

1898-19

Southampton County Chancery - Ramsey, James vs Ramsey, Acrea (Martin)

Divorce

Ramsay Jas.

vs. 3 Bill & Co.

Ramsay Acce.

1898. 1st March Ruled

L. A. Gay L.L.

To, the Honorable Robert R. Prentiss, Judge of the Circuit Court of
Southampton County, Virginia.

may be divorced from his said wife "A vinculo matrimonii".

In Chancery:

afforded as may be necessary, or may be just and right in the

James Ramsey, complaining, sheweth unto the court, that

he was lawfully married in the county of Southampton State of
Virginia, to one Acre Martin on the 19th day of January 1894.

As the marriage certificate, which is herewith filed, marked
exhibit "A", will more fully show.

Your Orator and his said wife have lived together for
the past three years and nine months, in the county of South-
hampton, and state of Virginia. And your Orator is now a citizen
and domiciled in the state of Virginia, and county of Southampton, which
is the last place that he cohabited with his said wife before
the filing of this petition.

Your Orator has one child by his said wife, a boy, two
years old. Your Orator is now twenty five years old.

During all of their married life prior to October 28th, 1897.
Your Orator has been a kind, devoted, faithful, and loving
husband, and he has never given his said wife any cause for
complaint. But your Orator alleges, that on the night of the
said 28th of October, 1897. The wife of your Orator did com-
mit the crime of adultery in the dwelling house of your Orator,
with one, ~~Linwood~~ Harris.

Your Orator has not lived with, nor had any communica-
tions what ever with his said wife, since he knew of this
act of adultery on the part of his said wife.

In consideration where of, and for as much, as your Orator
is remediless save in a court of equity. He prays that his said
wife may be made a defendant to this bill, and be compelled
to answer the same but not under oath. And that your Orator

may be divorced from his said wife " A vinculo matri-monii".

And that all such further, and other general relief may be
afforded as may be necessary, or may be just and right in the
premises, and your Orator will ever pray &c.

^{most}
James L. Ramsey
^{his}

Virginia, Southampton County

Go. wit.
I Wm. Weston a Notary Public for the County
afore said in the State of Virginia - do hereby
certify that James. Ramsey, whose name is signed
to the writing above - personally appeared before
me and acknowledged the same in my County afore
- said - Given under my hand this 25th day
of February 1858 -

Wm. Weston
Notary Public

Deposition of
Husley Parker
In the case
of Ramsey James
vs
Ramsey & Co

In Chancery

1898. 31st March filed

L. A. Gay L.L.

To Mrs Acre Ramsey,

Branchville Virginia.

You are hereby notified
That on the 22nd day of March.
in the year 1898, at the
office of N. P. Ridley, a Justice
of the Peace, for the County
of Southampton, State of Virginia,
between the hours of 2. P.M.
and 5 P.M. of that day, I
shall proceed to take the
depositions of Huesley Parker,
and others, to be read as evi-
dence in my behalf, in a
certain suit in Chancery
depending in the Circuit Court,
for the County of Southampton
State of Virginia, 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
there of will be adjourned from
day to day, at the same place
and between the same hours,
until the same shall be com-
pleted. Yours very truly
James ^{Wm} Ramsey.

March 18, 1898

The depositions of Hersely
Parker, and others taken before
me St. P. Ridley, a justice
of the Peace, for the
county of Southampton, and
state of Virginia.

... To ... Pursuant to
notice hereto annexed, at
Bazkins Virginia,
on the 22 day of March 1898.
between the hours of
2 P.M. and 5 P.M. to be
read the evidence in behalf
of James Ramsey in a
certain suit in Chancery
depending in the Circuit Court
of Southampton county Virginia,
wherein James Ramsey is
Plaintiff and Alice Ramsey
is defendant.

Present, W. H. Bradlee attorney
for the Plaintiff.

No defendant ^{Mar} Alice Ramsey, not
appearing, motion by her attorney.

St. P. Ridley, J. P.
The first witness, Hersely Parker
for the Plaintiff, being duly sworn
deposes as follows.

First question for Plaintiff.

Question Do you know James Ramsey?

Ans. I do.

Q How long have you been knowing him?

A. About one year.

Q How far do you live from James Ramsey?

A. About one half mile.

Q Do you know James Ramsey's wife?

Ans. I do.

Ques. How long have you been knowing his wife?

Ans. About one year.

Ques. Did you go to James Ramsey's house on the night of the 28th of October 1893?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. Who went with you?

Ans. James Ramsey and Bill Taylor.

Ques. What time did you get to James's house?

Ans. About half past 10 o'clock at night.

Ques. Was there any light in James ^{Ramsey's} house?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. How many rooms are there in James Ramsey's house?

Ans. No room.

Ques. Was there a light in each of the rooms?

Ans. No sir.

Ques. Could you see in the room that had the light in it?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. How could you see in the room?

Ans. Through the window.

Ques. Who did you see in this room?

Ans. I saw Linwood Harris, and ^{Mrs} Alice Ramsey.

