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Chancery Causes: Patsy Williams vs John Williams

Carpenter, Rodgers, Benton, Wilkins, Reed

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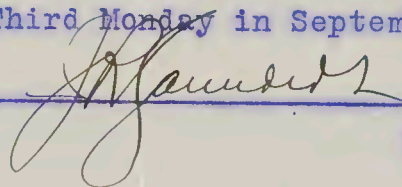
To George E. Bunting Esq., Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond
County, Virginia.

Patsy Williams Complainant.

vs IN CHANCERY.

John Williams.....Defendant.

Issue summons SECOND Rules Third Monday in September 1912.



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CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON John Williams

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 1912, to answer a
Bill in Chancery, exhibited against him
in the said Court by Patsy Williams

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, G. E. BUNTING, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 3rd day of
September, 1912, in the 137th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy Teste:

Teste:

Clerk.

Clerk.

The entire this day
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true copy of the within
process of John Williams in
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TO JOHN WILLIAMS, NANSEMOND COUNTY VIRGINIA.

Take notice that on the 10th., day of October 1912, at the office of Bradford Kilby, Commissioner in Chancery for the County of Nansemond, Virginia, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M. on that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Patsy Williams and others to be read in evidence in her behalf in a certain divorce suit pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia wherein you are a defendant, and if from any cause the taking of said depositions be not commenced on that day, or, if commenced, ^{not} concluded on that day the taking of 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 same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this 11th., day of September 1912.

Patsy Williams

By J. H. Saunders Notary

By a certified this 12 day
of Sept 1912 by delivering
a true copy of the within
notice to John Williams
or person in the County
of Nansemond Va

A. B. White

Recd Sept. 29, 1872
L. E. P. M. M.
Ark.

The depositions of Patsy Williams and others taken before me Bradford Kilby, Commissioner In Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond to be read as evidence in the behalf of Patsy Williams in a certain suit of equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County Virginia, wherein John Williams is defendant and Patsy Williams is the Complainant.

PRESENT

J. R. Saunders, attorney for the Complainant.

Patsy Williams being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. State your name, age, residence, occupation, if you are the wife of John Williams and the Complainant in this suit?

A. My name is Patsy Williams, age, about sixty (60) or sixty-one (61) years old, I now live at Tilda Skinner's the other side of Cypress Chapel, Virginia on the Edenton road, occupation farming.

Q. If you are the wife of John Williams the defendant in this suit?

A.. Yes.

Q. In your bill in this suit you allege that your husband John Williams has deserted you for the period of between four (4) of five (5) years, Please state in your own way what you know about these allegations?

A. He did not want me I was too old for him and he said he did not know what to think of himself marrying as old a woman as I was. He left me five (5) years ago last January.

Q Did you ever give John Williams any just cause to desert you.

A No I did all I could to please him but he would'nt be pleased and was ^{rough} ~~rough~~ and said he was going to leave me and did leave.

Q. Please state whether or not you and John Williams have lived together since the time he left?

A. No we have not lived together five (5) minutes since.

Q. Please state whether or not he expressed his intention to desert you?

A. Yes he said he did not want me and tole other people that he did not want me and he looked down at the ground when I saw him to keep from spaeking to me.

Q. Please state whether or not he was cruel to you?

A. Yes.

Q. Please state in your own way what people in the neighborhood say about the way John Williams treated you?

A. They say he treated me badly and he told them that he had left me and did not intend to return and also told me so and says he did not ^{know} what he was thinking about when he married me, I did all I could to get along with him, but could not do so.

Q. Please state whether or not John Williams has in any way supported you since he left you?

A. No he has not given me anythingbut has been around and talked about me and said that he had left me and told me and others that he did not expeet to return and he has not returned.

see
Patsy J. Williams
mark

Witness:

Bradford Kilby

E. R. Rodgers being duly sworn deposes as follows:

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

A. My name is E. R. Rodgers, 59 years old, reside on White Marsh Road in Nansemond County about three (3) miles from Suffolk, occupation a farmer, I know the parties to this suit.

