

1893-86

Southampton County Chancery - Young, Arnold, vs Young, Almeda

Divorce

Young

as 3 Bill for divorce

Young

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Shand Son p.g.

To The Honorable L. H. Hill Judge of the Circuit
Court for Southampton County Va

Humbly complaining your orator Arnold
Young sheweth unto the court that in the
month of ⁽²³⁾ November 1890 he was lawfully
married in this county to one Almeda
Warren. all of which will more fully appear
from a duly certified copy of said marriage
license herewith filed. marked exhibit A
and prayed to be read as a part of this bill
That both she and your orator are negroes
and very dark colored. That at the time of
your orator's marriage to said Almeda
Warren he believed her to be a virtuous
and upright woman. That he made her a
kind, indulgent and affectionate husband
& worked hard and saved his means sup-
ported her well. treated her well and took
good care of her in every way. That
sometime in June 1891 she to the great
surprise of your orator gave birth to
a white child (not a baby), the father of
which was a white man. That even
under these trying circumstances your
orator would not drive her away
but had her and her child well fed &
well taken care of until she got well
of her confinement. when she left your

orator and has never returned and lived
with him since & nor would your orator
permit ^{her} to do so should she so desire,
That since this occurrence your orator
has learned & found out that she com-
mitted adultery repeatedly while living
with him & without his knowledge & consent
That since leaving him she has also
repeatedly committed adultery. Your
orator wishes to be divorced from
the bond of marriage with her
In tender consideration thereof and in
as much as your orator is without
relief save in a court of equity where
such matters are alone cognizable
he prays that Almeda Young may
be made a party defendant to this bill
and required to answer. He swears, but
an answer under oath is hereby waived,
That your orator may be divorced
from the bond of marriage with her
and the marriage dissolved. That the
Court would grant such other
further and general relief as his
case may require or to equity seem
meet. Your orator will ever
pray. May it so please the Court
Arnold Young

Sh and Son p.g.

Young

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or

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Stat: Rules

Young

2 April

Arnold Young - Plff

against

In Chancery

Almeda Young - Dft.

1892 March 28. Process issued to 2^d April Rules.

" 2^d April Rules Process executed - Bill + Ex. filed -
decrees nisi

" 1 May " Bill taken for Confessed and
Cause set for hearing.

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Southampton Co. 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,

Arnold Young
and Almada Warren

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Southampton Co. this 17th day of Nov 1890
B. F. McLure 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, Nov 20 th 1890	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton
Place of Marriage, Southampton	Place of Wife's Birth, "
Full Names of Parties Married, Arnold Young Almada Warren	Place of Husband's Residence, "
Color, Col	Place of Wife's Residence, "
Age of Husband, 38 years	Names of Husband's Parents, Cass & Rachel Young
Age of Wife, 24 "	Names of Wife's Parents, Dick & Warren
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Widowed	Occupation of Husband, Farmer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single	

Given under my hand this 17th day of Nov 1890
B. F. McLure Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 23rd day of November 1890
at My Residence I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.
A Copy of Test W. B. Urquhart J. D. C. M. B. Barrett

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.

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

The marriage license of Arnold Young
and Almeda Warren, same made out
Nov 1890) and make exhibit A
Shand Son

Young
✓ *Young*

Sum:

Young

1892. 2 April Rules

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Expected April 5th
1893 by delivery a
copy of the *Journal* to
Alameda Young

L. Y. Williams dep.

For J. W. Williams
East Side St.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Almeda Young*

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 *3rd* Monday in *April* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *her* in our said Court by

Arnold Young

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 *28* day of *March*, 189*2*, in the 11*6*th year of the Commonwealth.

Tests: B. F. McLemore

C. C.

Young Almeda

vs.

} Notice.

Young Almeda

vs. Almeda

Wick's Barren Sept 21th

1892 By delivering a
copy of this Notice to
Almeda Young

R. Williams Capt

for J. W. Williams
Shff

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To Almeda Young

You are hereby notified, that on the 24th day of Oct Courtland, in the year 1892, 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 William Laine 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,

Sept 12. 1892.

To Sheriff of Southampton
to be executed

Arnold Young
Per stand for
his attys

Young

7 3/4 Spia

Young

1892. Oct. 4.

Excused by delivering
a copy of this Spia to each
of the children named

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Sept 22/92

R. J. Williams Left

for J. Williams
Ship

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON William Saine, Dr a.m.
Adkins, Wm H. Stephenson, Dick Landford, Jesse
Warren, Walter Riches
Y B. F. Mc Lemo Clerk in Chancery for Circuit
to appear before the Judge of our Y Court of Southampton County, at the Courthouse
thereof, on the 4th day of October Term, 1892, to testify and the truth to
speak on behalf of Arnold Young
in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between
Arnold Young, plaintiff, and
Almeda Young, defendant.

