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Santhampton County Chancery Jordan, Sidney vs Jordan, George

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WILLIAM SHANDE,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
COURTLAND, VA.

To the Hon. J. L. McLemore, Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton Co Va,

--- In Chancery sitting---

Humbly complaining, your orator, Sidney Jordan, sheweth unto the court, that on 19, she was married to one, George Jordan, in the aforesaid county where they both lived, and continued to live as long as they lived together, That she did all in ^{her} power to make him a true and loving wife and helpmate, working hard to aid him in every way she could, even taking all her earnings which she made by her industry and thrift, to aid in getting supplies for them and their home, But notwithstanding all this, he in a short time became careless and indifferent to her and her wellfare and happiness, nay was unkind and cruel to her, and wound up by willfully deserting and abandoning her without any just cause or reason at all, That it has been over three years since he so deserted her, and has never lived with her since, A copy of the marriage license is herewith filed marked exhibit A, and prayed to be read as a part of this bill, Such being the case, your orator desires to be divorced from him according to law.

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 George Jordan may be made a party defendant to this bill and required to answer the allegations herein contained as if he had been thereunto more fully and specially interrogated. And that your orator may be divorced from the said George Jordan, her husband, And that the court would grant all such other, further, general and special relief, as the nature of her case may require, or to equity seem meet and proper. As in duty bound your orator will ever pray &,

Sidney Jordan

By *John Shanks*, her ally

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,

Geo. E. Jordan

and

Sidney Fisk

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton Co. this 27th day of Dec. 1897

R. F. M. C. Lemore Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2229 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

Time of Marriage, Dec. 30 th 1897	Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton Co.
Place of Marriage, Southampton Co.	Place of Wife's Birth, " "
Full Names of Parties Married, Geo. E. Jordan and Sidney Fisk	Place of Husband's Residence, " "
Color, Col.	Place of Wife's Residence, " "
Age of Husband, 22 years	Names of Husband's Parents, William and Hannah Jordan
Age of Wife, 20 "	Names of Wife's Parents, Ira and Emma Fisk
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) Single	Occupation of Husband, Farmer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) "	

Given under my hand this 27th day of Dec. 1897.
R. F. M. C. Lemore Clerk.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, Hiram Clements, a Minister of the Gospel of the Holy Bible, of the Galilee Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 30th day of Dec. 1897, at Galilee Church, under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 30th day of Dec. 1897.

Hiram Clements.

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.

A copy: Keble: H. B. M. C. Lemore, Clerk.
By: R. M. Hills.

Depositions

Sidney Jordan

vs
Mrs Jordan

Filed Aug 12th 1912
ATB:MK

Guy T. Horner

GUY T. HORNER
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
BOYKINS, VIRGINIA

DEPOSITIONS

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON.

SIDNEY JORDAN

VS

GEORGE JORDAN

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Q 1 State your age, residence, ^{occupation} and do you know the parties to this suit?

A 1 I am fifty years old, reside in Southampton County, Virginia, as within one mile of where the parties lived; am a farmer and have known the parties to this suit all of their lives.

Q 2 State if you can, when the parties were married, and how long they lived together, and whether they are now living together or not?

A 2 They were married in December 1907, the exact date I have forgotten. It has been over three years since George left and deserted his wife, and they have not live together since he left her.

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A 4 She made him a good wife; was a hard working woman and behaved correctly, not only by attending to her household duties, but by

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helping him with his farm work, and even did work outside, such as sewing and manual labor, and took in money resulting from the same, and used the same in getting supplies both for the family and to aid him in his farming operational.

Q 4 How did he treat her?

A 4 He treated her badly.

Q 5 Do you know whether or not he has lived with her since he deserted and left her?

A 5 He has not and both parties are still living in Southampton County. And furtrrer thisddeponent sayeth not.

Ed. D. White

James Vick being first duly sworn sayeth andz in answer to interrogatories as follows:

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

A 1 30 years old; know the parties well; reside near Branchville, Southampton County, Virginia, about one mile from where the parties live, and am a farmer.

Q 2 State if you know about what time the parties were married and where?

