

1897-11

Southampton County Chancery - Cobb, Enoch vs Cobb, Mary (Mahone)

Divorce

L. A. Gay b. b.

L. A. Gay b. b.

1 To the Honorable Robert R. Prentiss, Judge of the Probate
2 Court of Southampton County:

3 In Chancery:

4 Complainant, Sheweth unto the Court, Your orator, Enoch
5 Cobb husband of Mary Cobb.

(1) 6 First, That he is 43 years of age, and a citizen of
7 Southampton County.

(2) 8 Second, That he was married to the said Mary Cobb,
9 as it will appear in the marriage ^{document} hereto annexed
10 and marked exhibit "A"; on the 27th day of December
11 A.D. 1844

(3) 12 Third, That immediately after their marriage, he took
13 her to his home in Berlin Magistral District, this
14 County, where they lived happily together for a period
15 of 13 years.

(4) 16 Fourth, That their domestic happiness was interrupted
17 by one John Henry Joel, whose attentions to your orator's
18 wife, caused suspicion and distrust to arise.

(5) 19 Fifth, That the attentions of the said John Henry
20 Joel, were so constant, as to attract public attention,
21 and to cause comments to be made, which, in their
22 nature were mortifying to your orator, and which
23 were calculated to bring shame and disgrace upon
24 him and his children.

(6) 25 Sixth, That your orator in order to preserve this union, and to
26 prevent a rupture in their domestic relations, moved
27 his home from Berlin district, to Franklin Magistral
28 district, a distance of 15 miles.

(7) 29 Seventh, That after arranging his home in Franklin
30 Magistral district he invited his wife to accompany
31 him, but this she refused to do.

(8) Eight. That since his removal a period of eight years has elapsed and during that time he has frequently implored the said Mary Cobb, by letter and otherwise to come and live with him, but this she still refuses to do.

(9) Ninth. That at this time he believes her to be living in a district with one James, sometimes called "Miner" Holloman.

(10) Tenth. That the said James, sometimes called "Miner" Holloman has been seen in the same room with her at an unreasonable hour in the night time.

(11) Eleventh. That the said Mary Cobb is a deserter from his home for a period of eight years, and during that time, and for several months before she denied your orator sexual intercourse, and spurned his companionship.

But tender consideration whereof, and in as much as your orator is remediless in the premises, and in a court of Equity, he prays that the said Mary Cobb be made a defendant to this bill, and be required to answer the same on oath. That your orator may be divorced *A vinculo Matrimonii*, and that all such other relief may be afforded your orator as the case may require.

Enoch ^{his} Cobb
mark

Reluctant/sg

State of Virginia

County of Southampton } To wit:

This day personally ^{appeared} before the undersigned clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, Enoch Cobb whose name is signed to the above bill, and made oath that the statements as made therein, so far as made of his own knowledge are true, and so far as made upon information derived from others he believes them to be true.

Given under my hand this 6th day of July, 1896

L. A. Gay C. C.

Cobb Enoch
vs } Statement of Costs
Cobb Mary

6066 Mary

Bobby Enoch

W. } statement of Costs

Bobby Mary

Serv. 25. Copy 13. receipt 18. Aug. 10. Dock 18=	84
Rules \$1.20. Entering return 35. Filing bill 15=	50
D. Exhibits 15. Spa: 20. 2 Copies 20. rect. 18=	73
another spa: 20. Copy 10. rect. 18. notice & Copy 38=	86
another notice & copy 38. receipt for both 36=	74
filing depositions 15. ~~Draw~~ one Continuance 25	40
filing away papers 25. Future Costs about. 1.50	175
Tax. Costs. 40.	49

Copy Ex. 30.

