

1895-015

Nansemond Co. (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: John Crocker vs Louisa Crocker

Spiers, Jordan, Hell, Johnson, Hawks

OVERSIZE

Box 2

- 1 marriage license

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Louisa Crocker

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *November 1893*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against

her

in the said Court by

John Crocker

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *18th* day of

October

189*3*, in the *18*th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer

Clerk.

executed this 21 day Oct 1893
delivering a true copy of this
process to Samuel Crocker
in person at St. Albans
Sherrill

Charles Strong's 179

John Crocker
Esq. St. Albans

Samuel Crocker

1893

November 17th

First Monday

Handwritten
Circuit Court
Process Book
No 2. Page 88.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Hamilton County.

John Crocker } Ind. Pltff.
or }
Louisa Crocker. } Def.

Issue summons for plaintiff
against defendant to first
November inst. 1853 (first Monday
in Nov.) to answer said plaintiff
of a bill in Chancery to be
then exhibited against her
by said plaintiff.

Pay \$1.50

Robert S. Jones

Memo. for
Clark

To Louisa Crocker:-

Take notice that I shall on
Friday the 24th day of November 1893
at the office of Merritt Briggs in the
town of Suffolk County of New Brunswick
& State of Virginia between the hours of
6 a.m. & 6 p.m. of that day proceed
to take the deposition of Hermann
Johann and others to the several evidences
in my hands in a certain case in
equity depending in the Circuit
Court for the County of New Brunswick
wherein I am plaintiff and you
are defendant: and if from any cause
the taking of the said deposition shall be
convenient and necessary as if you
may be unable to attend on that day
the taking of the same may be had by
and according to your day to day or
from time to time at the same
place and between the same
hours unless the same shall be
conflicting.

Respectfully Yours,

John Crocker
Esq. Attorney.

Executed this 21 day of Oct 1893
by delivering a true copy of this
notice to Louisa Crocker in
person

W B Baker
Sheriff

Notice to take
Depositing.

The depositions of Josiah S. Crocker
and others taken before me Meritt Briggs
a Notary Public for the County of Hannam
in the State of Virginia pursuant to Subpoena
hereto annexed, on the 24th day of November
1898 at the office of Rawles Briggs in
the town of Suppaw^{va}, between the hours of
9. A.M. and 6. P.M. of that day to be read
as evidence on behalf of John Crocker in a
certain suit in equity depending in the
circuit Court of Hannam County Va,
wherein John Crocker is Plaintiff and
Louisa Crocker is defendant

Present.

R. H. Rawles Counsel for Plaintiff

Josiah S. Crocker being duly sworn on
the Holy Evangelist of God deposes and
saith as follows:

1 What is your name, age, Residence
Occupation and do you know the Parties
to this suit -

Ans. Josiah S. Crocker. age 36. I reside

in Suffolk Va. Am a Merchant, & know
the parties to this suit.

2 Did you ever have illicit or sexual
intercourse with Louisa Speers, now
Louisa Crocker the wife of John
Crocker, & if so when & where

Ans yes, in November 1892, in Suffolk Va.
previous to her marriage with her
present husband
And further this deponent saith not

Josiah Crocker

Anna Johnson being duly sworn on the
Holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose
& saith as follows.

1 What is your name, age, residence
occupation, and do you know the parties
to this suit?

Ans. Anna Johnson, Sixty years of age, Living in
Hammond county Va. I am a midwife.
& I know the parties to this suit.

2. How far do you live from John Brocken
Mrs. about three quarters of a mile.
3 Do you know whether or not the wife
of John Brocken gave birth to a child
last year

Yes -

4 When was this child born
August 27th 1893.

5 Can you say whether or not this child
was a nine months child -

Ans. It was a fully developed nine months
child. It is now living & is a healthy
heartly child.

6 Is John Brocken & his wife now living
together -

No. She has left him & is living at
Mathera Brocken's
and further this deponent said not.

Amy X Johnson
mark

Witness

Minna Briggs.

Herrick & Hawkes being duly sworn
deposes & says as follows.

1 What is your name, age, residence &
do you know the parties to this suit.

Ans. Henrietta Hawks. age 55 years. I live in Hammond county Va & know the parties to this suit

1 Did you ever have any communication with Louisa Crocker wife of John Crocker in reference to the paternity of the child born which was born Aug. 27. 1893.

2 yes. Louisa told me that John Crocker her husband's brother was the father of the child.
And further this deponent saith not.

Witness

Minna Briggs.

Henrietta ^{her} Hawks.
Mark

Anna Hall. being duly sworn deposes and says.

1 What is your name. age. Residence & do you know the parties to this suit.

Ans. Anna Hall, 24 yrs of age. I live in Hammond county & know the parties to this suit.

