

1901-14

Southampton County Chancery -

Graves, Seth

VS

Graves, Fannie (Seaborn)

Divorce

With Groves

23 } Bill & n change

James Groves

1901. 1st. With Rites Field

L.A. May 4.4.

Wm. L. and p. q.

To the Honorable R. R. Prentiss Judge of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County Va. De Chancy Pising

Humbly complaining your orders Seth Groves
 sheweth unto your honor that on
 he was married in the county of said
 to ^{the} Fannie Seaborn, all of said County,
 as will more fully appear by a copy
 of marriage License and certificate of
 the marriage herewith filed, marked
 exhibit No 1, and prayed to be read
 as part of the bill & that after said
 marriage he lived with him for
 several years. Bearing him now and then
 and he ever striving to look after
 support and take care of her the very
 best he could. When in year she
 left him without any cause and
 has never lived with him or in
 any way had anything to do with
 him ^{since} and has completely and
 willfully abandoned him. Not only
 that but your orator charges
 and over that she has since
 leaving him (and he has been
 informed that even when she
 lived with ~~the same~~ latter part of
 said time and without his
 knowledge or consent, been guilty

of repeated acts of adultery and
has been totally false to him
and her marriage vows that she
has so far as she could by such
conduct wrecked his home life, and
your orator has ever tried to lead
an honest and upright life, and now I
humbly and sincerely wish, to be
freed and divorced from such a
woman

In tender consideration whereof and
inasmuch as your orator is without
relief at law and only entitled
to relief in a court of equity
where such matters are peculiarly
cognizable. He therefore prays that
his said wife Fannie Groves, may
be made a party defendant to
this bill and compelled to answer
all the allegations herein contained
as if she ~~had~~ been thereto
more fully and specially interrogated,
and that the Court would grant
your orator a divorce from the
bond of matrimony with said Fannie
Groves; with the right to your
orator to marry again should he
see fit, and that the Court would

grant such other & general relief. the
premises considered as equity may
dictate and the nature of his
case may require. And as in duty
bound your orator will ever
pray. May it so please the Court
Seth Groves

Per Wm Shands his Counsel
(Wm Shands p.g.)

Graves

vs. { Stat: of Rules

Graves

Graves

Seth Graves Plaintiff }
vs } In testimony
Fannie Graves Defendant }

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1901. 1st. March Rules, Process not executed

Bill and exhibits filed,

Affidavit as to non-residence
of the defendant filed,

Order publication issued

1901. 2nd March Rules, Deane nisi vs. The
Defendant.

1901 2nd. Apr. Rules. Bill taken for enforced

Order publication completed

and cause set for hearing

Graves

vs. { affidavit of
non-residence

Graves

1901. 5th Mich. Field
L. A. Gay c.c.

Virginia, in the Clerk's office of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County.

I, B. F. McLemore Deputy Clerk for said
Court, hereby certify that Wm Shands
Attorney for Plaintiff, in said of Gravers vs
Graves, this day personally appeared
before me and made oath that the
defendant in this suit Fannie Gravers, is
a non-resident of the State of Virginia,
Given under my hand this 5 day
of March 1901

B. F. McLemore D.C.

Graves Seth

vs. } Spca: In chg.

Graves Francis

1901. 1st March Ruled

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County--Greeting:

We command you to summon Fannie Graves

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 First Monday in March 1901 next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against her in our said Court by Seth Graves

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 28th day of February, 1901, in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste: L. A. Gay C. C.

A Copy—Teste: _____ C. C.

Fannie Graves

Fannie Graves

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Franklin, Va., Nov 9, 1901

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Franklin, Va., 190—

Seth Graves vs. Fannie Graves.

I hereby certify that the order of publication, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published for four successive weeks beginning March 16th, 1901 and ending April 6th, 1901, in The Graphic, a newspaper published in Franklin, Va.

W. A. Magee,

Editor

Virginia.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Southampton County.

J. L. A. Gay, Clerk of aforesaid Court in the County and State aforesaid, do certify that ^{a copy of} the foregoing Order of Publication, was posted at the front door of the Court-house on the first day of the March Term of the County Court as the law directs.

Given under my hand this 11th day of June 1901
J. L. A. Gay C.C.

VIRGINIA: IN VACATION,

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, the 5th day of March 1901.

Seth Graves,.....Plaintiff.

vs.

Fannie Graves,.....Defendant.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant.

And affidavit having been made and filed that the said Fannie Graves, the defendant in this cause is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, the said Fannie Graves is required to appear, within fifteen days after due publication of this order, in the Clerks office of our said Court, at rules to be holden, therefor and do what is necessary to protect her interest, and it is ordered that a copy of this order be forthwith published once a week for four successive weeks in THE GRAPHIC a newspaper printed and published in the town of Franklin, Southampton County, Virginia, and posted as the law directs.

A Copy—Teste:

L. A. GAY, C. C.

March 5, 1901.

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Franklin, Va., May 20, 1901

Mr Wm Shands, Atty.

To FRANKLIN JOB PRINTING CO., Dr.

