

1898-006
Norfolk Co. (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Plummer Ricks vs Henrietta (alias Annie) Ricks

Vaughan, Austin, Ames, Branch

To the Clerk of the Circuit - Court
of Nansmond County -

Plummer Richs

vs

Plff

Annie Richs -

Def -

Issue summons for 1st December
Rules 1899 for plaintiff against
defendant to answer a Bill
in Chancery -

Pay \$1.50

J. H. Burgess

P. g -

Plummer Rocks
Is } Leucumery
Acacia Rocks

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *Annie Ricks*

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 *December 1897*, to answer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Plummer Ricks*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *11th* day of
November, 189*7*, in the 12*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK.

CLERK.

No one being found at her usual place of residence, upon whom service could be served I executed this process by taking a true copy of the within process upon the door of her dwelling house this the 18th day Nov. 1897

J. F. Dorseney D.S.
For W. A. Batch sheriff

J. W. Burges
Plummer Ricks

p. q.

vs.

In Chancery.

Annie Ricks

Costs
Clerk 1.06
1897 Shff .50
Tax 1.50

December Rules.

First Monday.

Dismissed at
Rules.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

Process Book No.-----

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VIRGINIA—IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
of Nansemond county, to wit: In vaca-
tion, on the 30th day of August, 1898—

Plummer Ricks.....Plaintiff,
AGAINST
Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie
Ricks.....Defendant.

The object of this suit is to ask for a decree of divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* for the plaintiff from the defendant, and affidavit having been made and filed that due diligence has been used by Plummer Ricks, the plaintiff, to ascertain the whereabouts, and in what county or corporation the defendant Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie Ricks, is or resides, and that the said defendant Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie Ricks, is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that she appear, within fifteen days after due publication of this notice, in the Clerk's office of our said court and do what may be necessary to protect her interest.

A. P. GOMER, Clerk.

To Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie Ricks:

Take notice that I shall, on the 10th day of October, 1898, at the office of J. U. Burges, in the town of Suffolk, Virginia, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M., proceed to take the depositions of Jerry Austin and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant; and if from any cause the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or, if commenced, be not concluded, then the taking of the same will be adjourned and continued from day to day, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

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PLUMMER RICKS.

Office of The Herald.

Suffolk, Va., *Oct 11* 1898

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.

John Pootin
Editor Herald.

\$6.00 Cts

Circuit Court.

Tuesday after the Second Monday
in April and October.

HON. ROBERT R. PRENTIS, Judge.
AZRA P. GOMER, Clerk.

County Court.

Second Monday in each month.

HON. WILBUR J. KILBY, Judge.
ROBERT R. SMITH, Clerk.
E. E. HOLLAND, Commonwealth's Attorney.
ALEX. H. BAKER, Sheriff.
SYDNEY T. ELLIS, County Treasurer.
JOHN B. PINNER, Commissioner of Accounts.

Nansemond County Clerks' Office.

Suffolk, Va.,

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VIRGINIA—IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
of Nansemond county, to wit: In va-
cation, on the 30th day of August, 1898—

Plummer Ricks.....Plaintiff,
AGAINST

Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie
Ricks.....Defendant.

The object of this suit is to ask for a de-
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the plaintiff from the defendant, and affi-
davit having been made and filed that due
diligence has been used by Plummer
Ricks, the plaintiff, to ascertain the where-
abouts, and in what county or corporation
the defendant Henrietta Ricks, sometimes
called Annie Ricks, is or resides, and that
the said defendant Henrietta Ricks, some-
times called Annie Ricks, is not a resident
of this State, it is ordered that she appear,
within fifteen days after due publication
of this notice, in the Clerk's office of our
said court and do what may be necessary
to protect her interest.

A. P. GOMER, Clerk.

To Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called Annie
Ricks:

Take notice that I shall, on the 10th day
of October, 1898, at the office of J. U.
Burgess, in the town of Suffolk, Virginia,
between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.,
proceed to take the depositions of Jerry
Austin and others, to be read as evidence
in my behalf in a certain suit in equity de-
pending in the Circuit Court of Nanse-
mond county, wherein I am plaintiff and
you are defendant; and if from any cause
the said depositions be not commenced on
that day, or, if commenced, be not con-
cluded, then the taking of the same will
be adjourned and continued from day to
day, at the same place and between the
same hours, until the same shall be com-
pleted.