Bank	\$7.52
Sheriff	3.00
Law &c.	16.50
	<u>\$26.72</u>

Jesse A. Jackson Taking Depositions	3.38
	<u>\$30.40</u>

Mch. Term

17. Additional Costs,

18

Spa: 20 Copy 10. receipt 18.= 48

notice & Copy 38. = 38

filing depositions 15. Law costs 40= 55

Bank 1.41

Sheriff 1.00

J. A. Jackson J.P. Taking depositions 75

3.16

\$33.56

Bank \$ 8.93 paid Aug. 30-97. L.A. Gray &c.

Sheriff 4.00 paid April 1st 1898 J. Williams Sheriff

Law &c. 16.50

\$29.43

J. A. Jackson 4.13

\$33.56

Notice to take depositions.

Enoch Cobb
to Mary Cobb
Colored

Feb 27/97

Executed Feb. 24th 1897
by delivering a copy
of this notice to Mary
Cobb

L. L. Nabfield Deft.
for J. W. Williams
Shff.

(1)

R. E. L. Hastings p. q.

To Mary Cobb,

You are hereby notified that on the 27 day of February
A.D. 1897 at the office of J. A. Jackson in Franklin
Va between the hours of 6 am. and 10 am. of
that day I shall proceed to take the depositions of
Minute Scott and others, to be read 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 and you are defendant,
and if from any cause the taking of the said deposition
be not ~~completed~~ commenced, or if commenced, and
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.

Enoch Cobb

by

R. S. Martin his atty

CC.

Please issue summons for Minute Scott in
accordance with the above notice.

R. S. Martin

Goby Enoch

vs. } Spa:

Goby Mary

1896. 20. March

6 L. 1/2, 6 L. 1/2.

Executed March 10th
1896 by deliv'g a
Copy of the Spirit Book
of the written word
Perkins W. E. Lardner kept
for J. Williams
Stopp

W. E. Lardner.

p. 7.

911

Mind Scott &
his Wife

Mollie Scott

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Minister Scott & John Bryant

J. Jackson a Justice of the Peace Franklin R
to appear before the ~~Judge of our Circuit Court~~ of Southampton County, at the ~~Courthouse~~ thereof
on the 20th day of March, 1896, ^{between the hours of 10 & 11 o'clock} to testify and the truth to speak
on behalf of Enoch Cobb

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between _____

Enoch Cobb, plaintiff, and

Mary Cobb, defendant.

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

Witness, L. A. GAY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 12th day of
March, 1896, in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

L. A. Gay, C. C.

I went to the usual place of abode
 of Mary Cobb on the 7th day of Feb.
 and she not being found and no member
 of the family to whom I could deliver a
 copy of this Survey I posted a copy
 thereof to the front door of her usual
 place of abode: W. E. Pardon kept
 for J. W. Williams Supp.

Cobb Enos

W. } Am:

Cobb Mary

1896. 2. Feb. Rules

Wm. W.

Entered Feb 7, 96

By looking to the
 door of Mary Cobb

W. E. L. Watkins p. 9.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON.....*Mary Cobb*.....

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.....*February*.....*1896*.....next, to answer a Bill in Chancery
exhibited against.....*her*.....in our said Court by.....*Enoch Cobb*.....

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

WITNESS, ~~T. M. HOWARD~~, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this.....*6th*.....day of
February....., 189*6*, in the 1*4*.....th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

.....*L. A. Gray*....., C. C.

boby.

vs.

}

Statement of Rules

boby

Enoch Cobb

Plaintiff

vs. } In Chancery.

Mary Cobb

Defendant

1896. 6th February, Process Sd. to 2nd Feby. Rules.

" 2nd Feby. Rules, Process returning executed,

Bill + Exhibits filed, Decree nisi.

" 1st March Rules, Bill taken for confessed and
cause set for hearing.

Lobby Enoch,
vs. Notice to Take Deposition
Lobby Mary

1896. 24th Sept.

