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Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Almedia Beamon vs John Beamon

Edwards, Chapman, Hill, Watson

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NOTICE.

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R. R. SMITH, Clerk,

By A. P. GOMER, D. C.

PARKE P. DEANS, p. q.

A Copy Test:—

Nov. 15-4t

R. R. SMITH, Clerk.

By A. P. GOMER, D. C.

Posted Nov. 16th 1907 and remained
until Dec. 10th 1907
I hereby certify that the above notice
was published at the Court House of the County
of Nansemond County at the
Court Room in accordance with
the law in such cases.
R. R. Smith Clerk
A. P. Gomer D. C.

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Office of SUFFOLK HERALD.

SUFFOLK, VA.,

Jan 13 1908

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.

beginning Nov. 15/07 and ending Dec 6/07

W. J. Kendrick

Editor Herald

At Rules held in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County on Wednesday the 6th day of November, 1907.

I, Almedia Beamon, do solemnly swear in due form of law that diligence has been used on my behalf to ascertain in what County or Corporation John Beamon against whom I am about to bring suit in equity in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia, is without effect.

Almedia (her x mark) Beamon.

Almedia Beamon

v. Affidavit.

John Beamon.

State of Virginia,

County of Isle of Wight, to wit:

This day Almedia Beamon, the above named plaintiff, personally appeared before me, Parke P. Deans, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, in my County aforesaid, and made oath that diligence has been used on her behalf to ascertain in what County or corporation, John Beamon, the above named defendant is, without effect.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October, 1907.

Parke P. Deans,

Notary Public.

My term of office expires July 8th, 1909.

PARKE P. DEANS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
WINDSOR STATION, VIRGINIA

Nov., 5th 1907.

Mr. R. R. Smith,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

I am sending oath of Almedia Beamon in her suit
against John Beamon. Please try to get notice in this
week's issue of Suffolk Herald. I understand from Mr.
A. H. Baker, Sheriff that he cannot find Beamon.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Parke P. Deans.

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Given under my hand this ^{30th} day of October, 1907.

Parke P. Deans,
Notary Public.

My term of office expires July 8th, 1909.

TO ROBERT R. SMITH, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Almeria Beamon Beamon.....Plaintiff.

versus In Chancery.

John Beamon.....Defendant.

Issue summons in chancery to First November Rules
1907.

Perk Beamon p.q.

The defendant lives in Suffolk.

\$1.50 Paid Oct 17th 1907
MMW DC

Memorandum

Beamen
vs
Beamen

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON John Beamon

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 20th Monday in November 1907, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against him in the said Court by Almedia Beamon

And have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 17th day of October, 1907, in the 132nd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste :

R.R. Smith, CLERK.
By M.M. Watkins D.C.

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a copy -

Parker P. Deans, p. q.

Almedia Beamon

VS. } IN CHANCERY.

John Beamon
Nov. 11, 1907
not found in my county

1907--

November Rules.

First Monday.

NANSEMOND CIRCUIT COURT.

Process Book No.-----

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And have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of *October*, 190*7*, in the 13*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste :

CLERK. }

Teste :

R R Smith

CLERK.

By M M Warriner S. C.

Parke P. Sears, p. q.

Almedia Beamon

VS.

IN CHANCERY.

John Beamon

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NANSEMOND CIRCUIT COURT.

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Nov. 1st 1907. Having made diligent search and inquiry,
I can not find the within named John Beamon in
my County. Attest
John W. Barker

Almedia Beamon

vs) In Chancery-----Depositions.

John Beamon.

The depositions of George Hill et als. taken before me, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight, at the office of Parke F. Deans, Attorney at Law, in the town of Windsor, in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, on the 10th. day of January, 1908, between the hours of ten A.M. and six P.M., on that day, to be read as evidence in the cause in chancery in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, depending, wherein Almedia Beamon is the plaintiff and John Beamon is the defendant.

Present, Parke F. Deans,----p.q.

