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Southampton County Chancery

Vaughan, William

vs Vaughan, Elizabeth

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William Vaughan } Bill in Chancery.
vs }
Elizabeth Vaughan } Diver.

Given under my hand this
4th day of April in the year
1885
Wm. P. W. W. W.
J. P.

To the Honorable George Blow, Judge of the circuit
Court of Southampton County.

Your orator, William Vaughan, of the said
County of Southampton, humbly complaining
sheweth to your honor.

That on the 31st day of May in the year
1873, in the said County of Southampton
your orator was duly and legally
married to his present wife Elizabeth
Vaughan, (Elizabeth Broadnax, nee) then
and ever since a resident of the said
County, as will appear from the Marriage
Licence herewith presented.

That, as the fruit of the said marriage,
two children were born unto them in
lawful wedlock.

That on or about the 15th day of
March 1881, and on divers other
days and times between that day
and the commencement of this
suit, the said Elizabeth Vaughan
abandoning her husband contrary
to his wish and without just
provocation and to his grievous
injury, neglecting to care for and
attend to the then well-born children
aforesaid, began to lead a lewd,
dissipated and unchaste life,
committing the odious offence
of adultery with one Richard Prince
a white man, and with others yet
unknown to your complainant

as she, his said wife has all
the while refused to reveal,
alleging, ^{having} the undeniable truth
of having brought forth spurious
children, two in number born
since the 15th day of March, ¹⁸⁸¹ ²⁰ of said
and likewise since the time her
husband knowing of her prostitution
abandoned her, & resided out
side of this Commonwealth, viz
at Aquonke in the State of North Carolina
for a period of three years.

That Gam orator was a dutiful
and affectionate husband during
the time of his marriage until
he became thoroughly and irresistibly
convinced of the unfaithfulness
of his said wife, after which time,
viz. ^{March 15, 1881} he refused to cohabit with her.
whereupon leaving her in her
self-degraded condition, no longer
regarding her as his wife, but as
the mistress & harlot of her selected
adulterer, he Gam complainant,
repaired at once to North Carolina
on or about Aug. 1881 & there continued
to reside till about January, 1884.

That since the time Gam complainant
left this State two bastards, spurious
children were born by his
formerly-regarded wife, the first
being born in about 3 mos.
thereafter, & the second, in about
12 mos. after the birth of the first,
which two children being alive
now, & of a color much unlike
the former two and acknowledged

children of your complainant,
viz. being of a very light complexion
as a mulatto,

Forasmuch therefore as these doings
are contrary to equity & to the law of
the Land no less than to the
harmonious relationship of the
family ties, and as your
complainant is remediless,
save in a court of equity where
matters of this sort are properly
cognizable, your complainant
prays that a divorce a vinculo
matrimonii be decreed; and
that such other & further
relief may be granted to your
complainant as is adapted to
the nature of the case and
is agreeable to equity and
good conscience. And
your complainant will ever
pray &c.

Thos. D. Newson p.g.

Virginia,

Southampton County to wit:

This day William Vaughan
appeared before me, a Justice of
the Peace in & for the county &
State aforesaid & made oath that
the matters in the foregoing bill
stated as of his own knowledge are
true, & those stated upon the
information of others, he believes
to be true.

The Supplemental bill to the
original bill of William Vaughan
vs Elizabeth Vaughan

The complainant, William Vaughan
further states that since the
time of filing his original
bill in Chancery praying for a
divorce ^{from the bonds of matrimony} from his wife Elizabeth
Vaughan on the plea that she
the said Elizabeth Vaughan had
been inconstant & unfaithful
to him her husband living in adultery
with unascertained persons &
having abandoned her husband
and continued to live in adulter-
ous sin since March 1887 the said
plaintiff ^{states} that from the
aforesaid date of March 1887
to the present time a period of
more than four years, he has
ever lived separate & apart
from the said Elizabeth Vaughan

Wm Vaughan
DeMunro p. q.

Wm Vaughan Southampton Co. Dist.

John Day personally appeared before
me E. W. Vaughan, Justice of the

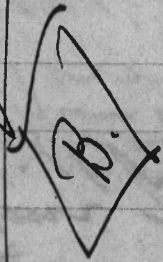
mean & made oath that the
statements contained herein
are true.

Given under my hand & seal this the
15th day of Nov. 1876.

Geo. M. Hughes J. P.

Supplemental Bill.

