

1905-010

Chancery Causes. Robert Lee Edwards vs Rosa Lee Edwards

Jude of Wright County

other surnames: Gale,  
Brock

And your orator will ever pray.

may require or to which shall seem meet.

It is respectfully submitted that all such other, further and better  
in the Court may be divorced from the said Ross Lee Edwards  
defendant to this bill and be required to answer the same on oath  
and that he pray that the said Ross Lee Edwards may be made a party  
in remembrance in the premises save in this Honorable Court of

In tender, consideration whereof and forasmuch as your orator

pleaseth

on the 20th day of September, 1905, the said Ross Lee Edwards

and returned executed, the said Bill filed, Decree nisi.

without just cause being shown, that on the 20th day of September, 1905,

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County, Virginia, and has been all of her life;

that the said Ross Lee Edwards is a resident of late of which

has been all of her life; and since that time

of the said Ross Lee Edwards, and since that time

That in December, 1904, during the Christmas week, your

in the following case, to-wit:

Martha complainant, against wife the Court your orator, Robert

Court for the County of late of which, Virginia:

To the Honorable Robert R. Brentnall, Judge of the Circuit

*Roll R Edwards  
vs. In Chancery  
Ross Lee Edwards*

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To the Honorable Robert R. Prentis, Judge of the Circuit  
Court for the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia:

Humbly complaining, showeth unto the Court your orator, Robert  
L. Edwards, the following case, to-wit:

That in December, 1897, during the Christmas week, your  
orator was married to Rosa Lee Edwards, and since that time  
has been a constant and dutiful husband;

That the said Rosa Lee Edwards is a resident of Isle of Wight  
County, Virginia, at this time and has been all of her life;

That on the 1st, day of April, 1901, the said Rosa Lee Edwards  
without just cause wilfully deserted and abandoned your orator,  
and refuses to return to him although often <sup>required</sup> so to do, but  
on the other hand she has since that time lived with one Robert  
Eley.

In tender consideration whereof and forasmuch as your orator  
is remediless in the premises save in this Honorable Court of  
Equity he prays that the said Rosa Lee Edwards may be made a party  
defendant to this bill and be required to answer the same on oath  
That your orator may be divorced from the said Rosa Lee Edwards  
a vinculo matrimonii; and that all such other, further and gener-  
al relief may be afforded your orator as the nature of his case  
may require or to equity shall seem meet.

And your orator will ever pray.

Robert L. Edwards,  
by Counsel -

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Robert L. Edwards

vs.

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SUBPOENA  
IN  
CHANCERY.

Robert L. Edwards

E. H. Williams

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except to the 1905-  
By A. Edwards  
SPP

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon

*Rosa Lee Edwards*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the *Circuit* Court of the *County* of *Isle of Wight*  
at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the *1<sup>st</sup>* Monday in *September* 1905,  
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *her* in our said court ~~for~~  
*by Robert L. Edwards*

And have then there this writ. Witness *Nathaniel F. Young*, Clerk of our said court, at  
the court-house, the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1905, and in the *30<sup>th</sup>*  
year of the Commonwealth.

*J. H. Johnson, Clerk*

Original  
Notice of Depositories

Executed by delivery  
of a copy of the  
entire notice  
Sept 25th/1905

R. A. Cairns

Self

To Rosa Lee Edwards.

Take notice that I Shall, on the 30th. day of September, 1905, at the office of E.H.Williams, in the town of Smithfield, Va., between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M., on that day, proceed to take the depositions of T.W.Gale, P.W.Allmond and others, to be read in evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit depending in the circuit court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, wherein you are defendant and I am plaintiff. And if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or, if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this 25th. day of September? 1905

*Robert L. Edwards,  
by Counsel.*

Q. Was Robert a kind and dutiful husband?

A. Yes so far as I know.

Further this deponent sayeth not.

*J. W. Galt*  
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Mr. J. T. Brock , a lawful witness being first duly sworn , deposeth as follows:

Q. What is your age , residence and occupation?

A. Age 32, residence Nansemond County, Occupation farmer.

Q. Do you know the parties to this suit and how long have you known them?

A. Yes, have known the plaintiff about 10 years and defendent about 8 years.

Q. Does Robert Edwards live with you and when did he first move to your place?

A. He came to live with me Christmas 1901 and has been with me ever sence.

Q. Do you know about when his wife left him?

A. In April 1902.

Q. Have they lived together any sence that time?

A. No.

Q. Is it a fact or not that Rosa Lee Edwards has cohabited with Robert Eley sence she left Robert Edwards?

A. They have occupied together a house in which no other persons live.

Further this deponent sayeth not.

*J. T. Brock*  
.....

The foregoing depositions were taken before me Sept. 30 1905.

*R. E. Boykin*  
.....  
Commissioner in Chancery.

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Robert Lee Edwards... Plaintiff.

v.

Rosa Lee Edwards..... Defendant.

Depositions of T. W. Gale, and J. T. Brock, witnesses, taken before me, R. E. Boykin, a Commissioner in Chancery fo the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County , on the 30th day of Sept: 1905. in persuance of the annexed notice , at the office of E. H. Williams in the town of 2 Smithfield Virginia between the hours of 10 oclock A. M. and 4 oclock P. M., to be read in evidence in a suit in which Robert Lee Edwards is plaintiff, and Rosa Læe Edwards is defendent, pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia.

Present for the plaintiff E. H. Williams.

No counsel for defendent.

T. W. Gale , a lawful witness , being first duly sworn, deposes and says in answer to interrogatories as follows:

Q. What is your age, residenceand occupation?

A. Age 45, residence Nansemond County Va. , occupation, farmer.

Q. Do you know the parties to this suit, and how long have you known them?

A. Yes, have known the plaintifffor 18 years, and defendent for 10 years.

Q. How long has defendent resided in this county?

A. More than 10 years.

Q. Do you know about when these parties were married?

A. About 8 years ago.

Q. When did Rosa Lee Edwards desert the plaintiff?

A. 3 years ago last April.

Q. How do you remember that three years ago last April was the time she left him?

A. Because during the Christmas in 1901, Robert and his wife moved to Mr. J. T. Brock, and doing the following April they had some misunderstanding and she left him and has never to my knowledge lived with him sence.

Q. How near did you live to these parties while they were married?

A. About one mile.

Q.

Robert Du Edmunds  
vs.  
Rosa Du Edmunds -

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1905  
Robert Edmunds

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Robert Le Edwards - Plaintiff.  
R. In Chancery  
Case Le Edwards - Defendant.

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the Complainant's bill, and the deposition of witnesses, the defence being on whom process had been duly served, and the said failing to appear, plead, answer or demur, and was argued by Counsel.

On Consideration whereof, the Court being of the opinion from the evidence in this Cause, that the Defendant had wilfully abandoned and deserted the Plaintiff for a period of three years, doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between the said Plaintiff and the said Defendant, shall be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and that the said Plaintiff be forever divorced from the said Defendant.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said Defendant do pay unto the said Plaintiff his Costs expended in the prosecution of his suit.

And Nothing further remaining to be done herein, it is ordered that this Suit be Stricken from the docket.

Letter of attorney requesting  
that no judgment be entered.

E. H. WILLIAMS.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
MITCHELL BUILDING, ROOM No. 6.  
SMITHFIELD, VA.

May 12th. 1906.

Mr. A.S. Johnson, Clerk,  
Isle of Wight, Va.

Dear Sir:

Please do not enter judgement for costs in the suit  
of Edwards V. Edwards.

I am,

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Williams*  
*Atty for the Plaintiff.*