Executed Sept 2nd
1896 by delivering
a copy of this
notice to Mary Cobb
H. E. Pardon
deput for J. Williams
Shiff,

Copied 15th Nov

Notice to take Depositions

To Mary Cobb,

You are hereby notified, that on September the 24th day in the year of 1896 at the office of J. A. Jackson, Justice of the Peace, in the ^{town} Franklin Southampton County, between the hours of 9 am. and 4 pm. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Minnie Scott and others, to be read 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 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, and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Enoch Cobb

by R. C. Shattuck his atty.

Lobb
Vs. } Notice
Lobb

Executed by delivering
a copy of this notice
to Mary Scott
March 13th 1860 W. E. Pardue
for J. M. Williams
Sgt

I. Mary Gobly.

You are hereby notifying, That on the 20th day of March in the year of 1896 at the office of J. A. Jackson in Franklin, Southampton County Virginia, between the hours of 10- and 11 O'clock I shall proceed to take the depositions of Minnie Scott and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit, depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County wherein I am Plaintiff and you are defendant; and if from any cause the taking of the said deposition 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
Enoch Gobly

by

R. E. L. Watkins his Atty.

Bob Enoch

vs. } Depositions

Bob Mary

1896. 21st March filed

L. A. Gay L. L.

A copy of the notice to take depositions

To Mary Cobb.

You are hereby notified, that on the 20th day of March, in the year 1896, at the office of J. A. Jackson a justice of the peace in the Town of Franklin Va. between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock of that day. I shall proceed to take the depositions of John Bryant and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf, in ^a certain ~~suit~~ suit in Equity depending in Circuit Court of the County of Southampton, wherein I am plaintiff and you are ~~defendant~~, and if from any cause, ^{taking of the} the said depositions be not commenced ~~if~~ or if commenced be not concluded on that day, the ~~day~~ taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day at the same place, and between the same hours untill the same shall be completed.

Your obedient servant
Carver Cobb
by R. E. L. Watkins his atty

Deposition of Minnie Scott taken
before me J. A. Jackson a Justice of the
peace for the County of Southampton
State of Virginia, pursuant to notice
hereto annexed, at my office in Franklin
Virginia on the 27th day of February 1892.
between hours of 6 and 10 A.M., to be
read as evidence in behalf of Enoch
Cobb, in a certain suit in equity,
depending in the Circuit Court of the
County of Southampton in the state of
Virginia wherein Enoch Cobb is
plaintiff and Mary Cobb is defendant.

Present R. E. L. Watkins for the plaintiff.

No appearance for the defendant.

The witness Minnie Scott being duly
sworn deposes as follows.

Q

Do you know the defendant Mary
Cobb? if so state how long you have
known her where she now lives and
how far you live from her.

Ans

Yes Sir. have been knowing her nearly
20 years. She has no particular home
but she resides in Berlin District in

Southampton County Va. About
Two miles.

Q Have you known her ^{to} be guilty any
act of adultery since her marriage to
Enoch Coff if so with whom

Ans Yes Sir I and Enoch went to her house
one night and found Minn Holloman there

Q State about what time in the night
you went to this house

Ans It was about mid night.

Q How many rooms were in this house

Ans Not but one.

Q How many beds were in the house

Ans Not but one

Q Who was in the house

Ans Nobody but Minn Holloman and she

Q How did you see in side of the house

Ans He brought a piece of fire to the door and
opened the door and there was a light in
the room

Q About how long has Minn Holloman been living with this woman

Ans About 4 years

Q What is her general reputation in the community in which she lives formerly

Ans She is a very common woman.

Q About how long did you stay at the house of Minn Holloman on the night referred to above

Ans We stayed about 2 hours after he gave me the fire

Q Were the lights burning in the house when you left

Ans No Sir

Q Did Minn Holloman leave the house either before or after the lights were put out

Ans No Sir

Further his deponent saith not

Witness
J. A. Jackson J.P.

Minute ^{his} X Scott
mark

State of Virginia
Southampton County } to wit.