George Hill being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(Examined by Mr. Deans)

Q. Please state your name, age residence and occupation?

A. George Hill, I am forty nine years old, live in Isle of Wight County and am a farmer.

Q. Do you know Almedia Beamon and John Beamon?

A. I know Almedia Beamon, and John Beamon by favor.

Q. Do you know when these people separated?

A. Yes sir, about that time.

Q. State when it was?

A. In 1893.

Q. How do you know that it was in 1893?

A. I knew the time. I was working for Mr. J. F. Deans at the time. John sent Medy and the children to her mother's, Tempy Mason, Medy went to work soon afterwards for Mr. W. C. Batten and then she went to cook for Mr. Deans. From that time till now she has been living in Windsor. He has not done any thing for her since he left her. He has only been here once and then he stayed at my house. He only stayed one night and he said to me when he left that he was not coming back any more.

Q. Where were they living when they separated?

A. In Nansemond County at Reid's Ferry.

Q. Did she leave him or he leave her?

A. He sent her back here to live with her mother.

Q. Do you know why?

A. I understand he was intimated with another woman when he sent her back here.

Q. Do you know if John has ever tried to have her back with him since that time-if he has ever tried to prepare a home for her?

A. No sir, he has not.

Q. Did all of the children come with her?

A. Yes sir, she brought all of them with her, and she has supported them herself till they could do so for themselves.

Q. Do you know Almedia well, and if you do state what sort of a woman she is?

A. Yes sir, I have been knowing her all her life. I knew her very well when we were living with Mr. Deans together. She was there about six years. She has only been to about three places since John drove her away from him, and she is a hard working, honest, good woman. She is about as good as any one I know.

And further this deponent saith not:

George Hill

J. A. Watson being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(Examined by Mr. Deans)

Q. Watson, please state your name, age, residence and occupation?

A. My name is J. A. Watson, I am thirty eight years old, I live in Windsor and do public work.

Q. Do you know Almedia Beamon and John Beamon?

A. Yes sir, I do.

Q. De you know when they separated and if so state any facts you know concerning it?

A. As well as my recollection serves me it was in 1893 in the Fall. He was disputing with her when I saw him. He drove her away from him and she came here to Windsor to her mother's.

Q. Why did he drive her away from him?

A. I understand it was on account of another woman.

Q. Do you know if he has helped Medy or her children since he drove her away from him?

A. John has not helped her at all.

And further this deponent saith not:

J. A. Watson

Milly Watson being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(Examined by Mr. Deans)

Q. Please state your name, age and residence?

A. Milly Watson, forty years old, and live in Windsor.

Q. Do you know Media and John Beamon?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known them.

A. I have known Medy ever since she was a child. I have known John from the time they were married.

Q. Was John raised around here?

A. No, he came here.

Q. Do you know when they separated?

A. Yes- it was twelve or fourteen years ago.

Q. Do you know why they separated?

A. He got mean to her and drove her away from him.

Q. Did they ever have any children, and if so what became of them?

A. They did- three- two girls and one boy. Rosa, the oldest girl, died when she was about sixteen years old. Her other daughter was married and lives in Windsor. She was a little baby when she came here. The boy is a man and working at the saw mill now and lives with his mother here in Windsor when he is at home.

Q. When the girl died did John come to her funeral?

A. No sir.

Q. Has John ever helped Mady support the children?

A. No sir.

And further this deponent saith not:

Millie Watson

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Ned Chapman being duly sworn deposes and says:

(Examined by Mr. Deans)

Q. Ned, tell me your name, age, residence and occupation?

A. Ned Chapman- I am about thirty two years old and I live in Suffolk and work for Mr. John King.

A. Do you know Almedia Beamon and John Beamon?

Ans. I knows them both. Mady is my mother and John my step-father, so called.

Q. Whey did they separate?

Ans. It was when I was a small boy, but I remember all about

it. He was mean to her and beat her. I remember one night when she did not have his supper ready, and because she did not have supper ready he got a brush and met her in the field, she was getting something for supper, and beat her with it. I was about fifteen years old I reckon, but I remember it as well as it had been to day, yes sir, I did.

Q. Did she leave him or did he leave her?

A. He drove her away from him.

Q. Did he ever help her after they separated?

A. No sir, he never did anything for her or the children.

And further this deponane saith not;

Eddie L. Capron

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight this 10th. day of January, 1908.

Johnson

Commissioner.

Commissioner's fee, \$5.00

Beamon

vs {

Beamon

Depositions

Felid

Almedia Beamon,)
 v.) Decree.
 John Beamon)

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the complainant's bill, and the exhibit filed therewith; the respondent, who was proceeded against by order of publication, still failing to appear, plead, answer or demur; and the depositions taken and filed on behalf of the complainant; and argued by counsel.