Q. In the bill in this suit Patsy Williams alleges that her husband John Williams, has deserted her for a period of between four (4) or five (5) years and that he has not lived with her at any time during this period. Please state whether you know anything in regard to these allegations and if so state what you know?

A. I do know that they separated from each other about five (5) years ago as they were living on my land at that time and John Williams borrowed my mule to move his furniture from the place where he and Patsy Williams were living and I know that they have not lived together since that time and I never have ever seen them together and before he left her and before he borrowed my mule to move his furniture he told me that he did not know what he was doing marrying that old woman anyhow and he told me that he was coming to borrow my mule that he was going to leave her, She has been living right in sight of my house ever since they separated and I know that they have not lived together since.

E R Rodgers

T. W. Benton being duly sworn deposes as follows:

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

A. My name is T. W. Benton, forty-two (42) years old, I reside on White Marsh road about one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles from Suffolk in Nansemond County Virginia, occupation farming, I know the parties to this suit.

Q. In the bill in this suit Patsy Williams alleges that her husband has deserted her for a period of four (4) or five (5) years and that he has not lived with her at any time during this period. Please state whether or not you know anything in regard to these allegations and if so what you know?

A. They did not seem to get along together John was always cursing and raising a fuss. They lived at the corner of my fence and I could frequently hear John cursing. John left her sometime in January about five (5) years ago and I know that they have not lived together since nor has John done anything to support her as he is a pretty trifling negro.

T. W. Benton

Samuel Wilkins being duly sworn deposes as follows:

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

A. Samuel Wilkins, Sixty eight (68) years old, reside on the White Marsh road about six (6) miles from Suffolk in Nansemond County, Virginia, occupation a farmer, I know the parties to this suit.

Q. In the bill in this suit Patsy Williams alleges that her husband John Williams has deserted her for a period of four (4) or five (5) years and that he has not lived with her at any time during this period. Please state whether or not you know anything in regard to these allegations and if so what you know?

A. John left her sometime in January about five (5) years ago this January and ^{she has} ~~lived~~ lived near me ever since and I know that they have not lived together nor has he supported her or done anything for her.

Samuel Wilkins,

VIRGINIA,

County of Nansemond, to-wit:

I, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, in the state of Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Patsy Williams, E. P. Rodgers, Samuel Wilkins and T. W. Benton, were duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place, and for the purposes in the caption hereto mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 10th, day of October 1912.

-----*Bradford Kilby*-----
Commissioner in Chancery.

October 10, 1912

Entered Jan 2 1875

Patsy Williams-----Plaintiff

vs.

John Williams-----Defendant.

DECREE.

This cause, in which process has been duly server on John Willaims, and he still failing to appear and plead, answer and demur, came on this day to be heard on the bill, and depositions taken on the 10th, day of October 1912, before Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery, and filed on behalf of the plaintiff as of this date, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof and it appears to the court that the said parties were lawfully married and that the said defendant has abandoned the said plaintiff, and a period of more that three years having now elapsed since the said abandonment, and that the said plaintiff and defendant have been domiciled in this state ever since the aforesaid marriage and for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit, and that said plaintiff and defendant last cohabited in the County of Hansemond, Virginia, the court doth judge, order and decree, that the said Patsy Williams and John Williams be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, which were created by the aforesaid marriage, and that the said marriage be and the same hereby is dissolved and annulled.

And it is ordered that the said John Williams shall pay unto the said Patsy Williams his cost by him in this behalf expended, and nothing further remains to be done in this suit it is further ordered that the same be stricken from the docket.

Patsy Williams
v. { Decree
John Williams
Entered in Chancery
Under Book No. 4
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Final Decree

BILL OF DIVORCE FROM THE BOND OF MATRIMONY BECAUSE OF DESERTION.

Patsy Williams.....Plaintiff

VS IN CHANCERY.

