

1909-024 Chancery Causes - James R. Cofer vs Nannie Cofer

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Ish of Wright County

Other surnames: BONKS,
Bowman, Quarles, Hall

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia, Isle of Wight 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,

James R. Cofer

and Nannie Hall

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County this 2nd. day of February 1881.

N. P. Young

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, February 3rd, 1881.	Place of Husband's Birth, Isle of Wight Co..
Place of Marriage, Isle of Wight County	Place of Wife's Birth, Same
Full Names of Parties Married, James R. Cofer and Nannie Hall	Place of Husband's Residence, Same
Color, colored	Place of Wife's Residence, Same
Age of Husband, 23 years, 11 mos. & 1 day.	Names of Husband's Parents, Mills and Elizabeth
Age of Wife, 22 years, 11 mos.	Names of Wife's Parents, Alexander and Harriett
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) Single	Occupation of Husband, Farmer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) Single	

Given under my hand this 2nd. day of February 1881.

N. P. Young,

Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 3rd. day of January 1881, at W. D. Folk Farm Red Point I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Robinson Crusoe,

A copy, Teste,

Clerk.

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E. H. WILLIAMS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
SMITHFIELD, VA.

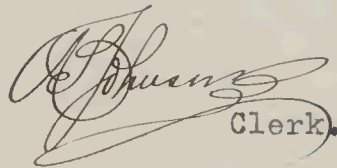
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VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

J. R. Cofer,
vs.) Chancery.
Nannie Cofer,

The object of this suit is for the plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant. And an affidavit having been made that diligence has been used on behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain in what county or corporation the defendant, Nannie Cofer, is, without effect, she is hereby required to appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect her interest.

Teste,


Clerk.

E. H. Williams, p. q.

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Virginia,
County of Isle of Wight, to-wit:
I, A. S. Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight, do hereby certify that the foregoing order of publication, or a copy thereof, was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of the said County on the 24th. day of August, 1909.
Given under my hand this 18th. day of September, 1909.

 Clerk.

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VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF ISLE OF
WIGHT.

J. R. COFER, Plaintiff

In Chancery vs.

NANNIE COFER, Defendant.

The object of this suit is for the plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant. And an affidavit having been made that diligence has been used on behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain in what county or corporation the defendant, Nannie Cofer, is, without effect, she is hereby required to appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect her interest.

Teste,

A. L. JOHNSON, Clerk.

E. H. WILLIAMS, pq. Aug. 27.-4ts.

Office of SUFFOLK HERALD.

SUFFOLK, VA., Sept 19 1909

I hereby certify that the order of which the annexed is a copy has been published in THE SUFFOLK HERALD in the manner prescribed by law---once a week for four successive weeks.

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VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

J. R. Cofer

vs) Chancery-Affidavit for Order Publication.

Nannie Cofer.

I, E. H. Williams, Attorney for the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, do hereby solemnly swear that diligence has been used, on behalf of the said plaintiff to ascertain in what county or corporation the defendant, Nannie Cofer resides, without effect.

E. H. Williams p. q.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, A. S. Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight, August 24th, 1909.

A. S. Johnson Clerk.

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Emmett Quarles being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation? A. Emmett Quarles-
I am about forty two years old my next birth the 7th. of next Month.
I live in this County and I am a farmer.
- Q. Are you acquainted with the plaintiff and defendant in this suit,
and of so how long have you known them? A. Yes sir-- I have known them
about twenty years.
- Q. Were they married when you first knew them? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Where you born? A. Nottoway County. I came here about twenty years
ago, I lived with Mr. Bill Porter one year and then I moved to where I
live now.
- Q. Where do you live now and how near is it to where James R. Cofer lives?
- A. I live in about a half a mile of him, in this county, near Cox's
store. About a mile from there or a little more.
- Q. How long have they lived separate and apart from each other? She left
him four years ago some time about this last Spring. I do not know exact-
ly the time.
- Q. Did they live where he now lives when she left him? A. Yes sir.
- Q. While they lived together was he a kind and faithful husband to her
and did he provide for her as well as a man in his station in life would
be expected to provide for his wife? A. As well as I know of.
- Q. Do you know why she left him? No sir I couldn't tell you that. She
just left him.
- Q. Do you know where she is now? No sir.
- Q. When was the last time you saw her? ~~xxxx~~ A. Last June twelve months
ago or two years ago, in Smithfield. She has left there and I dont know
where she is now.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness, L. C. McCalland

Emmett ^{his} Quarles
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The foregoing depositions taken before me, A. S. Johnson, a Commissioner
in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight this
2nd. day of October, 1909.