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PLUMMER RICKS.

I A P Gomer Clerk of the Circuit Court of
the County of Nansemond do hereby Certify that the
above order of Publication was posted at the
front door of the Nansemond County Court House
on Monday the 12th day of September 1898 it being
the first day of the September Term of said Nansemond
County Court

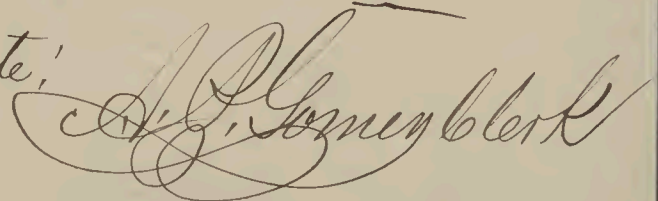
A P Gomer Clerk

Plummer Ricks
vs Order of
Publication
Henrietta Ricks

Virginia - In the Circuit Court of Nausem and County -
to wit: In vacation on the 30th day of August 1898
Plummer Dickson _____ Plaintiff
against -

Hurietta Dickson, sometimes called Annie Dickson - Defendant -

The object of this suit - is to ask for a decree
of divorce, a vinculo matrimonii for the Plaintiff
from the defendant, and affidavit - Pending same
made and filed that due diligence has been used
by Plummer Dickson, the Plaintiff to ascertain
the whereabouts, and in what county or corporation
the defendant Hurietta Dickson sometimes
called Annie Dickson is or resides and that
the said defendant Hurietta Dickson sometimes
called Annie Dickson is not a resident of
this state; it is ordered that she appear
within fifteen days after due publication
of this notice in the Clerk's Office
of our said Court and do what may
be necessary to protect her interest.

Teste:  J. G. Gentry Clerk

Order
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Dear Sir:

Office of The Herald.

Suffolk, Va., MAR 11 1899 18

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.

J. A. Bookin

Editor Herald.

ESTABLISHED 1878.

Suffolk, Va.,

MAR 11 1899

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Mr Jas W Duges

TO SUFFOLK HERALD, Dr.
Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment,
No. 9 WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Terms of this Bill

1898

Wht 1 Pub Notice Plummer Rick
4 in 4 weeks \$ 6.00

Geo Payment
H. Brooker

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I, James U. Burges, hereby make affidavit that due dilligence has been used by Plummer Ricks to ascertain the whereabouts, and in what County or corporation the defendant *Hurwella Ricks* some times ^{called} ~~known as~~ *Audie Ricks*

is or resides without effect, and that the said defendant, *Hurwella Ricks* sometimes known as *Audie Ricks* is not a resident of this state.

Given under my hand this 30th. day of August 1898.

J. U. Burges -

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th. day of August 1898.

A. J. Gomer Clerk

IN RE _____

VS.

Suffolk, Va., ... 189.....

To the Clerk of the Circuit
Court of Nansemond County -

Plummer Richs

Pitts -

vs -

Henrietta Richs sometimes
known as Annie Richs

Drift -

Issue summons for 2nd
Grand Jury Rules 1897 for
plaintiff against defendant
to answer a Bill in Chancery -

Say \$1,500.00

J. U. Burgess

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Plummer Ricks
Wf In Chancery
Nemetta Ricks &c

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Nannetta Ricks
Sometimes Known as Annie Ricks

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 *Third* Monday in *December 1897*, to answer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Plummer Ricks*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *1st* day of
December, 189*7*, in the 12^{*one*}*2*^{*th*} year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK. }

CLERK.

Serial

Not finding the within Nemetta Ricks
sometimes known as Annie Ricks at her usual
place of abode I executed the within process
by taking a true copy of the within at the front
door of the house of the said Nemetta Ricks
Sometimes called Annie Ricks this the second day
of December 1897.

