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Southampton County Chancery - Reed, Helen (Blake) vs Reed, Tesse

Divorce

To the Hon, R.R. Prentiss, Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County Va,
In Chancery,

Humbly complaining, your orator, Helen, Reed, who before her marriage was Helen. Blake, shews unto the court that on April the 13th, 1902, she was married to one Jesse. Reed, that he lived with her but a short time, that she did all she could to make him a good, loving and industrious wife, but notwithstanding all this, he deserted and left her in a short time after the marriage, and went to live with another woman, and has never since lived with your orator, or in any way aided her, or contributed to her support and maintenance, but has since leaving her been guilty of repeated acts of adultery, such being the case your orator wishes to be divorced from him. *That the marriage took place they lived in this County*
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, she prays that the said Jesse. Reed, may be made a party defendant to this bill and required to answer the allegations herein contained, as fully as if he had been there to more fully and specially interrogated, that the court would dissolve the said marriage, and grant your orator a divorce from the said John. Reed, and that the court would grant your orator, such other, further, general, and special relief as the nature of her case may demand, or to equity seem meet, as in duty bound your orator will ever pray,

Helen. Reed,

By *W. Shands* her attorney,

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or

} Stat: Rules

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Helen Reed

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Jeppie Reed

1904. Dec 1st. Process issued to 2nd Deer Rules

1904 2nd " Rules. Process returned Executed.

" " " Bill filed - + de oru nisi.

1905. 1st Jan'y Rules: Bill taken for Confined
and Cases set for hearing

Executed this 31st day of Decr 1902 by delivering
a true copy of the within process to Jesse Reed
in person

Shuffle fees for service paid *W. H. Reed*
For *W. H. Reed*

Jesse Reed

Notice.

vs.

W. H. Reed

To Jesse Reed

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of January, in the year ~~189~~¹⁹⁰⁵, at the office of Mr. Dhand B. F. McLEMORE, in the village of Courtland, Southampton county, Va., between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Preston Blake

and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in chancery depending in the Circuit Court for Southampton county, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant; and if, from any cause, the taking of the 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.

Your obedient servant,

Dec 29th, 1904

Helen Reed
by Wm Dhand her attorney

Office of Wm. Shands Courtland Va, Jany, 10th, 1905,

The depositions of Preston. Blake and others taken at this place on the above date, between the hours of 9, A.M., and 6, P.M., by me J.B. Prince a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Southampton County Va, to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff, Helen. Reed, in the chancery cause of Reed Vs Reed, now pending in the circuit court of said county, same taken pursuant to notice hereto attached.

The witness Preston. Blake being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows, I am 54, years old, live in the county of southampton Va, near Franklin Va, Am a laborer and farmer, I know the parties to this case very well, and have known them for a long time,

1st Q, State whether or not the parties to this suit live together now or not, and if they do not, then how long has it been since they did?

1st, A, They do not live together, and have not done so for a long time, they were married on April the 13th, 1902, and lived together about four months, when Jese. Reed, her husband left her, he went off with a woman named Lezzie. Owen, Bryant and lived with her as if she was his wife, and is now living with her,

2nd, Q, Has he ever come back to live with his wife since he left her?

2nd, A, No sir,

3rd Q, Did his wife treat right while he lived with her?

3rd, A, Yes sir, she certainly did, and further this deponent sayeth not

Preston ^{us} Blake
made

The witness Lewis .Proctor, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows, I am 35, years old, live near Franklin Va, in Southampton Co Va, am farmer and know the parties to this suit well,

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

1st, A, They do not live together, and have not done so and have not done so for nearly three years, John left his wife to go off with another woman, one Lzzie. Owen. Bryant, and is still living with her,

2nd, Q, Where did they live, while they lived together after the marriage, and

before he left her and went to live with the other woman ?.

2nd, A, They lived in this county near Franklin Va,

3rd, Q, Has he been back to live with his wife since her left her?.

3rd, A, No sir, he is still with that other woman, and further this deponent sayeth not,

Lewis Procter

Office of Wm. Shands, Courtland Va, Jany 12th, 1905,

I. J. B. Prince, a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of said county, hereby certify that Preston ^{Plake,} and Lewis .Procter appeared before me at the time and place mentioned in the caption hereof, and pursuant to the notice hereto attached, and after being first duly sworn gave the their said deposition as above, and duly signed the same. the said depositions being taken according to the said notice and for the purpose therein stated, Given under my hand this 10th day of Jany, 1905,

Joseph B Prince
Commissioner in Chancery,

Executed the 17th day of Dec 1904 by delivery a true copy
of its within summons to your best in person.

Sheriff for \$20 paid

A. H. Baker
Sherriff's Office

Reed

vs } Sp. a. in Chy

Reed

1904. 5th Dec. Rule

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF *Southampton* COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON.....

Jesse Reed

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 *December* 19*04*
next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against.....*him*.....in our said
Court by *Helen Reed*

And this *has* 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 *December*, 19*04*, in the 12*9*... year of the Commonwealth.

Teste :

B. F. McLemore, C. C.

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To be entered Jany ¹⁶ Term 1905.

Robert R. Menus

Entered
b. C. B. p. 133.

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which has been regularly matured at the rules for the service of process on the defendant and he still fails to appear and plead
This day this cause came on to be heard upon the bill 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, Helen. Reed, and the defendant, Jesse. Reed, shall be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and that the said Helen. Reed, be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*, from the said Jesse. Reed. And it appearing to the court, that there is nothing further to be done in this cause, it is ordered that this cause be removed from the docket.

Admitted by Clerk