2. were you present at the birth

of Louisa Crocker, child which was
born on the 27. day of August 1892

Ans. yes. I was present & waited on Louisa
during her confinement.

Q Did you hear Louisa Crocker say who
was the father of the child -

Ans. I heard her say that John Crocker
her husband, was not the father of the
child but its uncle. The child seemed
to be a full nine months child

And further this deponent saith not
witness
Anna J. Hall

Minna Briggs

Virginia
Hammann county Court

I Minna Briggs
a Notary Public for the county aforesaid,
in the said State, do hereby certify that the
 foregoing depositions of Josiah S. Crocker
Anna Johnson, Minna Haines and
Anna Hall were duly taken, sworn to
and subscribed before me at the time

and place and for the purpose in
the caption hereto mentioned
given under my hand this 24th day
of November 1883

Meritt Briggs
J. P.

Locker
11/27

Locker,

Deposits.

To Louisa Crocker

TAKE NOTICE that I shall, on the 24 day of May 1894,
at the office of Rawles & Briggs
in Suffolk Va.

between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M., on that day, proceed to take the depositions
of Margha Jordan and others, to be read in evidence in my
behalf, in a certain suit in equity
depending in the Circuit Court for the County
of Nausemund 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.

Respectfully yours,

John Crocker
Att. Counsel

Executed this 8th day of
May 1874 by delivering a
true copy of this process to
Lonsie Crocker in person
at St. John's Nfld.

Copy for
David Crocker.

The Depositions of Martha Dondan and others, taken before me J. W. Hosier a Notary Public for the county of Hammond v. q. pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the office of Rawles Briggs in Suffolk Virginia, on the 24 day of May 1894 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M., to be read as evidence in behalf of John Crocker, in a certain suit in Equity depending in the Circuit Court for the county of Hammond, wherein John Crocker is Plaintiff and Louisa Crocker is defendant

Present.

R. H. Rawles Atty for Plaintiff

The witness Martha Dondan being duly sworn Deposes as follows,

1. What is your name, age, residence, occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

Ans. Martha Dondan, 29 years of age. I live in Hammond county and I know the parties to this suit.

- 2 Do you know whether or not John Crocker had any connection with his wife Louisa Crocker after he found out she was with child.

Ans. She told me several times that after John found out her condition he refused to

to have anything to do with her, Louisa
Crocker told me this a good many times,
I know that about this time John moved
in another room in the house and would
have nothing to do with Louisa & never
recognized her afterwards as his wife. I lived
there and know all about it.

And further this Dependent said not

C. Martha
Larkin

The witness Annie Hall, being duly sworn
Depos as follows:

- 1 What is your name, age, residence, & do
you know the parties to this suit?

Ans. Annie Hall, I live in Chatham County
Ga. & am 24 years of age and know
the parties to this suit.

- 2 Do you know whether or not John Crocker
had any connection with his wife Louisa
after he found out she was with Child?
if so tell me you know about it.

Ans. I lived last year in about 200 yards
of John Crocker's house and was there almost
every day. Louisa told me that after John
found out she was with Child, he refused
to have anything to do with her. She also
told me that John Crocker was not the
father of the child. I helped John Crocker

to move out of her room and I know
that he refused to have anything to do
with his wife after this.

And further this deponent said not.

Amie ^{Ann} Hall
name

witness

Miner Briggs.

The witness Anna Johnson being duly sworn
testifies as follows.

1 What is your name, age, residence, & do
you know the parties to this suit?

Ans. Anna Johnson, 58 years of age, I live
in Nannamond county Va. & I know the
parties to this suit.

2 Do you know whether or not John Brown
had any connection with his wife
Louisa after he found out she was
with child & if so tell all you know
about it.

Ans. I know that John refused to have anything
to do with Louisa after he found out
she was with child, he would not stay with
her & would not have anything to do
with her, I know that he moved out of
her room ^{as soon as he found out his condition} and afterwards would not
have anything to do with her.

I lived about three quarters of a mile from
John Crocker, and in there almost every
day. And further this deponent said not.

Anna ^{the} Johnson
was

attest

Merrie Briggs

Virginia

County of Hanover and West.

I, J. W. Hosier, a
Wholly Public for the county aforesaid, in
the said State, do hereby certify: That the
foregoing depositions of Martha Jordan
Annie Hall & Anna Johnson were duly
taken, sworn to and subscribed before me,
at the time and place and for the purpose
in the caption hereto mentioned

Given under my hand this 24 day of
May 1894

Walter Hosier

N. D.

John Crocker

^{rs}
Louisa Crocker

In Chancery.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the Bill and exhibit filed and on the Objections of Josiah Crocker and others and was argued by Counsel.