A. M. Zerk

J. W. Burges p. q.
Plummer Ricks

vs. } In Chancery.

Nemetta Ricks sometimes
called Annie Ricks

1897--

December Rules.

Third Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

Process Book No.-----

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The depositions of Jerry Austin and others taken before me, J. Walter hosier, a Notary Public for the County of Nansemond in the state of Virginia, ~~this~~ pursuant to notice hereunto annexed at the office of J. U. Burges in the town of Suffolk, county of Nansemond and state of Virginia, this 10th of Oct, 1898, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. of that day, to be read as evidence in the behalf of Plummer Ricks in a cerain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond, wherein the said Plummer Ricks is Plaintiff and Henrietta Ricks, sometimes called ^{Annie} Henrietta Ricks, is defendant.

Present, J. U. Burges Counsel for Plaintiff,

Jerry Austin having been duly sworn deposeth and says as follows:

Q What is your name, age, residence and occupation?

A Jerry Austin, 36, Suffolk Va, Common Laborer

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?
A yes -

Q Do you know whether or not the said Henrietta Ricks, sometimes known as Annie Ricks, has been guilty of adultery, if so whom and with whom

A Yes, within the past year, and with myself

Q State, if you know, her general reputation in and around the town of Suffolk?

A It is that of a common woman, or whore.

Q Where did they last co-habit?

A On what is known as "Pitch Kettle" in Nansemond County Virginia

Q Have you ever seen anything to cause you to believe that she had intercourse with other men?

A Her husband worked for Mr Thomas Whitfield and only came home about once a week and while he was absent I have seen men coming and going to and from her house at all hours of the night. I lived about A hundred yards from her house.

And further this deponent saith not.

Jerry Austin

John W. Ames, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposeth and answers as follows:

What is your name, age, residence and occupation?

A John W. Ames, Jr, 48 Sergeant of Suffolk Va.

Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes

Q State, if you know, the general reputation, the defendant's

A From what I can learn she is a common woman

Q

And further the deponent saith not.

John W. Ames Jr

John J.S. Branch, a witness of lawful age being called and duly sworn de
poseth and answers as follows:

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

A John J.S. Branc, 43, Nansemond County, farmer and I know the parties
to this suit

Q Statemif you know the general reputation of the defendant, Henrietta
Ricks, sometimes called Annie Ricks?

A She is spoken of and generally known as a common woman, otherwise
a whore. In searching for her to save a paper on her I have had to
go to the most disreputable places.

And further this deponent saith not.

John J.S. Branch

VIRGINIA,

Nansemond County To Wit:

The foregoing depositions were duly taken
before me, J. Walter Hosier, ^{da}_a Notary Public, in and for the county and
satae aforesaid at the time and place heretofore noted.

Given under my hand this 10th of October, 1898.

J. Walter Hosier
Notary Public

Winton, N. C., Nov 16th 1897

Mr J. M. Burgess

Northolt Va.

Dear Sir!

By reference to the
records of this office I find the
License of Plummer Ricks as follows.
Oct 31st 1892. Plummer Ricks Age 22^{years}
Col. obtained License to marry
Henrietta Vaughan age 20^{years}
Col. Married by Rev. H. S. Roberts
Nov. 16th 1892 at Newfreesboro.
Witnessed by P. W. Stephenson.
Walter Vaughan and Minnie
Roberts.

North Carolina

Hertford County

I hereby certify that the above is a true
copy of the License obtained by Plummer
Ricks as found recorded in Marriage
Record of this office. Witness my Hand
and Seal of office { S. E. Marsh Reg. of Deeds.

Burys
P.H.

Riehs

vs

Riehs

Exhibit - "A"

* and she still failing to appear and
plead, answer or demur

Plummer Richards

vs.

