

1899-012
Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Sylvester Faulk vs Sarah Faulk

Gibson, Matthews, Mason, Graham

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ~~TO SUMMON~~ *as at another time*
we have commanded you that you
Summon Sarah Pauck

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 *October 1898*, to answer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
 in the said Court by *Sylvester Pauck*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *29th* day of
September, 189*8*, in the 12*3rd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

S E Everett p. q.

A copy for
Sarah Pauck

vs. } In Chancery.

1898
October Rules.
First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ~~TO SUMMON~~ *as at another time we*
have commanded you that you summon
Sarah Pauk

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 *Suit* Monday in *October 1898*, to auswer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
 in the said Court by *Sylvester Pauk*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *29th* day of
September, 189*8*, in the *27th* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK.

CLERK.

S E Everett p. q.
Sylvester Pauck

vs. } *In Chancery.*
Sarah Pauck

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October Rules.
First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Sarah Pauk

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansmond County, at the Rules to be held
for the said Court, on the *Third* Monday in *September 1898*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Sylvester Pauk*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *16th* day of
September, 189*8*, in the 12*3rd*/*4* year of the Commonwealth.

Attest—Teste:

A. P. Gomer

CLERK.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer

CLERK.

S. E. Everett p. q.

*A copy for
Sarah Fauck*

vs. } *In Chancery.*

1898
September Rules.
Third Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Sarah Faulk

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 *September 1898*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her* in the said Court by *Sylvester Faulk*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *16th* day of *September*, 189*8*, in the 12*3rd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

CLERK.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer

CLERK.

Not found in my County

J. J. Doremus deputed
for A. H. B. Clerk

S. E. Everett p. q.
Sylvester Pauck

s. } In Chancery.
Sarah Pauck

1898
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Third Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

Norfolk

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~NANSEMOND~~ COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ~~to Summon~~

*as often heretofore we
have commanded you to Summon
Sarah Faruk*

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 *March 1899*, to answer

A Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Sylvester Faruk*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *9th* day of
March, 18*99*, in the 12*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A. P. Gomer, CLERK. }

Teste: *A. P. Gomer*, CLERK.

S E Everett p. q.

A copy for
Sarah Faulk
Pluries
vs. } Summons
In Chancery.

1899

March Rules.

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Nansemond Circuit Court.

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Legal and sufficient service of the within
Summons accepted. This 13th - 1899.

Sarah F. Faulk

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, *Norfolk*

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~NANSEMOND~~ COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ~~TO SUMMON~~ *as often heretofore we*
have commanded you to Summon
Sarah Pauck

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 *March 1899*, to answer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Sylvester Pauck*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *9th* day of
March, 1899, in the 12^{3rd} year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK.

CLERK.

Executed March 4
1899 by signing a
Copy of the within
Summons on Sarah
Paulk - person

Attest
By L H Codd Jr

S E Everett p. q.

Sylvester Paulk

vs. ^{Pluries}
Summons
In Chancery.

Sarah Paulk
return March 14-99

1899

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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.

Mansemond County Clerks' Office.

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

To A. P. Gomer, Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Mansemond County, Virginia,

Sylvester Faulk
& In Chancery
Sarah Faulk

Issue Summons in Chancery
To 3rd. Monday Rule in September, 1888

D. E. Everett, P. J.

Sylvester Fauck
vs
Sarah Fauck

To Sarah Paulk:

Have notice that on the 24 day of March in the year 1899,
at the office of S. C. Everett in the town of Suffolk, Nansemond county,
Virginia, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M. of
that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of J. S. Charles
James Bradburn and others to be read in my behalf in evidence in the
case now pending in the Circuit Court in Nansemond county, Virginia,
in which said case you are plaintiff and you are defendant; and if from any cause the taking
of the said depositions be not commenced on that day: or if commenced on
that day, if they be not completed on that day, the taking of the said dep-
ositions will be adjourned and continued from time to time at the same place
and between the same hours until they are completed.