Programs were given
us
Programs of the 11th



MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Southampton 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,

William Vaughan

and

Lizzie Broadman

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Southampton to this 29th day of May 1883

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, May 31 st 1883	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton
Place of Marriage, Southampton	Place of Wife's Birth, "
Full Names of Parties Married, William Vaughan & Lizzie Broadman	Place of Husband's Residence, "
Color, Colored	Place of Wife's Residence, "
Age of Husband, 20 Years	Names of Husband's Parents, "
Age of Wife, 18 "	Names of Wife's Parents, "
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single)	Occupation of Husband, Laborer
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single)	

Given under my hand this 29th day of May 1883
L. R. Edwards Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 31st day of May 1883, at Saint Hill Southampton Co. I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Thomas H. Newson

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.

A Copy Teste J. B. Brainerd

Vaughan Wm

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Vaughan Elizabeth



V.D. Munson

The Deposition of Edward Scott
& William Heath taken before me
a Justice of the Peace for the County
of Southampton pursuant to
Motion hereto annexed, at G. M. Hughes
dwelling house in Southampton
County on the 23rd Day of Oct. 1888.
to be read as evidence on behalf of
William Vaughan in a certain suit
now pending in the Circuit
Court of Southampton Co. Va wherein
Wm Vaughan is complainant
& Elizabeth Vaughan is defendant.
~~Myself & Supervisor of the County~~
The within William Heath being
duly sworn deposes as follows.

1st Q. How long has it been since
Wm Vaughan & wife separated

A. Ever since 1881 - about March.

2nd Q. You are well acquainted
with all the parties in this
case

A. Yes sir.

And further this deponent
saith not.

Wmth Heath
mark

The within Edward Scott being
duly sworn deposes as follows.

1st Q. Are you acquainted with
Wm Vaughan & wife.

1st Ans. Yes Sir.

2nd Q. How long have they
been separated.

2nd Ans. Some time in the Spring
of 1881. I don't remember the
exact time in the Spring of
that year.

3rd Q. How do you know that they
separated in 1881?

3rd Ans. Because Wm Vaughan left
for North Carolina & stayed two
years without its ever being
known of his returning in that
time either to see her or any one
else in Va. & since he returned
from N.C. it has been three
years last Spring.

4th Q. Where has Elizabeth Vaughan
been living ever since she & her
husband separated?

4th Ans. In 1881. with Richard Bremer
in 1882, at Mrs. Polly Williams
in 1883, at Mr. Geo. P. Bremer,
in 1884, at Mr. Adams & in 1885
& up to the present time in 1886,
at Mr. Adams also.

and further this I found
out not. Edward ^{his} Scott
Wash

State of Virginia, Southampton Co. & Civil.
J. R. M. Hughes, a Justice of the
Peace for the County of Southampton
in the said State do hereby certify
that the foregoing depositions of
Edward Scott & Wm Heath, were
duly taken, sworn to & subscribed
before me at the time & place &
for the purpose therein mentioned.
Given under my hand & seal
this the 23rd day of Octo 1886.
Geo. M. Hughes J.P.

Vaughan

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Vaughan

1885. With Rules

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Executed July
29th 1885 by delivery
to Fisher Vaughan a
copy of the within
Summons

H. W. Vick Sr
for W. W. Briggs Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Fisher Vaughan

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 *March* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against *her*
in our said Court by *William Vaughan*

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

WITNESS, J. B. PRINCE, Clerk of our said Court, this *9*" day of *Febry*
in the *109*" year of the Commonwealth.

, 188*8*,

Teste J. B. Prince C. G.

To Elizabeth Vaughan,

Take notice that on the
23rd day of Oct. at E. M. Hughes
house I shall proceed to take
depositions to be read as evidence
in my behalf in a certain suit
or equity depending in the Circuit
Court of Southampton County,
wherein I am plaintiff & you
are defendant.

Respectfully,

Edw. Vaughan
by William H. Atto.

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V.D. Murov

In Southampton Circuit Court.
William Vaughan
against
Fisher Vaughan } In Chancery.

1888.

Feb'y 9. Summons to Mch^r. Rules.
Mch Rules. " wth Ex^{ts}.
May Rules. Bills & Exhibits filed and decree nisi
or Def^t.
June " Cause set for hearing..

This cause came on this
the 5th day of May 1887 to be
heard upon the Supplemental
bill filed herewith and marked
B, and was argued by counsel
and it appearing from the
record that the plaintiff
was Vaughan has lived separate
and apart from his wife
Elizabeth Vaughan for more
than five years and is therefore
according to law entitled to a
divorce a vinculo matrimonii
the said was Vaughan is
therefore absolved from
the bonds of matrimony with
the said Elizabeth Vaughan.
And there being nothing
further to be done in this
case it is therefore ordered
to be removed from docket.