On consideration whereof, for satisfactory reasons appearing to the Court, the Court doth order adjudge and decree that the said John Crocker be forever divorced from his said wife Louisa Crocker and that the said marriage, heretofore solemnized between them, be, and the same is hereby wholly and totally dissolved. And nothing further remaining to be done it is ordered that this suit be removed from the docket.

Final Decree
April 9, 1896.
To be entered.
Wm. H. Deuts

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 2.
Page 622. -

To the Hon. C. W. Hill, Judge of the
Circuit Court of Nausemund
County :-

Henry complaining sheweth unto
the Court your orator John Crocker
aged 40 years and a citizen
of Nausemund County Virginia
that on the 9th day of February
1893 he was married to Louisa

Spier in the county aforesaid
by the Rev. S. A. Howell
by authority of a license issued forth
from the Clerk's office of said
County: which license is herewith
filed as a part of this bill and
marked Ex. "A".

Now your orator alleges that when
he married the said Louisa
Spier he thought and believed
her to be a pure, virtuous and
upright woman who had led a
chaste life: that he had no reason
to think otherwise and did
not think otherwise: but your
orator says and charges that the
said Louisa Spier was not at
the time of said marriage a
virtuous woman but was and
had been a lewd woman and

a prostitute and that at the time of such Marriage with your mother she was with child by some other person than the husband, who is your mother, of which said fact your mother had no knowledge until after the said Marriage when he first discovered it to wit, some time in the month of March 1893

That when and as soon he had made the said said discovery he was greatly mortified to find and to know that the woman whom he had married as a pure and virtuous maiden was in fact a prostitute and was with child with another man: that he then and there refused longer to live with the said or his wife or to cohabit with her, and that since coming into possession of the said said knowledge he has never lived with her or his wife or

cohabited with her and
will never do so again.
That on or soon as he found it
out he charged his wife with
her forever and deception to
him and that she admitted
the fact; that up to that
time he had been to her
an obedient, kind and faith-
ful husband and had pro-
vided her with a home
and the comforts of life.
In tender consideration thereof
and forasmuch as from
cruelty is without remedy in
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~preparation~~ ^{preparation} ~~Matters~~ ^{Matters} except by the aid
of a Court of equity where
all such matters are done
and pursued as might be, to the
end that forasmuch as the
prayer that the said Louisa
Crockett made be made, or
partly defendant to this bill
and request to answer the
same; that the said Louisa
may be entirely divorced
from her and the said
marriage wholly and
totally dissolved; and

for such other, further and
general relief as his case
requires and to equity
may seem meet.
And your order will
ever be obeyed, &c.

John Crocker
by Rawls & Bright
his Counsel.

Virginia Warrummal Creek
Court:

I certify that John Crocker
has this day appeared before
me in the County of ...
and made oath that the
statements in the foregoing
bill are true.

Given under my hand
this 3rd day of November
1893.

B. H. Rawls
J. D.

John Crocker

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Louisa Crocker

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Rawls & Bright
J. D.

John Crocker
vs } In Chancery
Louisa Crocker

1893 Octo 18th. Process issued returnable to November
Rules first Monday.

" Novr, 6th Process returned executed on defendant
Bill filed and decree nisi vs said
defendant.

" " 20th Decree nisi confirmed and cause
set for hearing.

Chancery Notes.

Costs

Clerk	4.63 pd.
Sheriff	1.00
Atty	15.00
Day	1.50
	\$22.13

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John Crocker

vs } In Chancery

Louisa Crocker

1895

April 9th

Final Decree

Docketed Nov 20th 1893.

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Nansemond 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,

John Crocker
and Louisa Spiers

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court
of Nansemond County this 9th day of February 1893

A. P. Gomes D. Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2229 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, 1893 February 9th

Place of Marriage, Suffolk

Full Names of Parties Married, John Crocker
and Louisa Spiers

Color, Colored

Age of Husband, 47 years

Age of Wife, 35 years

Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Widowed

Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Widowed

Place of Husband's Birth, Southampton Co. Va.

Place of Wife's Birth, Nansemond

Place of Husband's Residence, Nansemond

Place of Wife's Residence, Suffolk

Names of Husband's Parents, Nancy Crocker

Names of Wife's Parents, Bob Dynes and

Ann his wife

Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 9th day of February 1893

A. P. Gomes D. Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 9th day of Feb 1893
at Suffolk Virginia I united in Marriage the
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

S. A. Howell

The Minister celebrating a marriage, is required, within TEN days 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 Teste A. P. Gomes D. C.

23 a copy
John Crocker

With } Certificate
 } of
 } Marriage
Louisa Spiers

1893
February 9th.