be, and the same is hereby dissolved, the said H. H. Lomb forever divorced from his wife, the said Betty Lomb, and all the right, title and interest of the said Betty Lomb, in and to the estate, real and personal, of the said H. H. Lomb shall hereforth cease and determine; and, nothing further remaining to be done in this cause it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.

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Your obedient servant,

To Betty Lumble wife of Elms Lumble

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of October in the year 1887,
at the office of Elms Parker in Jerusalem between the hours of 6
o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. of that day I shall proceed to take the depositions of Mary
Mansford, Ezra Drake and others
and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in Chancery

depending in the Circuit court of Southampton county, wherein
Elms Lumble

are plaintiffs, and You
are defendants; and if from any cause the taking of said
depositions be not commenced, or if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will
be adjourned from time to time or from day to day and from place to place or at the same place be-
tween the same hours until the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant,

Elms Lumble

By Counsel.

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1886. 1st day of May.

Execution April 26th
1886 by delivering to
each of the within
named parties a copy
of this document

J. L. Vicks by
for L. H. Vicks & hft

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Dr. L. Lantford, Riddick Edwards,
J. M. Bradshaw, J. H. Camp, Geo. H. Council, J. M.
Council*

to appear before B. F. McLEMORE, a Commissioner in Chancery for the *Circuit* Court of Southampton
county, at his office, in Jerusalem, Va., on the *1st* day of *May* 1886, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of

Mrs Bettie Womble

in a certain chancery suit in our said court depending and undetermined between

W. H. Womble

Plaintiff

and

Bettie Womble

Defendant

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Commissioner of our said Court, at his said office, this

April

1886, in the *110th* year of the Commonwealth.

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B. F. McLeMore
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within named parties
J. F. Cobb Secy
for J. W. Williams.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of ^{So:ampton} ~~Isle of Wight~~, greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon... ~~W. only~~ ^{Memford} ~~Ex:ra~~ ^{Brady},

~~James Leamp~~ and ~~Nat: Bradshaw~~.....

to appear at ~~Jerusalem~~ ^{So:ampton} in ~~Isle of Wight~~ County, Va., on the ~~20~~ th day of

~~October~~.....1887, before ~~Wm: Shands~~ ^{Am:rs}....a Notary Public for the
~~in Chancery of said County~~
said County, duly commissioned and qualified, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of.....

~~Wm: A. Hulmble~~.....

in a matter of controversy pending in the ~~County~~ ^{Circuit} Court of ~~Isle of Wight~~ ^{So:ampton} County, of Virginia, between

the said... ~~Wm: A. Hulmble~~.....

~~contestants~~ (plaintiffs) and... ~~Betty Hulmble~~.....

~~contestees~~ (defendants).

And have then and there this writ.

Given under my hand this ~~4~~ ^{October} day of.....1887.

~~Wm: Shands~~

(Notary Public)
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to Bettie Wormble a copy
of the within summons

G. W. Vicks
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Bettie Womble, formerly
Bettie Bradshaw—*

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 *April* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against *her*
in our said Court by *Wm. Womble*

And this *you* shall in no wise omit; and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, J. B. PRINCE, Clerk of our said Court, this *20* day of *March*, 188*6*,
in the *110* year of the Commonwealth. *Teste J. B. Prince C. C.*

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *R. M. Edwards, R. A. Bristow & A. J. Cobb & L. C. Cobb & Mary A. Mumford & A. L. Nelson & A. J. Luter and Ezra Drake & Polly Womble. Bettie Williams*

to appear before B. F. McLEMORE, a Commissioner in Chancery for the *Circuit* Court of Southampton county, at his office, in Jerusalem, Va., on the *1st* day of *May* 1886, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of

Wm. H. Womble

in a certain chancery suit in our said court depending and undetermined between

Wm. H. Womble

Plaintiff

and

Bettie Womble

Defendant

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Commissioner of our said Court, at his said office, this

April — 20th day of 1886, in the 110th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

B. F. McLeMORE

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Honorable

1886. 1st day May

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M. W. Turner
Dep for Geo. W. Pick
Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Jos. Shack

to appear before B. F. McLEMORE, a Commissioner in Chancery for the *Circuit* Court of Southampton
county, at his office, in Jerusalem, Va., on the *1st* day of *May* 188*6* to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of

W. H. Womble

in a certain chancery suit in our said court depending and undetermined between

W. H. Womble

Plaintiff

and

Bettie Womble

Defendant

and this *he* shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Commissioner of our said Court, at his said office, this *29th* day of
April 188*6*, in the *110* year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

B. F. McLeMore

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Womble

1886. 1st day of May

I went to the residence
April 30th 1886. to
C. M. Womble
leaving from home. I left
a copy with his Mother
who is a white member
of said Womble
family over 16 years
of age and explained its
purpose.

