

1894-09

Southampton County - Chancery

Myrick, Joseph to Myrick, Laura

divorce

Joseph Myrick } Bill for
vs }
Laura Myrick } Divorce

1894 1st Act Rules filed
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To the Hon. W.C. Hill, Judge of the
Circuit Court for the County of Southampton.

Humbly complaining, sheweth unto
your honor, your orator, Joseph Myrick
was married to Laura Myrick in Decem-
ber 1887, and for several years lived peaceably
and happily with her, but in the year
1891 your orator learned to his certain
knowledge that his wife, Laura, was living
in adultery while he was at work from
home. Your orator has recently found out
that his wife has been living with another
man as his unlawful wife, and that she
is generally known in her neighborhood
to be a lude woman.

When your orator learned that ^{his wife, Laura,} ~~she~~ was
continually committing adultery, that being
in 1891, ~~he~~ at once left her declaring
his intention of never considering her his
wife again, and from that time ~~has~~
never cohabited with her nor in any way
been reconciled to her. At the time your
orator left his wife they were living in
the County of Southampton, State of Virginia.

To the end therefore that justice may
be done your orator, he prays that he may
be entirely divorced from his wife Laura
Myrick, and their marriage be dissolved.

and for such other relief his case may
require, and to equity may seem meet.
And your orator will ever pray &c
Joseph Myrick

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Apr. 2, 1894.

A. G. Naves Rept. for
J. W. Williams Chff.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Launa Myrick*

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 *April* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *her* in our said Court by *Joseph Myrick*

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

WITNESS, T. M. HOWARD, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *20* day of *March*, 189*4* in the 11.*8*th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

T. M. Howard, C. C.

Myrick

D. } Sum

Myrick

1894, 1st Oct Rule

Sit let

The within summons was executed on the 5th day of Sept 1894, by delivering a copy thereof in writing to Laura Myrick in person at her usual place of abode in Sussex County Virginia

Geo. P. Grizzard,
Siff of Sussex Co. Va.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~SOUTHAMPTON~~ ^{Sussex} COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON.....

Laura Myovick

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.....~~October~~ next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against.....*her*.....in our said Court by.....*Joseph Myovick*.....

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

WITNESS, T. M. HOWARD, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this.....¹⁴.....day of

August....., 189⁴, in the 11.....⁹.....th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

T M Howard....., C. C.

Jos. Myrick
vs } Notice &
Take Deposition
Laura Myrick

The within Notice
was executed on
the 8th day of Octo-
ber 1894, by deliv-
ering a copy thereof,
of, in writing, to
Laura Myrick,
in person, at her
usual place of
abode in Sussex
County Virginia.

Geo. D. Wiggard
Shff. of Sussex Co. Va.

To Laura Myrick

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November in the year 1894, at the store of C.C. Seaborn, at Green Plain station, Virginia, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of C.C. Seaborn and others, to be used as evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit in Equity, depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton; wherein I am ^{plaintiff} ~~defendant~~ and you are defendant; 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 day to day, at the same place & between the same hours until the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant
Joseph Myrick
per H.L. Taylor, atty.

Adams House No. 1
2nd Nov. 1894

Dear Sir,

Please file the within documents
in the case of Jan Myranda vs. Laura Myranda
et al.

Very truly yours,
J. S. Myranda

Myrick { Notice
vs { to take
Myrick { Depositions

Served by delivering
copy for writing to
Laura Myrick in person
H. L. Taylor.

To Laura Myrick

You are hereby notified, that on the 6th day of April in the year 1894, at the store of C.C. Seaborn, at Green Plain station, in the County of Southampton, state of Virginia, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 5 P.M. of that day I shall proceed to take the depositions of C.C. Seaborn and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in Chancery depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant, 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 day to day at the same ~~day~~ place, and between the same hours until the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant
Joseph Myrick.

I, T. D. Myerson, a ^{Notary Public} ~~commissioner of chancery~~ in & for the County of Southampton, state of Virginia, do certify that H. L. Taylor, did this day appear before me and make affidavit that he served a copy of the above notice upon Laura Myrick on the March 21st 1894 by delivering a copy thereof ^{in writing} to her in person.

Given under my hand & seal this 6th day of April 1894
T. D. Myerson (Notary)
Notary Public

Departments of

J. B. Powell & family

Travelling to be sent as
Endorsement in book 2

Myself for Endorsement
vs.