A. S. Johnson
Commissioner in Chancery.

James R. Coker

vs. Chumey - Depositions

Nammie Coker

Dated Oct 2nd 1904

Sub. Chumey

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Ben Bowman being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Q. Please state your name, age, residence and occupation? A. Ben Bowman- I am sixty nine years old if I live to see the loth. day of this October. I live in Isle of Wight County, born here, and I am a farmer.

Q. Are you well acquainted with James E. Cofer and Nannie Cofer, the parties plaintiff and defendant to this suit, and if so, how long have you known them? Yes I know them and have known them both ever since they were children.

Q. Do you know when and where they were married? I dont know how long they have been married bgt I think they have been married over twenty five years. They were married in this County.

Q. Are they living together at this time? A. No sir- they separated four year this Spring and I dont think she has been there since. I live jam thore and I have not seen her or heard of it. If she has been there I haven't heard anything about it.

Q. Whey they separated did they reside in this county? Right at the s me place where he stays now and where they have lived ever since they were married and at the same place he was born at.

Q. That was in this county was it? A. Yes sir, right there Cox's-at Magnet post office.

Q. What sort of a husband was he to her? I think he did the best he could by her. He has always been a working man. He is not a lazy man.

Q. Did he do as well by her as is usually expected of people of their station in life? Yes sir. She did not do exectly right to him. She let her children rule him and would not let him look after them like he ought to. If she told them not to do anything for him they wouldn't do it. She was a woman of right smart of temper.

Q. Did she leave him or did he leave her or drive her away? She left him.. He is living at the same place he did when she left him. He never drove her away.

Q. Do you know where she is now? A. She is in New Jersey, somewhere, I think.

Q. Are you any relation to either of the parties. A. No sir narry bit.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness, L.C. McLelland

Ben ^{his} Bowman
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The depositions of G. R. Banks et als. taken before me, A. S. Johnson, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight Courthouse, to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in the suit in chancery in the said court now depending wherein J. R. Cofer is the plaintiff and Nannie Cofer is the defendant.

Present, E. H. Williams, Counsel for the plaintiff.

G. R. Banks being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Examination conducted by Mr. Williams.

Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation.

A. G. R. Banks, fifty one years old last May. I live in Isle of Wight County, and I am a farmer.

Q. Are you well acquainted with James R. Cofer and Nannie Cofer, the parties plaintiff and defendant in this suit? A. I am. I have known both of them about all my life.

Q. Do you know when they were married? A. Yes sir, they were married some twenty five years ago in this county.

Q. How long, if you know, have they separated and where did they live at the time of the separation, and where are the parties now, if you know? A. She went away four year ago this last Spring. They lived there close to Mr. Cox's store, at his place, in this County. He lives at the same place and I do not know where she is. I have heard that she is in New Brunswick, N.J. She is away from here somewhere.

Q. What sort of a husband was James R. Cofer, so far as you know, to Nannie Cofer? A. All right, so far as I know. I lived on the adjoining farm to them ever since they were married.

Q. She has never been back to him since she left at the time you mentioned, has she? A. No sir.

Q. Has he ever been to her or lived with her since the said separation?

A. No sir not as I know of nor have I heard of it.

And further this deponent saith not.

Geo. R. Banks

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE
OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

James R. Cofer, ... Plaintiff.

Vs. In Chancery

Nannie Cofer Defendant.

Humbly complaining, sheweth unto the court, your orator,
James R. Cofer, the following case:

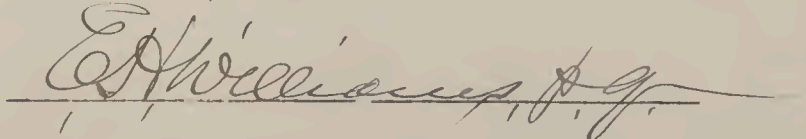
That your orator married the said defendant on the 3d day
of January, 1881, in the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, as will
appear from a certified copy of the said marriage license, herewith
attached, and made a part of this bill;

That your orator has been a resident of Isle of Wight County
all of his life, and last cohabited with the said defendant in the
said county;

That your orator was a constant, faithful and dutiful
husband, and provided a comfortable home for his wife; while on
the other hand, the said Nannie Cofer has been unfaithful to your
said orator, and has broken her marriage vows, and during the
month of May, 1905 she willfully deserted and abandoned your said
orator, and such abandonment and desertion has continued from that
time until now.

In tender consideration whereof and forasmuch as your ora-
tor is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity he prays
that the said Nannie Cofer may be made a party defendant to this
bill and required to answer the same, an answer under oath being
hereby expressly waived as by the statute in such cases made and
provided; that your orator may be divorced from the said defendant
a vinculo matrimonii; and that all such other, farther and general
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, etc.



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Clerk — Defendant

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Oct 2nd 1909; Order
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Case docketed for hearing

E. H. WILLIAMS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
SMITHFIELD, VA.