S. L. Vicks by
for G. W. Vicks & Co

To *H. H. Womble*

You are hereby notified, that on the *1st* day of *May*, in the year 188*6*, at the office of B. F. McLEMORE, in the village of Jerusalem, Southampton county, Va., between the hours of *9^o* A. M. and *6^o* P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of *Dr. L. Lankford* and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain *Chancery suit* depending in the *Circuit* Court for Southampton county, wherein I am *Defendant* and you are *Plaintiff*; and if, from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or, if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant,

Bettie Womble

By Counsel

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Executed and
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to Bettie Nomble a
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G. W. Vicks sth

To Mrs Bettie Womble

You are hereby notified, that on the 1st day of May, in the year 1886, at the office of B. F. McLEMORE, in the village of Jerusalem, Southampton county, Va., between the hours of 9" A. M. and 6" P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Robt. M. Edwards and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain Chancery suit depending in the Circuit Court for Southampton county, wherein I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant; and if, from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or, if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Womble

By Council

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1887. Nov. 4. filed

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Ans. No one except Andrew Blayde. I heard him say he had before, but ^{he} recollect the number of times.

Q Have you ever seen either of the children of the said Betie Blayde born since she left her husband; and, if so, when and what were the circumstances?

Ans. I have seen one, the oldest, about two years ago, at the old man Joe Seutehins. When there she asked me if I thought it favored Henry, (meaning husband). I said no. I thought not. I refused to tell her what I thought, because there ^{were} ladies and gentlemen in the house.

Q Whom did you think it favored?
The old man John Lewis.

Q At that time how old did you take the child to be?

Ans. About 12 months old, judging from the size of it; and further this deponent saith not.

Mordley ^{his} Mumford
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The witness James Leamp being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q What is your age, where do you reside, what is your occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

My age is 41 years, reside in Southampton County, and a farmer and know the parties to this suit?

Q State all you know about the matter between Mr. H. Wamble and Betie Wamble his wife.

Ans. I know very little about it. I know they lived together several years after marriage, and that Betie Wamble left her husband. Since that time she has been living with her mother, and has had one child of my own knowledge, and, I understand, has within the last few weeks, given birth to another. I think there can be no doubt about the second one.

Q Who is Mrs. Wamble's mother.

Ans. She now bears the name of Mrs. Patience Lewis, having married John Lewis. He is not the father of Mrs. Wamble, and, further this deponent can't not.

J. W. C. Carter

I, Wm. Shands, a Commissioner in Chancery
for the Circuit Court of Southampton County,
in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify
that the foregoing depositions of Ezra
Drake, Morley Mumford and J. M. Leamp
were duly taken, sworn and subscribed be-
fore me at the place and time mentioned
therein and in the caption thereto, pursu-
ant to the annexed notice. In witness
whereof I have hereto set my hand
this 20th day of Octo: 1887.

William Shands
Comm'r in Chancery.

The depositions of Ezra Drake and others
and others taken before me Elm: Shande
a Commissioner in Chancery for the Cir-
cuit Court of Southampton County, presen-
ant to notice hereto annexed, a Jerusalem
Va., on the 20th day of Octo: 1887, between
the hours of 8 A. M., and 6 P. M., to be read
as evidence in behalf W. H. Wamble in a
certain Chancery suit depending in the Cir-
cuit Court of Southampton County, wherein
W. H. Wamble is plaintiff and Belle
Wamble is defendant.

Present: Wm. Parker, of Counsel for
Plaintiff.

The witness Ezra Drake being duly
sworn deposes as follows:

Q What is your age, where do you reside,
what is your occupation, and do you know
the parties to this suit?

Ans. I am 28 years old, reside in Southampton
County, in Jerusalem Magisterial District,
and a Constable of said District and know
the parties to this suit.

Q State when, if you know, W. H. Wamble and
Belle Wamble, his wife separated; and which
one left the other.

As to when the separation took place, I

am unable to say positively, but am satisfied it took place some time in the year 1882. Betie Blumle left her husband.

This I know, for since then she has been living with her mother.

Q State whether, in your knowledge, that during the time they lived together, he treated her kindly and provided for her as well as he was able?

Ans. So far as I know he so treated her and provided for her. I never heard any complaint to the contrary. I live within a mile of Blumle's house and frequently passed there.

Q For what cause did Betie Blumle leave her husband?

Ans. I am not able to say of my own knowledge. I have heard him, Blumle, ^{say} that she left because he suspected that she was having something to do with other men; and, I have heard such report about her in the neighborhood.

If you know, state if, since she left, the said Blumle has had any thing to do with her.

Ans. Not that I know of. I know she still lives at her mother's, and that Mr. Blumle still lives at his same place.