I J. A. Jackson a Justice of the peace for
the County of Southampton in the said
State, do hereby certify that the foregoing
deposition of Minnie Scott was duly
taken, sworn to and subscribed before me
at the time and place, and for the purpose
in the caption hereto mentioned.

Given under my hand this 27th day
of February in the year 1897

J. A. Jackson J. P.

I certify that the time occupied in taking
this deposition was one hour.

J. A. Jackson J. P.

Enoch Cobb,
Vs. } Deposition of
Minnie Scott
Mary Cobb

1897. 3rd. Mich. Filed

L. A. Gay C. C.

(1)

The depositions of John Bryant and others, taken before me, J. A. Jackson Justice of the peace ^{notar} for the County of Southampton, pursuant to, ^{hears} annexed, at the office of J. A. Jackson a Justice of the peace in Franklin Va, on the 20th day of March 1896, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. to be read as evidence in behalf of Enoch Cobb, in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County, ^{Virginia} wherein Enoch Cobb is plaintiff and Mary Cobb is defendant

Present R. C. L. Watkins Attorney for the plaintiff

The Witness John Bryant being duly sworn deposes as follows

Q 1 by Atty for Plaintiff.

What is your age, name, occupation, ^{Residence} and do you know the parties to this suit?

Ans

About 42 years of age. John Bryant, farmer and live near Courthouse Southampton Co. Va. I know all the parties to the suit.

Q 2

Did you or did you not move the plaintiff from Berlin District in this County to his present home in Franklin District?

Ans

I did.

Q. 3

(2)
State please whether or not you heard any conversation between the parties to this suit at the time that you were engaged in moving the plaintiff.

Ans

I did ~~not~~

Q. 4

Please state as near as possible what the parties above mentioned said to each other

Ans

He tried to prevail with her to go. She said that she was not going any where Mr Cobb told her to stay here and I am going to stay Mr Cobb gave her a home and told her that she could stay there as long as she wanted to then Enoch Cobb said "well now if you wont go I am going" we had the wagon about loaded and she told him what to take and what to leave

Q. 5-

You have stated that he the plaintiff tried to persuade his wife to go with him please state when he wanted her to go.

Ans

He wanted to bring her to Mr Geo Lawrence in Franklin district.

Q. 6

Please state why he wanted her to go with him to Mr Lawrence?

Ans Because he had made his home at Mr Lawrence's

Q 7 In an answer stated above you said that Mr Cobb as the defendant stated had given her a home as long as she wished to stay there please state what Cobb this was?

Ans Mr Samuel Cobb she was living ~~off~~ on his land

Q 8 How long has it been since you moved Enoch Cobb the plaintiff in this suit from Berlin district to his present home in Franklin District.

Ans Between 6 and 7 years

Q 9 Please state whether or not the plaintiff in this suit requested you to try and persuade the defendant to accompany him to his home in Franklin district and whether or not you did it

Ans Yes Sir. I went in and talked with her a few minutes and she refused to go any where. I believe he would have carried her if she

(4)
would have gone.

Q 10 Please state whether or not Enoch Cobb was willing and anxious that his wife should accompany him to his new home

Ans ^{Yes} ~~Yes~~ He talked with me a great deal about her, we were near neighbors, and very often worked together.

Q 11 Further this deponent says to not
John ^{this} X Baycutt
marks

Witness Minnie Scott being duly sworn deposes and says

Q 1 What is your name age residence occupation ~~and~~ and do you know the parties to this suit

Ans Minnie Scott about 35 years I live in Black Creek district of this County, farmer I know the parties to the suit.

Q 2 How far do you live from the home of Mary Cobb

Ans About 2 miles.

Q 3 State please, whether or not Enoch Cobb the plaintiff in this suit and Mary Cobb the defendant lived together in the same house as man and wife.