Complainant has been domiciled in this state for at least one year preceding the institution of this suit and it appearing that the parties last cohabited in the County of Chautauque, and that

On consideration whereof, the Court being of the opinion from the evidence furnished in the cause, independent of the admissions of either party, that the charge of desertion in the bill of complaint contained, has been fully established: the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Almedia Beamon and John Beamon be divorced from the bonds of matrimony which was created by the said marriage and that the said marriage be, and the same hereby is, dissolved and annulled.

And nothing further appearing to be done in this cause it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket.

Almeda Beamon)
(
v.) Decree.
(
John Beamon)

To be entered.

January 14th 1908.

James L. L. Moore

*Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 4.
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Almedia Beamon,)
 (
) Bill.
 (
John Beamon)

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Your complainant, Almedia Beamon, respectfully represents:

(1) That on the 4th day of May, 1882, your complainant whose maiden name was Almedia Edwards, was lawfully married in the County of Nansemond, Virginia, to John Beamon, as will appear from a certificate of marriage herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part of this bill; and

(2) That continuously from the date of said marriage until some time before the first day of September, 1893, your complainant and the said John Beamon lived together as husband and wife at Reids Ferry in the County of Nansemond, Virginia; and,

(3) That the said John Beamon has wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years: that is to say that sometime before the first day of September, 1893, the said John Beamon compelled me to leave our home at Reids Ferry in the County of Nansemond, Virginia and told me to never return. Fearing great bodily harm, should I remain there, I came to the home of my aged mother, Tempty Mason in Windsor, in the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, and from that time until now, I have lived in Windsor in the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia; and,

(4) That your complainant has resided and has been domiciled in this State ever since the aforesaid marriage, and from that time until now, and is domiciled and now resides in this State; and

(5) That your complainant last cohabited with the said John Beamon at Reids Ferry, in the County of Nansemond, Virginia:

In consideration whereof, and forasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity, your complainant prays that the said John Beamon may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required, but not on oath, to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that proper process may be issued; that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed her; and that your complainant may have all such further, and other, and general relief in the premises as the nature of her case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

Abundia Beamon
By Counsel
Complainant.

Almedia Benson,)
v.) Bill.
John Benson)

Armedia Beamon
against John Beamon
In Chancery

1907 Oct. 17th. Process issued returnable
November 1st-Monday.

" Nov 4. Process returned unexecuted

" " 12. Order of publication ordered
Bill filed.

" Decr 24. Set for hearing on order
of publication

Chancery Notes

Amelia Beamon
vs. In Chancery
John Beamon

1908
January 14th
Final Decree.

Costs
Clerk 4.56
Tax 1.50
Atty 15.00
Comm. 5.00

\$26.06

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Hammond 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 Knight Beamon
and Abmedia Edwards

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County this 4th day of May 1882.

Peter B. Prentiss Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE, TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2225 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

Time of Marriage, <u>1882 - May 4th.</u>	Place of Husband's Birth, <u>Gates County, North Carolina</u>
Place of Marriage, <u>Hammond County, Va.</u>	Place of Wife's Birth, <u>Isle of Wight County, Va.</u>
Full Names of Parties Married, <u>John Knight Beamon and Abmedia Edwards</u>	Place of Husband's Residence, <u>Hammond County, Va.</u>
Color, <u>Colored</u>	Place of Wife's Residence, <u>Ditto</u>
Age of Husband, <u>22 years</u>	Names of Husband's Parents, <u>John & Cherry Beamon</u>
Age of Wife, <u>21 years</u>	Names of Wife's Parents, <u>Henry & Lempty Edwards</u>
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Single</u>	Occupation of Husband, <u>Laborer</u>
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Single</u>	

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 1882.
Peter B. Prentiss Clerk.

Minister's Return of Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, J. J. Bayton, of the Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 4th day of May, 1882, at Hammond County, Va., under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.
Given under my hand this 10th day of May 1882.

J. J. Bayton

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.

A copy made this the 17th day of October, 1907. Test: R. R. Smith, Clerk
B. M. M. Watkins, D.C.

59.

John Wright Beamon
Wife } Certificate of
Marriage
Abmedea Edwards.

1882.
May 4th.

(Copy)

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Abmedea Beamon
John Beamon

"Exhibit A"