A 2 They were married a good many years ago in this county and by preacher Hiram Clements.

Q 3 State if you know whether or not they live together now?

A 3 They do not live together now, and it has been five or six years since he deserted her.

Q 4 Where were they living when he deserted her?

A 4 About a mile of Branchville, and he has not lived with her since her deserted her.

Q 5 State if you know what sort of a wife she made him while she did live with him?

A 5 She made a good one and was an industrious woman. He was a very bad and unkind husband and at times even cruel. And further this deponent sayeth not.

James Vick

Richard W. Joyner being first duly sworn deposeth and sayeth in answer to interrogatories as follows:

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

A 1 I am 65 years old, and live about one mile south of Branchville and within a mile of the parties ~~to~~ this suit: in fact they ~~be-~~ lived on my place for quite a while; I know them very well indeed. I am a farmer.

Q 2 State if you know about when and where they were married?

A 2 I know when they were married as well as I know my name, but I don't know exactly what date it was but I think some time in 1897. They were married in the county of Southampton by preacher Hiram Clements, in this county.

Q 3 State if you know whether they live together now or not?

A 3 Oh, no, they do not live together now. It has been between four and five years since George left and deserted his wife and he has not lived with her since.

Q 4 State if you know what sort of a wife Sidney, the plaintiff, made him while he lived with her?

A 4 She was as smart and as hardworking woman as I know any where. No body beats her for work as I know of. This I know well, because they lived on my farm part of the time when he was living with her. George was a hard man to get along with. Was trifling and ill tempered, and was continually fussing and abusing his wife and as she was a hardworking, industrious and good woman, it seems to me that the fault lay at his door in not treating her right. In fact he didn't seem to have sense enough to see what a good wife he had; and added to his bad conduct, the further bad conduct of leaving and deserting her without any just cause whatever. He don't pay any attention to her now and shows her no attention whatever. And further this deponent sayeth not.

Witness Guy D. Lewis

Richard W. Joyner

State of Virginia,
County of Southampton

-----To-wit:

I Guy T. Horner, a Commissioner in Chancery, for the Circuit Court of Southampton, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions, were duly taken and reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses, respectively, before me, at the place and time therein mentioned, pursuant to the annexed notice. In witness
have Boykins, Virginia,
whereof I heretofore set my hand at my office in Courtland,
aforesaid, this the 8th. day of January, 1912.


Commissioner in Chancery

To George Jordan

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of Jan^y, in the year 1912, at the office of Guy J. Hornsby, Esq., Va., between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Emma Goodwyn

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,

Jan^y 3rd 1912

Sidney Jordan

By J. H. Shands, her atty

Sidney Jordan

vs.

NOTICE.

George Jordan

Recorded on the 4th day of Jan 1914
in Southern County N. H.
a copy of the within notice is
sent to George Jordan in
accordance with the
order of the court
Attest
Notary Public
C. M. Allen

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Jno. J. Lunn, Sheriff

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND THAT YOU SUMMON

George E. Jordan

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 *Jan. 1912* to answer
a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *him* in our said Court by

Sidney Jordan

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

Witness, H. B. McLEMORE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this
28th day of *December* 191*1*, in the *13th* year of the Commonwealth.

Teste: *H. B. McMore* C. C.

Sidney.Jordan,

Vs (Final Decree,

George.Jordan,

(To be entered Jany(15) Term 1912

James W. Demore

ENTERED - C.O.B.

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Vs(Decree,

George.Jordan,

This day this cause came on to be heard on the plaintiff's bill and exhibits, and the depositions of witnesses, and the case being duly matured and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, it appearing to the court, that the parties last cohabited in the county of Southampton, Virginia, where they are now living, and have so resided for twelve months next preceeding *deserted and abandoned the complainant more than* the institution of this suit, and that the defendant *has not lived with the* plaintiff for over three years *next* preceeding the institution of this suit. The court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between the plaintiff, Sidney Jordan, and the defendant George. Jordan, ~~be dissolved~~ *be dissolved* and that the said Sidney Jordan *be divorced* from the said George Jordan. And there appearing nothing further to be done in this cause. It is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.