Ans Have not lived together for 8 years

Q 4 State please where Enoch Cobb now resides or lives and how far it is from his present home and the home of Mary Cobb

Ans He lives in Frankfort district nearly 15 miles from Mary Cobb

Q 5 Do you or not know it to be a fact that the above parties have not lived together as man and wife for about 8 years

Ans I know it to be a fact that they have not

Q 6 Further this deponent sayth not
 Minion X Scott
 marks

Witness Enoch Cobb being duly sworn deposes and says

Q 1 What is your name, age, residence, occupation and are you one of the parties to this suit.

Ans Enock Cobb 43 years of age I live in Franklin district farm labour I am the plaintiff in this suit

Q2 Please state ~~where~~ how far it is from your present home to the home of your wife.

Ans Between 10 and 15 miles

Q3 How long have you been separated from your wife

Ans 8 years This last gone Christmas

Q4 Have you or not had sexual intercourse with your wife during past 8 years?

Ans I have not -

Q5 State please why you moved your home from Berlin district to Franklin district

Ans I was disturbed in my family relations by one ~~where~~ John Henry Joe and, concluded that I would get me another home and take her from him and I got me another home and when I moved I asked my wife to go with me and made promises to her that I could

"she said you might go but-I am not going here I am going to stay"

Q 6 Please state if for any other reason you moved your home to Franklin District

Ans I could have regular work to do all the while

Q 7 Have you or have you not since your removal to Franklin district made any effort to get your wife to come and live with you in your new home if so state in what manner

Ans I have by writing and by talking with her personally

Q 8 Did you or not do your own writing of letters to your wife

Ans I did not

Q 9 Please state who wrote your letter for you

Ans Alex Jones

Q 10 Have you or not always been willing and anxious that your wife should share your home with you.

Ans ⁽⁸⁾ Yes sir I have and I have always made
inquiries for her from year to year hoping that
she would come.

Q 11 Did you or not request any one at the time
of your removal from Berlin district to try
and persuade your wife to accompany you
if so state who it was.

Ans Yes Sir John Bryant.

Q 12 Did she or not at the time of your ^{removal} to Franklin
district refuse to accompany you

Ans Yes Sir -

Q 13 Does she or not still refuse to live with
you

Ans She does.

Q 14 Have you or not any cause to believe
that your wife is living in adultery with
any person if so state who and why you believe her
to be so living

Ans I have ^{my} ~~been~~ Holloman. The 6th of Sep 1895.
I went down there to her home unknown to

any one to her house it was a quarter to 10 o'clock at night and I found Minnie Holloman there in her room and I did carry with me Minnie Scott and Scott and Holloman did do some talking they did not know that I was any where about, about a quarter to 12 o'clock the light was all out the door closed and Minnie Holloman was in the same room with my wife there was not but one room to the house then my friend and myself came on away.

Q 15 ~~Then~~ You have stated in an answer above that your family relations were disturbed by John Henry Joe. please state whether or not that his intimacy had caused any public comment

Ans "Church" Oh yes Sir - The neighbors said to me ~~that~~ John Henry is about to take you from you I said ^{the neighbors said} no I never ^{of mine} not. "Well if ~~she~~ ^{he} was a wife, she could not be doing like that in rooms of pulling up and down the road every night - she would have to stay at home where she belongs"

Q 16 Did you or not ever remonstrate with her about her conduct with John Henry Joe if so state what she said in reply to you

Ans

(11)
I did remonstrate with her time and again
and she told that she would go when she
got ready. I told her that the way people was
talking it would neve do in the world
She said she did not belong to any body
I could believe what I heard or not but that
she was going with him when she got
ready and she did continue to go with
John Henry Joe.

D 17

Further this deponent says not
Enoch ^{his} Cobb
mark

Witness Alex Jones being duly sworn
deposes and says

Q 1

What is your name, age, residence, occupation
and do you know the parties to this suit

Ans

Alex Jones 34 years of age ^{I live} on Mr J. L. Camp.
land, labour, I know Enoch Cobb but
I don't know his wife.

