

1904-09

Southampton County Chancery - Griffin, Thomas. vs Griffin, Susan (Bailey)

Divorce

Griffin

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Griffin

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WILLIAM SHANDS, JR.
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
COURTLAND, VA.



To the Hon, R.R. Prentiss Judge of the circuit court of Southampton Co, Va.,

In Chancery,

Humbly complaining, your orator, Thomas Griffin, sheweth to the court, that on Decr. 21st, 1882, he was married to one Susan Bailey, that the marriage took place, and the parties lived together in Southampton Co. Va., all the time that they did live together. A copy of the marriage license is herewith filed marked exhibit No. 1, and prayed to be read as a part of this bill. That your orator worked hard and provided, and took care of her as well as his means would permit, ~~that notwithstanding~~ all this, she over five years ago, of her own accord, and for no good reason, deserted and left your orator, going off with another man, and has not lived with your orator since. That since leaving your orator, she has been guilty of repeated acts of adultery. Such being the case your orator wishes to have the said marriage dissolved, and a divorce granted him.

In tender consideration whereof, 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 the said Susan Griffin, may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required to answer the same, (but an answer under oath is hereby waived). That the marriage may be dissolved, and your orator be divorced from her, and that ~~that~~ the court would grant all such other and further, general and special relief, as the nature of his case may demand, or to equity seem. As in duty bound your orator will ever pray, may it so please the court.

Thomas Griffin,

By Wm. Shands his attorney,

1904

Griffin. *Thomas*

Vs (Final Decree,

Griffin. *Susan*

To be entered Oct. 10 term 1904

Robert Paulis

Entered

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Thomas
Griffin

Vs (Final Decree,

Susan
Griffin

*which has been regularly returned by the service
of process and the defendant still failing to appear
and plead, answer or demur.*
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 adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had, and
solemnized between the plaintiff, Thomas Griffin, and the defendant Susan Griffin,
(formerly Susan Bailey,) shall be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and that
the said Thomas Griffin, be and "divorced from the said Susan Griffin. And there
there being nothing further to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the
same be removed from the docket.

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1904. 1 Oct: Recd

Executed on Oct
3rd 1904 by delivery
copy of the
within summons
to Susan Griffin
Jury with help
of L. L. Gillett & Co.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:
WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON, *Susan Griffin*

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* 190*4*
~~next~~, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against.....*her*.....in our said
Court by.....*Thomas Griffin*

And this..*she*....shall in nowise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this
writ.

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this
.....1st.....day of.....*Oct*....., 190*4*, in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste :

B. F. McLemore, C. C.

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Griffin - Susan

Thomas Griffin

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Susan Griffin

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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,

Thomas Griffin
and Susan Bailey

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Southampton this 21st day of Decr 1882
L R Edwards Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2226 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

Time of Marriage, ...	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton Co.
Place of Marriage, ...	Place of Wife's Birth, ...
Full Names of Parties Married, Thomas Griffin and Susan Bailey	Place of Husband's Residence, ...
Color, Col	Place of Wife's Residence, ...
Age of Husband, 27 years	Names of Husband's Parents, ...
Age of Wife, 18 "	Names of Wife's Parents, Ann Bailey
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) Single	Occupation of Husband, Laborer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) "	

Given under my hand this 21st day of Decr 1882
L R Edwards Clerk.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, R. L. Newby, of the Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 21st day of December 1882, at Mt. Olive Church, under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 21st day of December 1882

R L Newby

The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within two months 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.

Copy - Test: B. F. McLamon C. C.

To Susan.Griffin,

I hereby give you notice that I shall proceed on Oct'12". 19
1904. between the hours of 9. am and 6 p m, at the office of Wm. Shands, in the
town of Courtland Va, to take the depositions of J.W. Bryant and others, to be
used as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in chancery now pending in
the circuit court of Southampton Va, wherein I am plaintiff, and you are def=
endant. And if from any cause the said depositions are not finished that day
^{the taking of}
, then the same will be continued from day to day, until the same are duly
taken.

Very respectfully,

Thomas.Griffin,

Oct'1st, 1904.

By Wm. Shands, his attorney,

The depositions of J.W.Bryant et als, taken at Courtland at the office of Wm, Shands, on Oct 12th 1904, between the hours of 9 A.M, and 6 P.M, before B.F. Mclemore, a commissioner in chancery of the circuit court of Southampton Co, Va, to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff (Thomas Griffin) in the chancery cause of Griffin Vs Griffin, which is now pending in the aforesaid court, and which are taken pursuant to notice hereto attached.

Present

Wm, Shands atty for plaintiff,

The witness J.W.Bryant being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows, I am 25 yrs old know the parties to this cause well. as when they lived together, they lived in half a mile of me, I am now deputy sheriff of this (Southampton) Co Va,

1st, Q Do you know how long it has been since they lived together, and if they are still apart or not?

1st, A, It has been 8 or 10 yrs since they lived together, and they have not lived together since then, during their married life while they did live together, they did so in this county,

2nd, Q, Do you know whether since leaving her husband she has ever lived with another man as if she were his wife?

2nd, A, Yes, and she is still doing so, and has four children by him and is now with child by him again, so she told me when I saw her a few days ago, I know she is certainly living with the man (Jack Bowden). They live near Vicksville in this county, I am sure the children I spoke of above are not Thomas Griffins' for as I have already stated he has not lived ^{with} her in the time I above spoke of. And further this deponent sayeth not

J.W. Bryant

The witness Wyatt M. Ruffin being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows. I live in Courtland Va, am 27 yrs old, am a painter, and know the parties to this suit well, have known them all my life, as we lived but a short distance from each other,

1st Q, Do you know whether they live together now or not, and if they do not how long has it been since they did?

1st, A, No sir, they do not and have not lived together for 8 or 10 yrs,

she left her husband (Thomas Griffin) and went to live with a man named Jack Bowden, (he is sometime called Bowser instead of Bowden)

she is still living with Jack, They live in this county,

2nd Q,

Has she ever lived with her husband since she left him?

2nd A?

No^{and} sir. She has had several children since she left her husband too, and the certaily are not her husband's children,

3rd, Q,

How did her hisband treat her while they lived together ?

3rd, A,

I never heard any complaint about his treating her any way but well, I know he took care of her as well as he could, and she left him because she wanted to go and live with the other man I have named. And further this deponent sayeth not

signed.

Wyatt M. Ruffin

Office of Wm. Shands, Courtland Va, Oct, 12th, 1904.

I. B. F. Mclemore a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Southampton Co, Va, hereby certify that the above depositions of J. W. Bryant and Wyatt. M. Ruffin were duly taken before me at the time and place mentioned in the caption, and for the purpose therein stated, and were duly sworn and subscribed and sworn to, by them before me then and there by said parties. Given under my hand this 12th, day of Oct, 1904.

B. F. McLemore

Commissioner in Chancery of Ct, Ct of Southampton Co, Va,