Respectfully,

Glover Paulk

Virginia, Nansemond county, to-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice
of the peace for the county aforesaid _____ and made
oath that he did on the _____ day of _____ in the year, 1899,
deliver a true copy of the above notice to the said Sarah Paulk.
Given under my hand and this _____ day of _____ 1899.

Legal and sufficient service
of this within notice accepted.

This 13th. 1899 —

Sarah T. Faulk

To Sarah Faulk:

Take notice that on the 24 day of March in the year, 1899,
at the office of E. L. Everett in the town of Suffolk, Hanseman County
Virginia, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M. of
that day, I shall proceed to take the ~~depositions~~ ^{depositions} of J. S.
Gibson, ^{James Graham} ~~Charles Gibson~~, and others to be read in my behalf in evidence in the ~~case~~
said in equity ~~being~~ in the Circuit Court in Hanseman County, in
which I am plaintiff and you are defendant; and if from any cause the taking
of the said depositions be not commenced on that day; or if commenced on
that day, if they be not completed on that day, the taking of the said de-
positions will be adjourned and continued from time to time at the same place
and between the same hours until they are completed.

Respectfully,

Sylvester Faulk

Witness my hand and seal, to-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice
of the peace for the County of _____ and made
oath that he did on the _____ day of _____ the year 1899, de-
liver a true copy of the above notice to the said Sarah Faulk.
Gives under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 1899.

a copy for
Sarah Faulk

Executed March 14
99 by Sirr, a
Copy of the North
Note on Sarah
Faulk in firm
Allanwell &
By L. H. Coak &

The depositions of Joseph S. Gibson and others, taken before me,
J. M. Burger, Notary Public for the county of Hanseman
in the state of Virginia, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the office
of S. J. Everett in the town of Suffolk, on the 14th day of March, 1882,
between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. to be read in
evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit depending in the
Circuit Court of Hanseman county, wherein Sylvester Faulk is plaintiff
and Sarah Faulk is defendant.

Present: S. J. Everett, Counsel for Plaintiff.

Present: _____, Counsel for Defendant.

Joseph S. Gibson, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

Q. Give your name, age, residence and occupation?

A. Joseph S. Gibson, 43, Montersville, Va., merchant.

Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. I do.

Q. Do you know the reputation of Sarah Faulk, the defendant to this suit?

A. Her reputation is bad and in my community and also where she lives
and is looked upon as a common woman. She is now living with another
man other than her husband.

And further she testifies as follows:

Joseph S. Gibson

A. I = Matthew, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes

and answers as follows:

Q. Give your name, residence, age, and occupation?

A. A. T. Matthews, 42, _____, Va., constable.

Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

Q. State if you know the general reputation of the defendant?

A. It is bad as far as I am concerned. I do not know if she is looked upon as a
common woman in the community where she lives.

And further she testifies as follows:

A. T. Matthews

James Graham, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn, deposes and answers as follows:

1. State your name, age, residence, and occupation?

A. James Graham, 33, Huntersville, Va. boatman.

2. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes, ...

3. Do you know the reputation of the defendant in this suit?

A. Yes, she is looked upon as a whore. The people of the community know all about that.

4. How do you derive you of that conclusion?

A. From what I hear and what I know myself.

5. What do you base yourself on?

A. Well, I know that she is guilty of adultery.

6. Have you ever had connection with her, if so, when, or if you know of any one else that have had connection with her state it?

A. I have. Some time last year, I do not know of any one else having connection with her of my own knowledge, I am satisfied that many have though.

7. Do you know where the parties lived and were they living together when you got connection with her?

A. They lived in Huntersville, Va. I think that they were living as man and wife at that time, but still the people knew her, though I am satisfied that her husband did not know it at the time. That is what she was looked upon as a common woman.

They last resided as man and wife at Huntersville, Laurens County, Virginia

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness
A. J. Matthews

James X Graham
his mark

3.

Charles Mason, a witness in said cause, being duly sworn deposeth and answers as follows:

Q. Give your name, age, residence, and occupation?

A. Charles Mason, 45, Churchland, Va. farmer.

Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. I do.