~~Marrieda Richards sometimes called Annie Richards~~
~~in which the complainant appears to have proceeded against~~
~~the defendant in the mode prohibited by law as to absent defendants~~
This cause came on this day to be heard

on the bill and depositions of Jerry
Austin and other witnesses and was
argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court being
of opinion from the evidence
in the cause that the defendant
has been guilty of adultery as charged
in the bill, doth order, adjudge and
decree that the said plaintiff Plummer
Richards be forever divorced from the said
defendant Marrieda Richards sometimes called
Annie Richards and that the marriage
contract solemnized between them be
utterly and entirely dissolved and that
all the right title and interest of the
said defendant in the estate of the
said plaintiff shall hereforth cease and
determine, and further that the
plaintiff recover of the defendant the
cost of this suit; and nothing further
remaining to be done; it is ordered
that this cause be struck from
the docket —

Final Order -

Enter Oct. 14, 1898
Robert R. Huntis

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 3 Page 173.

Hon R. R. Prullis

Judge of the Circuit Court
of Nausemond County:

Humbly complaining sheweth unto
your honor your orator, Plummer
Richs a citizen of Nausemond County
Virginia, the following case:

That on the 6th day of November 1892
he was married in the County of
Stutford, State of North Carolina to
Sturietta Vaughan, sometimes known
as Annie Vaughan, by H. S. Roberts a
minister of the gospel duly authorized
to solemnize the rites of matrimony,
as appears by a copy of the marriage
license herewith filed marked
Exhibit - "A" and prayed to be read
as a part of this bill. That in
the following year he and his
said wife moved to the County
of Nausemond and that they have
resided here ever since.

That since the time of said marriage
he has been to his wife a kind
true and faithful husband, keeping
all his marriage vows and
discharging all his duties and
obligations as a husband to the
best of his ability -

That he provided his said wife with
a peaceful & comfortable home & with
all the necessaries and comforts of
life so far as he was able -
On the other hand your orator
charges that his said wife
Annella Richards, some times known as
Annie Richards, has been abusive and
neglected; that she has broken
her marriage vows and that she
has in the last few months
committed adultery with one
Jesse Austin and a large number
of other men, your orator further
charges that she is looked upon
in the Town of Suffolk as a common
prostitute. He further states that
since learning of her disreputable
conduct; he has not lived or
cohabited with her, nor had
anything to do with her whatever
Nor does he expect to again but
desires that he may be forever
divorced from her.

In tender consideration whereof and
forasmuch as your orator is
without remedy in the premises
save in a Court of Equity; where

matters of this kind are alone and
properly cognizable your orator
prays that Struettia Richards sometimes
known as Aunt Richards may be made
a party defendant to this bill and
required to answer the same, tho
an answer under oath is hereby
waived; that the proper process
may issue, and that your orator
may be divorced from her a
vinculo matrimonii and that
all such other further and general
relief may be afforded your orator
as the nature of the case may
require or to require - shall from meet.
And your orator will soon pray it -
Plummer Richards
By counsel

Virginia:-

Nausemored County to wit:-

I, J. L. Burge a Notary Public for the
County aforesaid in the State of Virginia
do certify that Plummer Richards the com-
plainant in this bill, has this day personally
appeared before me in my said County and
made oath that all the facts stated in the
said bill as coming of his own knowledge
are true & that all other facts stated
as derived from the knowledge

of other persons are believed to be true.
Given under my hand this 4th day of
January 1898.

J. H. Burgess
Notary Public

J. H. Burgess
p. g.

Richs

vs { du Chancery

Richs

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Plummer Ricks
vs. In Chancery
Henrietta Ricks Sometimes
called Annie Ricks
Chancery Notes

1897 December 1st Process issued returnable
to December Rules Third
Monday.

" " 20th. Process returned executed
on defendant.

Bill filed and decree
Nisi vs said defendant

1898 January 3rd Decree Nisi Confirmed and
cause set for hearing

Ricks
vs
Ricks
Chancery Notes

Ricks v Ricks

J W Burgess p.g.

Plummer Ricks

W. In Chancery

Nerrietta Ricks sometimes
called Annie Ricks

1898 October 14th
Final Decree.

1898 Jan 3rd

Costs

Clerk 485-
Shpf 50
Day 150
Acty 1500

\$ 21.85