

1893-84

Santhampton County - Chancery Wickerson, Antony vs Wickerson, Mary Elizabeth
Broom

"Divorce"

Wickerson

vs 3 Bill for Divorce

Wickerson

1/1

1 July Rules 93

Shand Son p.g.

To the Hon. C. W. Hill Judge of the Circuit
Court for Southampton County Va.

Humbly complaining your orator Antony
Vickerson sheweth unto the court. that in
the month of November 1877 he was law-
fully married to one Mary Elizabeth Brown
all of which will more fully appear
from a duly certified copy of said mar-
riage license herewith filed marked
exhibit A and prayed to be read as
a part of this bill. That your orator
made her a kind, indulgent and affec-
tionate husband and worked hard and
saved his means and supported and
treated her well ^{and} took good care of her
in every way. That notwithstanding
all this, sometime in the year 1886
of her own accord and without
any cause therefor she willfully
deserted and abandoned and ceased
to live with your orator and
has never lived with him since
or had anything to do with him
That since leaving him, your orator
has learned and found out that
she committed adultery repeatedly
while living with him. and with-
out his knowledge and consent

and also that since leaving him she
has also repeatedly committed adultery,
& not only that, but she has given
birth to one, if not more children
the father of which was some man
other than your orator as he most
emphatically states and avers that he
has never lived ^{or cohabited} with or had any-
thing to do with her since she
left him as aforesaid. Such being
the case your orator wishes to be
divorced from the bond of marriage
with her

In tender consideration whereof and
in as much as your orator is without
relief in the premises done in a court
of equity where matters of this kind
are alone cognizable he prays that
Mary Elizabeth Wilkinson may be made
a party defendant to his bill and
required to answer the same. That
your orator may be divorced from
the bond of marriage with her
and the marriage dissolved. That
the court would grant all such
other further general and special
relief as his case may require or
to equity seem meet. Your orator

Executed Sept. 9th 1893
by delivering a
copy of this notice
to Mary E. Wilkerson
R. J. William
deputy for J. W. William
Shiff

a copy

Wilkerson

vs.

Notice.

Wilkerson

To Mary E. Wickerson

You are hereby notified, that on the 21st day of Sept, in the year 1893, at the office of B. F. McLEMORE, in the village of Courtland, 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 F. C. Williams

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,

Antony Wickerson

To J. W. Williams
Sheriff of Southampton Co Va
To Execute

Per Shands Son
his attorney

Wilkinson ³ 200

or } Stat. Rules

Wilkinson

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Ex cap

Antony Wickerson

Pltff;

against

In Chancery

Mary E. Wickerson

Defn.

1893. June 24. Procep ipd to 1st July Ruled

" 1st July Ruled - Procep Ret. Executed, Bill

Ex. filed - decree nisi

" 2nd July Ruled - Bill taken for confessed
+ cause set for hearing.

Wilkinson

" } Stat: Cast:

Wilkinson

#26⁵⁵

Robt. Lash in Suit,
Hickerson vs Hickerson

Cash,

20-13-18-10-18-50-30-10-25-15 = \$2.24

50-15-15-36-110-25,

181

4.05

1.00

16.50

\$21.55

5.00

Total Cost.

\$26.55

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Lawre

Carver

B. F. McLaren

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To least in Chancery Cause of
Wilkinson or Wilkinson
T. M. H. paid T. M. Herward \$ 4.38
J. W. W. paid J. W. Williams Shff. 1.60
W B Boston. 16.50
B. F. M. paid B. F. M. Lennor 5.00

\$ 27.48

Wilkinson
v ^{James} Depositions

Wilkinson
1893. Sep 21. filed.

The Depositions of F. E. Williams and others. taken before B. F. McLennan Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton - Va. to be read as evidence on behalf of Anthony Wilkinson. in a certain Chancery suit depending ⁱⁿ the Court aforesaid. in which the aforesaid Anthony Wilkinson is Plaintiff and Mary E. Wilkinson is Defendant. September 21. 1893.

Present:

Shand & Son - Attys for Plff.

The Witness, Levi Dickinson, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

1st. What is your age, residence and occupation. and do you know the parties to the suit?

A: My age is 40 years. reside in Southampton County. a farmer by occupation and know the parties to the suit.

Q: State whether or not Anthony Wilkinson treated his wife, Mary E. Wilkinson, kindly, and provided for her as well as he was able to do.

A: He treated her kindly, and provided for her as well as any poor man.

could. never heard of or knew any quarreling or fighting between them, and am satisfied they lived happily together. I lived near them, and would have heard any trouble between them, if any had occurred. I was present at the wedding, when they were married - but don't remember the date.