Myself sent

The Depositions of ~~J. J. Smith~~ J. B. Powell
A Juratt Juror _____ taken
before me, a Notary Public for the County
of Southampton State of Virginia pursuant
to notice limits arrived ^{at the State of G. C. of Seaboard} at Green Plain
^{Station} in Southampton County on 2nd day of November
1894 between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and
12 o'clock ^{A.M.} to be read as evidence in behalf
of Joe Myrick in a certain suit in Chancery
depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton
County of Virginia wherein Joe Myrick
is plaintiff and Laura Myrick is defendant
Present H. L. Taylor, Attorney for the plaintiff

The witness J. B. Powell being duly sworn
deposes as follows

1st Question for plaintiff. What is your age
residence & occupation...

1st Answer: I am 40 years old, I live
in Granville County, & I am
a farmer.

2nd Question for the same. Do you know
Laura Myrick, or if so what is
her general reputation in her
community where she has been
residing within the last two
years.

(over)

2nd Answer: I know her very well & she has the reputation of being a very loud, loose woman.

3rd Question for the same: Does Joe Myrick have a husband, & if so, what is the relation of husband & wife, & if not how long since he has broken off.

3rd Answer. He does not & he has not cohabited with her in nearly four years.

4th Question for the same: Did you ever know her to cohabit with any one else than her husband.

4th Answer: Yes, I do. She lived in a house with another woman some time when her husband parted, when there was no other woman there besides herself.

And further this deponent saith not.

(Signed)

J. B. Proctor

The witness Farrell Turner being duly sworn deposes as follows:

1st Question for the plaintiff: What is your age, residence & occupation?
1st Answer: - I am 41 years old, I live in Southampton County & am a Farmer.

2nd Question for the same: - Do you know Joe & Laura Myrick & if so how long have you been knowing them.

2nd Answer: I do know them, have been knowing them all their life.

3rd Question for the same: Do they live together as man & wife?

3rd Answer: They do not.

4th Question for the same: How long have they been separated?

4th Answer: Three years last February.

5th Question for the same: Has he ever communicated with her since that time.

5th Answer: He has not.

6th Question for the same: What is her general reputation in the community in which she has resided since her separation.

(over)

6th Answer. It is very bad.

7th Question for the same. Did you ever know her to commit adultery.

7th Answer: I have. I have known her to sleep with a man for six months after she left her husband. They lived in my house together & I have seen them in the bed together.

8th Question for the same. Did you ever see them in the act.

8th Answer. I have not seen them but I have heard them & it sounded right horrible.

9th Question for the same: At what time did Emma Englek & this other man live at your house.

9th Answer: She lived there from June to December 1893.

10th Question for the same: Who was this man she lived with in that time.

10th Answer: His name was John Brown

11th Question for the same: Did they continue living together after

Continuation of 11th Question.
moving your house & if so at what place.

11th Answer: They did. They moved in a house belonging to Mr. Leburn, & stayed there about four months.

And further their dependent earth not

(Signed) Jarell ^{his} Turner
mark

Virginia,

Southampton County to wit:

J. T. D. Newcom, a Notary Public for the County of Southampton in said State do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of J. B. Powell and Jarell Turner were duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of November 1894.

(Signed) J. T. D. Newcom
Notary Public.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia, _____ 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,

Joseph Myricks
and Laura Seaborn

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the _____ County Court
of _____ this 2nd day of Decr 1886
J. H. Dohi 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, _____	Decr 1886	Place of Husband's Birth, _____	Lyonsville
Place of Marriage, _____	Massy	Place of Wife's Birth, _____	Massy
Full Names of Parties Married, _____	James	Place of Husband's Residence, _____	"
_____	Abner	Place of Wife's Residence, _____	"
Color, _____	Colored	Names of Husband's Parents, _____	Tom & Jennie
Age of Husband, _____	22 of years	Names of Wife's Parents, _____	
Age of Wife, _____	20	Occupation of Husband, _____	Laborer
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), _____	single		
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), _____	single		

Given under my hand this 2nd day of Decr 1886
J. H. Dohi Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 11 day of December 1886
at Mr James Grizzards I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

William B. Dohi

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.

234 Nov 1894 - A Copy Teste J. H. Dohi Clerk Massy Co. Court.

Depositions in case of

Myrick Joe }
vs. }
Myrick Samra }

The depositions of Thomas B. Powell, E. J. Herb
and Jarratt Lums taken before me a Notary
Public for the County of Southampton pursuant
to notice limits annexed at Green Plain in
the County of Southampton on the 6th day
of April 1894. to be read as evidence in
behalf of Joseph Myrick in a certain suit
in Equity depending in the Circuit Court
of Southampton wherein Joseph Myrick
is Plaintiff and Sanna Myrick is
defendant.