John Williams.....Complainant

To the Honorable James L. McLemore, Judge of the
Circuit Court of Nansemond County Virginia;

Your Complainant, Patsy Williams, respectfully represents:

FIRST That on the 7th., day of October 1903 your complainant,
whose maiden name was Patsy Carpenter, was lawfully married at
the East Methodist Church in the town of Suffolk, County of
Nansemond and State of Virginia, to John Williams:

SECOND That continuously from the day of said marriage until
sometime in the month of February 1908, your complainant and the
said John Williams, lived together as husband and wife in
Nansemond County, Virginia, And:

THIRD That the said John Williams, has wilfully deserted any
abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three (3)
years; that is to say, sometime in the month of February 1908,
the said John Williams did voluntary and wilfully and without and
justification whatsoever, leave his home: and that immediately
before leaving her he said to your complainant that he was
going to leave her forever and that he would never return to her;
that John Williams has never returned and has continued to
live separate and apart from your complainant and now asserts
that he has no intention of returning; And,

FOURTH That your complainant has resided and has been domiciled
in this State ever since the aforesaid marriage, and for more than
one year next preceding the commencement of this suit and is now
domiciled and now resides in this State.

In consideration whereof, and forasmuch as your complainant
is remediless in the premisses save in a Court of equity, your

complainant prays that the said John Williams may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required but not under oath, to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that the proper process may be issued; that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed her; 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.

her
Patsy Williams
Mark COMPLAINANT.

[Signature]
COUNSEL.

STATE OF VIRGINIA.

County of Nansemond-to-wit;

I, S. E. Everett, a Notary Public of and for the county and State aforesaid, do certify that Patsy Williams, whos name is signed to ther writing above, personally appeared before me and made oath that the statements contained in the said writing are true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

My commission expires on the 1st, day of August 1915.

Given under my hand this the 9th, day of August 1914.

[Signature]
Notary Public.

Filed in Clerk's office
2nd, Rules, 3rd Monday Sept. 19,
1910. L. E. Bunting, Clerk.

J. R. SAUNDERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

CIRCUIT COURT

Second Monday in January, March, May
July and October

HON. JAMES L. McLEMORE, Judge
GEO. E. BUNTING, Clerk
J. U. BURGESS, Commonwealth's Attorney
ALEX. H. BAKER, Sheriff
C. R. FULGHAM, County Treasurer
LEE BRITT, Commissioner of Accounts

Nansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VA..

Clerk's Notes

Patsy Williams

Plaintiff

Vs.

In Chancery.

John Williams

Defendant

Sept. 3, 1912. Summons issued returnable to Second Rules, Third Monday in
September 1912

2nd Rules, Third Monday Sept. 1912

Bill filed & decree nisi

First Rules, Oct. 1912

Bill taken for confessed.

*Set for hearing by the Clerk, and put
on docket of new cases*

Clerk's Notes

Patsy Williams

Vs.

John Williams

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Clark 3.25-

Sheriff 1.00

City. 15.00

\$20.75-

Ready for service

John Saunders, Esq.

Patey Williams
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John Williams

Oral Acers

Proscribed

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Nassau 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 Williams
and Patsy Carpenter

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said Court this 6th day of October, 1903.

S. M. Lawrence, D. C. 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, <u>1903 - October 7th</u>	Place of Husband's Birth, <u>Nash Co., N.C.</u>
Place of Marriage, <u>Nassau Co., Va.</u>	Place of Wife's Birth, <u>Southampton Co., Va.</u>
Full Names of Parties Married, <u>John Williams</u>	Place of Husband's Residence, <u>Nassau Co., Va.</u>
and <u>Patsy Carpenter</u>	Place of Wife's Residence, <u>Nassau Co., Va.</u>
Color, <u>Colored</u>	Names of Husband's Parents, <u>George Williams</u>
Age of Husband, <u>35 years</u>	and <u>Jane his wife</u>
Age of Wife, <u>50 years</u>	Names of Wife's Parents, <u>Bill Reed & Nancy</u>
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Single</u>	his wife
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Widowed</u>	Occupation of Husband, <u>Farm Laborer</u>

Given under my hand this 6th day of October, 1903

S. M. Lawrence, D. C. Clerk

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, M. S. Colonna, a minister of the Methodist Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 7th day of October, 1903, at the parsonage, under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 7th day of October, 1903.
A copy: Test: G. E. Bunting Clerk M. S. Colonna
By S. J. Parker 100

The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within two months 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