Ques. Could you recognize the persons that you saw in the room?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. Did you see ^{Mrs} Alice Ramsey (the wife of James Ramsey) undress her self?

Ans. I did sir.

Ques. What did she do, after she undressed her self?

Ans. She got into bed.

Ques. Did you see Linwood Harris undress him-self?

Ans. I did sir.

Ques. What did Linwood Harris do when he had undressed him-self?

Ans. He took his clothes and put them at the head of the bed.

Ques. What did he do next?

Ans. He threw the lamp out.

Ques. What did he do next?

Ans. He went to bed.

Ques. Did Linwood Harris get in the same bed that ^{was} a Cre Ramsey was in?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. Was there light enough in the room for you to see Linwood Harris get in the bed with ^{was} a Cre Ramsey after he had thrown the light out?

Ans. Yes sir.

Ques. Where did the light come from?

Ans. It came from the fire place.

Ques. How long did you look through this mirror?

Ans. About one half hour.

Ques. What did you do then?

Ans. I went home.

And further the deponent says etc not.

Signed, Hersley ⁱⁿ Parker.
~~Thurs~~

Virginia

County of Southampton to-wit:

I A. T. Ridley, a justice of the peace, for the County of Southampton, in the said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition of Hersley Parker was duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place, and for the purpose in the caption here to mentioned.

Given under my hand this 22^d day of March, in the year 1898

A. T. Ridley J.P.

The Witness, Bill Taylor
(for Plaintiff) being duly
sworn, deposes as
follows.

Question. First question for Plaintiff.
Do you know James
Ramsay? and if so, how
long have you been
knowing him?

Ans. I do know James Ramsay,
and I have been knowing
him for five years.

Question. How far do you live
from James Ramsay?

Ans. About one mile.

Question. Do you know James Ramsay's
wife, and if so, how
long have you been
knowing her?

Ans. I have been knowing
her all of her life.

Question. Did you² go to James Ramsey's house on the night of the 28th of October, 1897?

Ans. I did sir.

Question Who went with you there?

Ans. Hursey Parker, and James Ramsey.

Question What time did you go to James Ramsey's house?

Ans. about half past ten o'clock at night.

Question Was the front door of the house locked?

Ans. It was not locked, but it was barred.

Question Was there a light in the house?

Ans. Yes sir.

Question. How many rooms are there in James Ramsey's house?

Ans. There are two rooms.

Question. Was there a light in both of these rooms?

Ans. There was ~~the~~ light in only one of the rooms.

Question. Could you see in the room that had the light in it?

Ans. I could see.

Question. Who did you see in this room?

Ans. I saw ^{what} Alice Ramsey and Linnaea Harris.

Question. How could you see in this room?

Ans. I could see through the window.

Question This ^{was} ~~is~~ Acre Ramsey?

Ans She is the wife of James Ramsey.

Question Is Leonard Harris a man?

Ans. Yes Sir.

Question Could you recognize the persons that you saw in this room?

Ans: Yes Sir.

Question What did you see Mrs Acre Ramsey do?

Ans She took off her clothes and went to bed.

Question What did you see Leonard Harris do?

Ans: He took off his clothes and put them in a chair at the head of the bed.

Question That is the next thing that he did?

Ans. He went to bed.

Question Did you see Linnard Harris get in the same bed that Mrs Acre Ramsey was in?

Ans. Yes Sir.

Question Did Linnard Harris blow the lamp out before he got in bed with Mrs Acre Ramsey?

Ans. Yes Sir.

Question How could you see him after he had blown the lamp out?

Ans: I could see him by the light - that came from the fire place, and also by the Moon light that was shining

through the window.

Question, How wide is the window through which you were looking?

Ans: a bout two feet wide.

Question, were there any blinds or shutters to this window?

Ans: No Sir.

Question How long were you looking through this window

Ans: a bout one-half an hour.
and further the deponent says
not signed. Bill^{ing} Taylor_{mark}

Virginia, County of Southampton 3d. Oct. 7.

J. H. T. Bidley, a justice of the peace, for the County of Southampton, in the said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition of Bill Taylor 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 22^d day of March in the year 1898

J. H. T. Bidley J. P.

Ramsey

75 } copy of Mor. Lib.
 } Ex. "A."

Ramsey

1898. 1st. Mch. Rules Filed
L. A. Gay b. b.

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,

James Ramsey
and Acree Martin

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court
of Southampton County this 26th day of December 1893
B. F. McLenore Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2226 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, Dec. 28. 1893	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton
Place of Marriage, Southampton	Place of Wife's Birth, "
Full Names of Parties Married, James Ramsey	Place of Husband's Residence, "
Acree Martin	Place of Wife's Residence, "
Color, Col.	Names of Husband's Parents, "
Age of Husband, 22 years	Names of Wife's Parents, Sarah Taylor
Age of Wife, 22	Occupation of Husband, Laborer
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single	
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Widowed	

Given under my hand this 26th day of Dec. 1893
B. F. McLenore Clerk.
Acree Martin

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the day of 1893
at I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

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

Ramsey

vs. } Statement of Rules

Ramsey

James Ramsey.