Q. Do you know the reputation of the defendant in this suit?

A. I do not. I will not live in her community.

Q. Do you know where she lives now?

A. Yes, she lives with Dr. Wm. Griffin on his farm and she and Peter Mason live in the same house together.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness

A. T. Matthews

Charles ^{his} Mason
mark

Virginia, Hanover County, to-wit:

The foregoing depositions were duly taken before me, J. H. Burges, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid at the place and place heretofore noted.

Given under my hand this 24th day of March, 1899.

J. H. Burges

Notary Public.

Sylvester Paulk

vs.

Sarah Paulk.

This cause in which the complainant appeared and was prosecuted against the defendant in the manner prescribed by law and she still failing to appear and plead, answer or demur, came on this day to be heard on the bill and depositions of James Graham and other witnesses and as argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court being of the opinion, from the evidence furnished 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, Sylvester Paulk be divorced from the said defendant, Sarah Paulk and that the marriage heretofore solemnized between them be wholly and entirely dissolved, and that all the right title and interest of the said defendant in the estate of the said plaintiff shall henceforth cease and determine, and the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said Sarah Paulk pay unto the plaintiff, Sylvester Paulk, his cost expended in the prosecution of this suit. And nothing further remaining to be done, it is ordered that the cause be stricken from the docket,--

Ray Weston Lauder
vs
Baron Lauder

Entered April 13, 1899
Robert M. Lauder.

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 3
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To the honorable Robert H. Prentiss, Judge of the Circuit Court of
Randolph county, Virginia.

Complainant, sheweth unto your honor your orator, Sylvester
Paulk, husband of Sarah Paulk, the following case:

That he has been a resident of this state over one year and last cohabited with Sarah Paulk in this county
That in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five your orator was
married to the said Sarah Paulk and since that time has been to her the
Sarah Paulk, a constant, faithful and dutiful husband, discharging all
his duties and obligations as a husband to the best of his ability.

Your orator's wife, Sarah Paulk, on the other hand, has been negligent,
cold and indifferent as a wife and often was abusive to him. Your complain
ant's wife, Sarah Paulk, has not only been cold and indifferent, but she
has broken her marriage vows and has committed adultery with one *James*
Graham and a number of other men within the last year.

Your orator further sheweth that since learning of her dis
reputable conduct he has not lived or cohabited with her, nor had any
thing to do with her whatever as a wife since that time and that she is now
living with another man.

In tender consideration whereof and for as much as your orator is
remediless in the premises save in a court of equity he prays that the
said Sarah Paulk may be made a defendant to this bill and required to an
swer the same upon oath: that your orator may be divorced from the said
Sarah Paulk 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.

J. E. Everett p. 4.

Virginia, Randolph county, to-wit:

J. E. E. Halland a Notary Public for the county
aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that Sylvester Paulk the
complainant in the bill above has this day personally appeared before me in
my said county and hath made oath that all the facts stated in the said
bill as coming of his own knowledge are true and that all other facts
stated as derived from the knowledge of other persons are believed to be
true. Given under my hand this *8th* day of March, 1892.

J. E. Halland
Notary Public.

S. E. Everett P.S.
Sylvester Paulk
vs. Bie
Dwale Paulk

Filed May 1884
3rd May

Sylvester Pauck
vs In Chancery
Sarah Pauck

1898 Sept-16th. Process issued returnable
September rules third Monday

" " 19th. Process returned unexecuted.

" " 29th. Alias Process issued return-
able Oct-Rules first Monday
but never delivered

1899. March 9th. Pluries Process issued return-
able March Rules Third
Monday.

" " 20. Process returned executed
on defendant-
Bill filed and decree nisi
against him

" Apl 3rd Decree nisi Confirmed
and cause set for hearing.

Faulk
W. B. Chancery
Notes

Faulk

Sylvester Tucker

vs. In Chancery

Sarah Faulk

1899

April 13th

Final Decree

Costs

Clerk \$4.71
Shff 1.00
Tax 1.50
Auty 15.00

\$22.21