Present Counsel for the plaintiff M. H. L. Taylor.
The witness T. B. Powell being duly sworn
deposes as follows.

1st Question: What is your age and occupation

1st Ans. Forty years old, and my occupation is farming.

2nd Ques. Where do you reside.

2nd Ans. In Hammsell County near Green Plain.
(over)

3rd Ques. Do you know the defendant in this case, Laura Myrick? If so state how long you have known her and her general reputation in her neighborhood.

3rd Ans. I have known her about fifteen years. Her general reputation is very bad. She is considered a loose woman by everybody that knows her.

4th Ques. Where has Laura Myrick been living for the last two years.

4th Ans. She has been living near Green Plain the most of the time in Jurell Turner's house with Jas. Brown and a part of the time she stayed in Jas Brown's house with Jas Brown alone.

(Signed) T. B. Powell
And further this deponent saith not.

The witness E. J. Hart being duly sworn
deposes as follows.

1st Ques. What is your age, occupation
or where is your residence.

1st Ans. My age is 41 years. Occupation, farmer
and my residence near Green Plain
in Southampton County.

2nd Ques. Do you know the parties to this
suit - Joe Myrick or Lema Myrick?
if so state how long you have known
them & the general reputation of
Lema Myrick in her neighborhood.

2nd Ans. I have known the plaintiff about
15 or 18 years. & the defendant about
10 years. The general reputation
of the defendant is very bad, & is
generally considered to be a bad
woman.

3rd Ques. Where & with whom has Laura Myrick been residing for the last two years.

8th Ans. For the greater part of the time she has been living in Jarrett Turner's house with Jas. Brown & she was the only woman living in the house.

4th Ques. About what time did Joe Myrick leave his wife Laura Myrick & has he communicated with her since.

4th Ans. He left her about two years ago. & he has not lived with her since.

(Signed) E. J. Hart -
And further this deponent saith not.

The witness Jarrett Swain being duly sworn deposes as follows.

1st Ques. What is your age, occupation & where is your residence.

1st Ans. I am about 41 years old. My occupation is farmer & my residence is in Southampton County near Green Plain.

2nd Ques. Do you know the parties to this suit — Joe Myrick vs. Louisa Myrick & if so state how long you have known them & the general reputation of Louisa Myrick in her neighborhood.

2nd Ans. I have known them about 15 years.

The general reputation of Louisa Myrick has been very bad. She will live with one man about as quick as she will with another.

3rd Quest. Do you know anything of your
 own certain knowledge of her having
 intercourse with other men than her
 husband

3rd Ans. I do. She has been ~~living~~ ^{residing} in my
 house most of the time for two
 years, & during that time she slept
 with two different men. The
 first man she slept with every night
 for about twelve months and
 the second man she slept with most
 of the time for five months.

4th Quest. What time did Joe Myrick leave
 his wife, Sarah Myrick. & has he cohabited
 with her since.

4th Ans. A little over two years ago, she has
 not lived with her since.
 And further this deponent ^(Signed) ^{Jarrett} ^{Sworn} ^{at} ^{South} ^{ms.}

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Virginia.

Southampton County Deed.

I, J. D. Newcom, a Notary Public in the
County of Southampton in the said state
do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions
of Thomas B. Camell, E. J. Newk and
Jurett Garrison, were duly taken,
sworn to and subscribed before
me at the time and place and for
the purpose therein mentioned

Given under my hand this the
6th day of April 1894

J. D. Newcom
Notary Public.

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Mr } Stoh: Leuth.

Weyrich Laura

State of least in bankruptcy suit of
 Jos Myrick & Laura Myrick

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Mayrick Laura

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Joseph Mayrick Off
Dr 3 In Chancery.
Laura Mayrick Def

1894, Aug 14. Process to 1st Oct Rules
" 1st Oct Rules Process not Executed
Bill & Exhibit filed, & depositions.
" 2 Aug Rules Bill taken for
confessed & cause set for hearing

Myrick Joseph
is } Dece

Myrick Luma

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~~For For~~
Decr 1894

Joseph Myrick
vs

Laura Myrick

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill, exhibits filed and examinations of witnesses, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court, being of opinion that the charge of adultery against the defendant is fully proved, doth adjudge, order and decree, that the marriage heretofore solemnized between Joseph Myrick and Laura Myrick be and the same is hereby dissolved, the said Joseph Myrick forever divorced from his wife, the said Laura Myrick, and all the rights, title and interest of the said ~~Laura~~ Myrick, in or to the estate real or personal, of the said Joseph Myrick shall henceforth cease & determine.

And nothing further remaining to be done in this suit it is order 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 authorised by law.