Q 2

Please state how long you have known
The plaintiff.

Ans

6 years

Q 3 Please state whether or not you have ever written letters to Mary Cott for the plaintiff if so the nature of the correspondence

Ans Yes Sir I wrote to ask her to please come and have made suitable provision to ensure happiness provided you will come and live with me"

Q 4 Please state as near as you can recollect the number of times that you wrote letters of this character to Mary Cott for the plaintiff

Ans At least five times

Q 5 Please state whether or not the plaintiff ever expressed the hope or appeared anxious that his wife should come and share his home with him, if so state as near as possible the nature of his conversation with you in regard to this

Ans He has expressed his hope that she would come. He said that the thought that for the sake of ~~his~~ their child and for the sake of ~~the~~ his kindness to her when she they lived together that after reflection she would come to live with him.

Bob Enoch

W. } Spa:

Bob Mary

1896. 24th Sept.

Specimen of ¹⁰ 1896 by delivering
a copy of 'Spa' to
Minister Scott

H. E. Pardon
deputy for J. Williams
Suff.

R. E. L. Watkins P. 2.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Minette Scott

J. A. Jackson a Justice of the Peace his Office in Franklin
to appear before ~~the Judge of our Circuit Court~~ of Southampton County, at ~~the Courthouse~~ thereof
on the 24th day of September, 1896, to testify and the truth to speak
on behalf of Enoch Bobb

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between _____

Enoch Bobb, plaintiff, and

Mary Bobb, defendant.

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

Witness, L. A. GAY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 24th day of
September, 1896, in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE :

L. A. Gay, C. C.

Exhibit "A."

6064

vs. }

Ma: Lic.

6064

1896. 2. Feby. Rules filed

L. A. Gay

✦MARRIAGE✦LICENSE✦

Southampton
~~Virginia~~ ~~Nansemond~~ 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,

and *Enoch Lebb*
Mary Mahone

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of *Southampton* ~~Nansemond~~ County, this
23 day of *December*, 1873.

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
Place of Marriage *Southampton*
Full Names of Parties Married *Enoch Lebb & Mary Mahone*
Color *col*
Age of Husband *21* years
Age of Wife *21* "
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) *single*
Condition of Wife (widowed or single)
Place of Husband's Birth
Place of Wife's Birth
Place of Husband's Residence *Southampton County*
Place of Wife's Residence *Do*
Name of Husband's Parents
Name of Wife's Parents
Occupation of Husband *Farmer*
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS *23rd* DAY OF *December*, 1873.
....., CLERK,

✦MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE✦

I CERTIFY that on the *27* day of *December*, 1873 at
My residence I united in Marriage the above-named and described
parties, under authority of the annexed license.

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.

Attest: *B. F. McLean* C. C.

Served Feb 24-97

Goby Enoch

vs. } Spa:

Goby Mary

1897. 27th Feb.

J. G. Jackson J.P.

Franklin Va

Specimen 5 Feb. 24th
1897 by delivering a
copy of this 'Spa' to
Minute Book.

L. L. Hatfield
deputy for Mr. William
Chapman

(1)

R. E. L. Hatfield J. G.

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in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between _____

Enoch Gobb

_____, plaintiff, and

Mary Gobb

_____, defendant.

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

Witness, L. A. GAY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *19th* day of

February, 189*7*, in the 12*th* year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

L. A. Gay, C. C.

Carr
vs
Cobb } Deane

Enter Mar. 23, 1894
Robert D. Mullis

Cobb
vs
Cobb } Decree

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 ^{being of the opinion that adultery has been proved} whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between the Plaintiff Enoch Cobb and the defendant Mary Cobb (formerly Mary Mahoney) shall be and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the said Enoch Cobb be forever divorced from the said Mary Cobb, and there being nothing further to be done in this cause, ordered that the same be removed from the docket.