Plaintiff

vs.

Here Ramsey

Defendant

In Chancery

1898. 22nd February. Process Spt. to 1st Mich. Rules.

1898. 1st March Rules. Process returned executed

Bill and Exhibits filed

Decease nisi vs defendant

1898. 2nd March Rules. Bill Taken for Confession and
Cause set for hearing

Ramsey

vs. } Statement of credit

Ramsey

Ramsey

vs.

Ramsey

} Statement of Costs.

Sum. 25. Copy 13. receipt 18. Attorney 10 = 66

Docket 18. Rules \$1.00. Entering return 30 = 1.53

fil. bill 15. D. Ex 15. D. motion 15. Copy 24. 25 = .70

filing depositions 30. Acare for docket copy 72 = 1.02

Lawing Costs 12. 40. filing away papers 25 = 65

Writ Lark. Postage 049 1.54

April Term

1898

Clerk \$6.10

Shff. .50

Constable Moore .40

Law 12. 15.00

\$22.00

Fee of N. P. Redding for taking depositions 1.50

\$23.50

Wrote: L. A. Gay 66

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF Southampton To-Wit:

To G. D. Moore, Constable of Said County:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Husley Parker

if to be found in your district, to appear at Boyd's
in said County, on the 22 day of March 1898 ^{at 2 o'clock P.M.} before me or such other Justice

as may then be there to ~~try this warrant, to answer the complaint of~~ give evidence in the
behalf James Ramsey Plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery
now pending in the Circuit Court of said County Dollars, due by
upon a claim for money, for the sum of

And then and there make return of this warrant.

Given under my hand, this 26 day of March 1898.

A. T. Bidley, J. P. (Seal.)

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF Southampton To-Wit:

To R. D. Moon, Constable of Said County:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Bill Taylor

if to be found in your district, to appear at Boytins
in said County, on the 22 day of March at 2 o'clock P. M. 1898, before me or such other Justice

as may then be there to ~~try this warrant, to answer the complaint of~~ give evidence in the
behalf of James Ramsey Plaintiff in a certain suit in Chancery
now pending in the Circuit Court of said County. Dollars, due by
~~upon a claim for money, for the sum of~~

And then and there make return of this warrant.

Given under my hand, this 16 day of March 1898.

A. T. Bidley

, J. P. (Seal.)

Ramsey James

vs. { Sum. in chq.

Ramsey Acce.

1898. 1st March Rules

lis. let.

Executed, Feb. 28, 1899

by delivering a copy of
the within ^{Book} to Acce Ramsey,
the defendant.

R. D. Moom Dkt.

for
J. W. Williams Hff.

Feb the 28
W. H. Bradlee p. 7.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

Acra Ramsey

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 March next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against her in our said Court by James Ramsey.

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

Witness, L. A. GAY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 22nd day of

February, 1898, in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE:

L. A. Gay

, C. C.

COURTS:
Southampton, Nansemond, Isle of Wight,
Surry, Sussex and Greenville
Counties, and
State and Federal Courts at Norfolk
and Portsmouth, Va.

COLLECTION OF CLAIMS A SPECIALTY.

Wm. H. Beadles,

Attorney at Law.

In re.

vs.

Boykins, Va., March, 7 1898

Mr. Gay.

Dear Sir,

I enclose "Bill in
Chancery" in the case of
Ramsay James. or Ramsay Acre.

I have been im-
possible for me to come
to Courtland this last
week. Have been to Norfolk
the most of the week.

But will be over there
as soon as I can and
settle about the costs in
this case.

I would be glad if you
would get the marriage
certificate of these parties
and file it with this Bill.
and oblige.

Yours most truly
W. H. Beadles.

COURTS:
Southampton, Nansemond, Isle of Wight,
Surry, Sussex and Greenville
Counties, and
State and Federal Courts at Norfolk
and Portsmouth, Va.

COLLECTION OF CLAIMS A SPECIALTY.

Wm. H. Beadles,

Attorney at Law.

In re {

vs.

Boykins, Va., March 30 1898

Mr. Lay

Dear Sir,

I enclose the depositions of Bill Taylor, and Hunsley Parker, taken before A. P. Piddly, J.P. to be read as evidence in behalf of James Ramsey, Plaintiff, in the case of Ramsey James vs Ramsey Acre, In Chancery. No further notice to take depositions, and copy of summons, &c.

Yours very truly
W. H. Beadles

James Ramsey
as
Acce Ramsey } Secy.

To be rendered
April (6) 1898

Robert H. Hunt

James Ramsey

vs
Aere Ramsey.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, exhibit and deposition of witnesses, 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 James Ramsey, and the defendant Aere Ramsey (formerly Aere Martin) shall be, and the same is, hereby dissolved and that the said James Ramsey be forever divorced from the said Aere Ramsey. And there appearing nothing further to be done in this cause, ordered that the same be removed from the docket.