Q: What caused her to leave him?

A: I do not know. She left of her own accord - and, so far as I know, or have ever heard - without cause on the part of her husband. She left him about seven years ago. and has never lived together since or had any thing to do with each other.

Q: Since leaving him, has she lived at your house, and if so, how long?

A: Yes sir. She has lived at my house about three years.

Q: State whether or not during that time she gave birth to a child. and if so, who was the father of it?

A: She had a child while at my house. She said Henry Waller was the father of it. Henry Waller staid at my house a greater part of the time. Mary Wilkinson staid there.

Q: Did Anthony Wilkinson come to your house while Mary Wilkinson was there?

A: Yes. he came once, but as soon as he found out she was there, he left, immediately - and never came again. She afterwards left my house, and now lives with Mr J.B. Drury. and has never lived with her husband since she first left him.

And further this deponent sayeth not.

Levi ^{his} Wilkinson
Marble

The Witness. Mason Dickinson, being duly sworn - deposes as follows:

Q: What is your age, residence, and ~~do~~ you know the parties to this suit?

A: I am about 38 years old - reside in Sincampson County - (Am the wife of Levi Dickinson) and know the parties to the suit?

Q: You have heard the Deposition of your husband - Levi Dickinson, do you concur with him?

A: Yes Sir: I have heard his deposition, and fully concur with the same. I endorse all he has said.

And more this deponent sayeth not.

birth to a child, several years since
she left him. Anthony has not
lived with or had any thing to do
with her since she left him.

Anthony is a very good man and
bears a good character. he has
lived with my father and myself
for seventeen years.

And more this deponent sayeth not.

F. E. Williams.

Southampton County - to wit:
J. B. F. McLenore, Commissioner in
Chancery for the Circuit Court of
the County aforesaid - in the State
of Virginia - hereby certify that the
foregoing depositions of Levi Dick-
inson and others were this day
taken, subscribed and sworn to
before me - at the time and place
and for the purposes therein set
forth.

Given under my hand this
2nd day of September 1893.

J. B. F. McLenore,

Comr in Chancery

Comr for \$5.00
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Wilkerson Memorandum
vs { Divore } for the clerk
Wilkerson

Clark will please copy and file in
the bill the following exhibit

The marriage license (Nov 1st 1877) of
Anthony Wilkerson and Mary Elizabeth
Brown and mark same exhibit A
Shands Son p. 9.

Wilkerson
N } Sum:

Wilkerson

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Executed June 27th 93
by delivering a copy of this
Sum: to Bob. & the a
member of the family over
the age of 21, & placing it
in front of him. ~~the~~ ~~the~~
Capt. Mr. Wilkerson not
being found at his usual
place of abode

J. W. Williams
Shiriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Mary E. Wilkerson

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 ^{1st} Monday in *July* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *her* in our said Court by *Anthony Wilkerson*

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

WITNESS, B. F. McLEMORE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *24th* day of *June*, 189*3*, in the 11*7*th year of the Commonwealth.

B. F. McLemore

C. C.

Wilkinson
+ { Moa. Li.
Brown

1877.

A Copy.

Exhibit A

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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,

Antoney Wilkerson

and

Mary Elizabeth Brown

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Southampton this 27th day of October 1877

L. R. Edwards Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2229 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, ...	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton Co
Place of Marriage, ...	Place of Wife's Birth, Do "
Full Names of Parties Married, Antoney Wilkerson and Mary Elizabeth Brown	Place of Husband's Residence, Do "
Color, Colored	Place of Wife's Residence, Do "
Age of Husband, 22 years	Names of Husband's Parents, ...
Age of Wife, 19 "	Names of Wife's Parents, ...
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single	Occupation of Husband, Laborer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), "	

Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1877
L. R. Edwards Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 1st day of November 1877
at Newsoms Defat I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

J. S. Henderson

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 Put B. A. McLemore L. C.

Vickerson

vs 3 1st Decree.

Vickerson

To be entered
Nov Term 1893
C. M. Hui

Entered 622.

Wilkerson

vs 3 Decree

Wilkerson This cause came on this day to be heard on the plaintiff's bill and exhibits and depositions of witnesses therewith filed and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between the plaintiff, Antony Wilkerson and the defendant, Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson (formerly Mary Elizabeth Brown) shall be and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the said Antony Wilkerson be forever divorced from the said Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson, and there being nothing further to be done in this cause ordered that the same be removed from the docket.