Q How many Children, if any, had she at the time she left her husband?

Ans. Only one.

Q Has she given birth to any Child since she left her husband?

Ans. Yes, I know she had one, and, I understand, she has lately had another.

Q State whether or not you have ever heard any man say he had had intercourse with the said Bettie Blumbe, and, if so, was it before or after the separation from her husband; and, state also, the number of times of such intercourse as remembered by him?

Ans. I heard Andrew Blumbe say that he had had intercourse with her fifty times or more before ~~the~~ separation.

Q State, if you know, what is the financial condition of Mr. Blumbe, is he or is he not, a man of property?

He is a poor man, has some forty or fifty acres of land and little personal property. He has also some few carpenter's tools, and further this deponent saith not.

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The witness Moody Mumford being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q What is your age, where do you reside, what is your occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

Ans. My age is 26 years, I live in Southampton County, Berlin Township, am a farmer and know the parties to this suit?

Q State, if you know, that W. H. Blumle and Beira, his wife, separated during their marriage; and, if so, when and which left the other?

Ans. They separated in 1882, she left him.

Q What ~~was~~ caused the separation?

Ans. I don't know myself. I heard Mr. Blumle say it was because he suspected her of having connection with Jim Lewis.

Q Where does she now live?

With her mother, and I think she has been there ever since she left her husband.

Q Had she any children at the time of leaving her husband?

Ans. She had had two - one was living and the other was dead.

Q Has she had any since that time?

Yes. She has had two. the last was Emily born.

Q Have you, at any time, before or since the separation, heard any one say he ever had intercourse with her?

appeared before me, in my County
aforesaid, and made oath that the al-
legations contained in the foregoing
Bill, which he makes of his own knowl-
edge are true, and that all other mat-
ters therein stated he believes to be
True.

Given under my hand this 5th
day of April 1886.

Jefftha W. Johnson. J.P.

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Bill to
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1886 April Rules.

John H. Parker, Sec.

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The Hon: Geo: Blaw, Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton.

Humbly Complaining, sheweth unto your Honor, your Complainant, Wm. H. Noble, that he is now twenty six years old. At the age of eighteen he intermarried with ^{was Betty Bradshaw} Betty Noble, who, as will more fully appear from a certified copy of the ministers' return of marriage herewith filed, marked exhibit "A", and made a part of this cause. She lived with him for the period of four years, during all which time he was to her a kind, indulgent and dutiful husband. He provided for her as well as his limited means would allow, and never withheld from her the courtesies and kindly attentions of a true and devoted husband. By her, he was the father of two children, one of whom is now dead, and the other of whom is now living, and living with him, to wit: James Malachuk now years old.

In April 1882, without any cause or excuse, she willfully deserted and abandoned the home and company of your complainant, and, to his great pain

mutilication, began to lead the life of an adulteress; and, since that time she has borne one or two children of whom he is not the father. Myr Complainant had not when he entered into the holy bonds of matrimony with her, ever entertained towards her the least improper suspicion, but, on the other hand, he had highly esteemed her as one whose character was unquestionably chaste and pure, and, as one, who, by reason of that character, would ever prove true and faithful to the solemn vow made at the hymeneal altar and immediately registered in heaven. When he learned of her terrible ^{fall} and wretched and abandoned life, his heart, with shame and sorrow, did almost break; and, from thence unto this day, he has lived away from her, with his child, never more to return.

Myr Complainant has a little farm in Southampton County, containing about twenty five acres and a small personal property, in which he is advised that his wife should be denied the right to dower; and, he is also advised that, on account of the lewd and immoral

conduct of his wife, she should not be permitted the custody of the child now detained by your Complainant.

In consideration whereof, and forasmuch as your Complainant is remediless save in a Court of equity, he prays that the said Betty Humble may be made a defendant to this bill, and be required to answer the same ^{on oath} ^{I that J.B. Prince by appointed & divided citation,} that she be restrained and ^{to her in this cause} enjoined from interfering with or in any manner molesting the child who is with him; that your Complainant may be entirely divorced from her, and the marriage dissolved; that she be denied any right to dower in his estate; and that such other, further, general and special relief may be afforded to your Complainant as is just and right in the premises. And your Complainant will ever pray &c.

W^m H. Parker, f.c.

State of Virginia,

County of Southampton, $\frac{3}{4}$ to wit:
I, Jephtha W. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that W^m H. Humble, personally

appeared before me, in my County
aforesaid, and made oath that the al-
legations contained in the foregoing
Bill, which he makes of his own knowl-
edge are true, and that all other mat-
ters therein stated he believes to be
True.

Given under my hand this 5th
day of April 1886.

Leoptha W. Johnson. J.P.

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Shamble
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Shamble

1886 April Rules.

Wm H. Barker, Sec.