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

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 12 day
of Sept, 1892, in the 11⁷th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

B. F. Mc Lemo, c.c.

Clerk in Chancery

The Depositions of A. M. Atkins and others,
taken before B. F. McLemore, Commissioner
in Chancery of the Circuit Court for Southamp-
ton County, on the 4th day of October 1892. to
be read ^{in behalf of Arnold Young} as evidence in a certain suit now
pending in said Circuit Court in which
Arnold Young is Plaintiff and Almeda
Young is Defendant.

Present: Messrs Shands & Son, Attys for Plff.

The witness W. F. Laine, being duly sworn,
deposes as follows:

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

A: My age is 55 years. reside in Southamp-
ton County. am a farmer by occupation,
and know the parties to the suit.
they are both Negroes.

Q: Do you know when they were married,
and when Almeda Young gave birth
to a child?

A: ~~In November~~ They were married in
November 1890. and the child was
born in less than nine months after
the marriage.

Q: Does she now live with her husband.

A: She does not.

Q: While they lived together, did he prove a kind husband, and provide for her as well as he could - according to his means?

A: I think he did - never heard any trouble between them
And more this deponent says not.
W. F. Laine

The witness Jesse Warren - being duly sworn - deposes as follows:

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

A: Am 63 years old - reside in Southampton County - a Farmer, by occupation and know the parties to the suit? Know them to be Negroes -

Q: When were they married and how long after the marriage was it before the birth of the child?

A: They were married November 23. 1890 - less than nine months from that time Almeda gave birth to a white or half-white child ^{not in evidence} - at least it looked so to me - I am satisfied that a white man was the father of the child, Arnold Young is very black

and could not get as white a child as that one, by a woman very nearly as black as he is.

J: After the birth of the child did she continue to live with her husband?

A: She did not, and has not lived with him since.

J: While they did live together, did Arnold Young make a kind husband and provide for his wife as well as his means would justify?

A: Yes, he did.

And further this deponent says etc not.

Jesse ^{his} Warren
master

The Witness, Walter Riches, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

J: What is your age, and residence, and do you know all the parties to the suit?

A: My age is 26 years, reside in Southampton, and know the parties to the suit?

J: Do you know when Arnold and Alameda Young were married and when the child was born, if so state what kind of a child it is, as to color.

A: I don't know when they were married, nor when the child was born, but do know that it is a white or half white child, not an Albino.

Q: Are Arnolds Young and his wife, Almada Young, both Negroes, and very dark colored?

A: They are Negroes - and very black.

Q: Have you ever seen Almada Young commit adultery with any one, and if so, state who and when?

A: On Saturday after Christmas - 1891, I saw Almada Young and Mansfield Davis in the very act of adultery. She did not live with her husband then, nor does she do so now.

And more this deponent says etc not.

Walter ^{his} Rickes
marsh

Virginia -

Southampton Co. to wit:

I, B. F. McLemore, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court for Southampton County - in the State of Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of W. F. Laine & others was this day taken, subscribed and sworn to before me, pursuant to Notice herewith filed.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October 1892.

B. F. McLemore,
Clerk in Chancery

Court fee \$3.00
Ch Plaintiff -

Young
vs 3rd Decree

Young

To be ruled
Nov Term 1892
C. W. J.

Excluded

Young

vs 3 Decree

Young

This cause came on this day
to be heard on the bill, and exhibits and
depositions of witnesses therewith filed
and was argued by counsel. On consi-
deration whereof the court doth ad-
judge order and decree that the
marriage heretofore had and solemnized
between the plaintiff, Arnold Young
and the defendant, Almeda Young
(formerly Almeda Warren) shall be and the
same is hereby dissolved; and that
the said Arnold Young be forever
divorced from the said Almeda
Young.

Young
to 1/2 Dress
Young

To be entered
Nov 17th Term 1893
CWSL

Entered

young
vs 3 Decree

young

This day this cause
came on again to be heard on the
papers formerly read and was argued
by counsel and it appearing to
the court that there is nothing further
to be done therein, on considera-
tion whereof the court doth order
and decree that the same be
removed from the docket