W. A. MAGEE, Manager.

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May	10	To Court Publication, Leth Granes vs Dannie Granes, four insertions, 4 1/2 inches	\$6.00
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Graves
203 Depositions
Graves

Courtland Va April 25 1901

The depositions of Robert H. Barnes & Jesse Seaborn taken before me J. S. Moore a Justice of the peace for Southampton Co Va. to be read as evidence in behalf of Seth Groves in a certain chancery suit. styled Groves vs Groves, now pending in the circuit court of the aforesaid County. Notice on the defendant having been duly served by previous order of publication. she being a non-resident
Present Am Olands - atty for plaintiff

The witness R. H. Barnes being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows

1. 2 State your age, residence, occupation and do you know the parties to this suit.

1. a I am 39 years old. reside near Courtland Va, on the White House farm. am a farmer, and know the parties to this suit

2. 2 Do you know how long Seth Barnes and his wife lived together. and if he supported and took care of her or well or he could while she lived with him. & Does she live with him now or not?

a. 2 They lived together up to four or five years ago. she even before that time going off and leaving him for considerable time & at different times, he took care of her the very best he could while she lived with him. She left him as I have stated above & without any good cause and has not lived with him since. I understand she is now living with another man. having left this County and gone to N.C. and now claims to be married. Groves is a poor but hard working well behaved man. Fannie's reputation of late years is very bad as to good & chaste behavior. and further this deponent saith not
Signed Robert ~~H.~~ Barnes

The witness Jesse Leaborn being first duly sworn. deposes and says as follows

2 . 1 State your age, residence, occupation and do you know the parties to this suit

a. I am 41 years old. reside on farm of Mr. Geo. H. Prind in this County. Am former

and laborer. Know parties To this
suit. The defendant is my sister

2. 2 Does the defendant now live
with her husband. Seth Groves
if not where is she?

a. 2 She does not live with him,
she has not lived with him
for several years. I do not
know how many. She last lived
in this County at Mr. Geo. W. Prince's
and left there and went to
Winton N.C. a man come over to
Mr. Prince's with a horse & cart he
is named Joe Thompson, and carried
her there. And she is living with
him, and Joe Thompson said,
when he come over sometime ago
to get some things of hers which
she had left, that she was mar-
ried to him in N.C. and that
they were doing well there. I
heard her tell Groves before
she left for N.C. that she
never intended to live with
him again. And further this
defendant says not

Signed

Jesse ^{his} Seaborn
make

Camden Va April 25, 1902

I J. S. Moore a Justice of the Peace for
Southampton Co Va hereby certify that the
foregoing depositions of Robert B. Barnes and
Jesse Seaborn; were duly taken before me in my
said County on this day & sworn & subscribed
to by them before me and for the purposes
aforesaid. That I know the said witnesses
know them to be parties of known good
standing & veracity in this community. Given
under my hand the day & year aforesaid.

J. S. Moore J. P.

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23 Depositions
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Virginia: In vacation, in the clerk's office
of the Circuit Court of Southampton
County, the 5th day of March 1901.

Seth Gravers Plaintiff
vs. Defendant } In chq.

The object of this suit is to dissolve
the bonds of matrimony now existing
between the plaintiff and the defendant.
And affidavit having been made and
filed that the said Fannie Gravers the
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ed that a copy of this order be forthwith
published once a week for four successive
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and published in the Town of Franklin, South-
ampton County, Virginia, and posted as
the Court directs.

Test: L. A. Gay C. C.

March 5-1901

Wm Shands p. g.

Virginia. In the books office of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County.

J. L. A. Hay Clerk of aforesaid Court, do
certify that a copy of the within order of
Publication was posted at the front door
of ^{the} Court house, on the 16th day of the March
Term of Southampton County Court.

Given under my hand this 29th March 1901

J. L. A. Hay C. C.

Wm

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copy order published

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Graves

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Graves Ex. "1"

1888

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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,

Seth Grans
and Fanny Seaborn

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court
of Southampton this 20 day of Feb 1888
D. F. McLane 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, N. C.
Place of Marriage, Southampton	Place of Wife's Birth, Southampton
Full Names of Parties Married, Seth Grans	Place of Husband's Residence, ...
25 Fanny Seaborn	Place of Wife's Residence, ...
Color, Col.	Names of Husband's Parents, Jas + Nancy Grans
Age of Husband, 22 years	Names of Wife's Parents, David + Edith Seaborn
Age of Wife, 25	Occupation of Husband, Farmer
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single	
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), "	

Given under my hand this 20 day of Feb 1888
D. F. McLane Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 29 day of Feb 1888 189
at the residence of Mr. Allen James I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Jas S. Hagan

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, Inst. L. A. Gay Co.

Groves
to 3 Final Decree
Groves

Grove entered
Oct (8th) Term 1901

Robert A. Mott

Entered

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Seth Groves

vs 3 Fince Deere

Fannie Groves

It appearing that the com-
plainant has proceeded against
the defendant in the mode prescribed
by law as to non-resident defendants
and she still failing to appear and plead, answer of demurr,
this day this cause

Came on to be heard on the bill, exhibit
and depositions of witnesses, and was
argued by Counsel. On Consideration
whereof, the Court doth a djudge, order
and decree, that the marriage heretofore
had and solemnized between the plaintiff
Seth Groves, and the defendant Fannie
Groves, formerly Fannie Seaborn, shall
be, and the same is hereby dissolved;
and that Seth Groves be forever
divorced from the said Fannie Groves.
and there appearing nothing further
to be done in this cause. ordered that
the same be removed from the
docket