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Norfolk Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Joe Goodman vs Mary Coker Goodman

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STATE OF VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's
Office of the Circuit Court of the
County of Nansemond on the 24th
day of May, 1912.

Joseph GoodmanPlaintiff
vs. In Chancery.

Mary Coker Goodman.....Defendant

The object of this suit is to secure
a divorce a vinculo for Joseph Good-
man from Mary Coker Goodman. It
appearing from affidavit that the said
Mary Coker Goodman is a non-resi-
dent of this State, it is therefore or-
dered that the said Mary Coker Good-
man appear within fifteen (15) days
after due publication of this notice
and do what is necessary to protect
her interest.

G. E. BUNTING, Clerk.

Hugh L. Holland, p. q.

May 31-4t.

Office of SUFFOLK HERALD.

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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.

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Editor Herald

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond.

Joseph Goodman Pltff. }
vs. } In *Chancery*
Mary Ecker Goodman Df't }

I hereby certify that on the *24th* day of *May*, 191*2*
I posted a copy of the order of publication entered herein, at the front door of the Courthouse
of the County of Nansemond; that being on or before the next succeeding rule day after said
order was entered.

Given under my hand this *24th* day of *May*, 191*2*

G. E. Brinkley, Clerk,

By _____, Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of
the County of Nansemond on the 24 day of May 1912.
Joseph Goodman.....PLAINTIFF.

vs. IN CHANCERY

Mary Coker Goodman.....DEFENDANT.

The object of this suit is to secure a divorce a vinculo for
Joseph Goodman from Mary Coker Goodman. It appearing from affidavit
that the said Mary Coker Goodman is a non-resident, of this State,
it is therefore ordered that the said Mary Coker Goodman appear
within fifteen (15) days after due publication of this notice and
do what is necessary to protect her interest.

G. B. Runtz CLERK.

Hugh Holland P. Q.

Joseph Goodman .

vs.

Affidavit.

Mary Coker Goodman

State of Virginia, City of Suffolk, to-wit:

This day Joseph Goodman the above named plaintiff,
personally appeared before me Hugh B. Holland, a Notary Public in
and for the City and State aforesaid in my City aforesaid, and made
oath that Mary Coker Goodman, the above named defendant, is not a
resident of this State.

Given under my hand this the 18th day of May 1912.

Hugh B. Holland
NOTARY PUBLIC.

*My commission expires
on the 24th day October 1915.*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, GREETING:

To command that you summon Mary Brown, who lives at 909 Oak Street, Richmond, Virginia, to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor, at the offices of the said Commissioner, 500 Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia, on Monday the 23rd day of December, at 12:30 o'clock, ^{P.M.} to testify in a certain suit pending in the Circuit Court of Hansemond County, State of Virginia, wherein Joe Goodman is plaintiff, and Mary Coker Goodman is defendant.

ITENESS JOHN B. MINOR, Commissioner in Chancery of the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, this 17th day of December, 1912, and the 136th year of the Commonwealth.

John B. Minor

Commissioner in Chancery for
the Law & Equity Court of the
City of Richmond, Va.

Not finding Mary Brown at her usual place of abode, Executed in the City of Richmond Va. Dec 18th 1912. by delivering a copy of the within summons for witness to her Sister Nannie Coker a member of her family over the age of 16 years and explaining to her the purport of the same at No 909 William Street that being her usual place of abode

Sheriff's Fee
30 & paid

Stephen Johnson Deputy for
J. Herbert Merce Sheriff of the
City of Richmond Va

Sister Nannie Baker
at 909 Williams St
Dec 18th 1912

S.J.

Return to W. P. P.

30th paid

Gift of money
for a gift of the
conjunction to General 101

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, GREETING:

We command that you summon Tempy Coker, who lives at 933 Williams Street, Richmond, Virginia, to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor, at the offices of the said Commissioner, 506 Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia, on Monday the 23rd day of December, at 12:30 o'clock, ^{P.M.} to testify in a certain suit pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, State of Virginia, wherein Joe Goodmand is plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodmand is defendant.

WITNESS JOHN B. MINOR, Commissioner in Chancery of the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, this 17th day of December, 1912, and the 136th year of the Commonwealth.

John B. Minor
Commissioner in Chancery for
the Law & Equity Court of the
City of Richmond, Va.

*Executed in the City of Richmond, Va. Dec 18th 1912. by delivering a copy of this
within summons for witness to Tempy Coker. to appear as herein directed*

*Sheriff's Fee
30^c paid*

*Stephen Johnson Deputy for
Herbert Mercer Sheriff of the
City of Richmond Va*

CITY OF MEMPHIS.
THE JURY OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, STATE OF ALABAMA,
CONVICTED IN CRIMINAL CASE

CONVICTED IN CRIMINAL CASE.

THIS 13th day of December, 1911, and the 13th day of the
1st and 12th years of the city of Memphis, State of Alabama,

ALFRED LOUIS B. HINDS, Commissioner in Criminal Case
and JURY CASE, appearing in person.

County, State of Alabama, appears in person in his own right

in a certain case brought to the attention of the court

through the 13th day of December, at 12:30 o'clock, as per

Commissioner, JURY CASE, appearing in person, Alabama, on

Commissioner, JURY CASE, appearing in person, Alabama, on

13th day of December, appearing in person, Alabama, on

as shown that the same JURY CASE, and JURY CASE

TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, ALABAMA:

CONVICTED IN CRIMINAL CASE:

Self
Dec 18-1912
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Return to Mr. Hinds
30th paid -

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Mary Ester Goodman

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 1st Monday in June, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against her in the said Court by Joseph Goodman

And have then and there this summons.

Witness, *G. E. Pemberton* R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 24th day of

May, 1913, in the 136 year of the Commonwealth.

A copy Teste :

G. E. Pemberton, CLERK. }

Teste :

G. E. Pemberton, CLERK.

....., p. q.

Ad Copy for
Mary Baker Goodman
VS. } IN CHANCERY.

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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 *Mary Parker Goodman*

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 *1st* Monday in *June*, to answer
a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Joseph Goodman*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, *G. E. Bunting* Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *24th* day of
May, 190*2*, in the 134th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste: *[Signature]* } Teste: *G. E. Bunting*
CLERK. } CLERK.

Hugh R. Holland p. q.

Joseph Goodman

vs.

In Chancery.

Mary Coker Goodman

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June Rules.

1st Monday.

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HUGH L. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BARBEE BUILDING
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hansemond County.

Joseph GoodmanPlaintiff.

vs. IN CHANCERY.

Mary Coker Goodman.....Defendant.

Issue Summons to First Rules in June 1912.

Hugh L. Holland P.Q.

The depositions of Tempy Coker,
~~others~~ taken before me, John B. Minor, a Commissioner
In Chancery, for the Law & Equity - Court of the
City of Richmond, Va.

, on the 27th day of January 1913,
between the hours of 8 A. M. and 9 P. M. Order of publication
having been duly published according to law, to be read as
evidence on behalf of the plaintiff for a certain suit of equity
pending in the Circuit Court of Hansemond County, wherein Joe
Goodman is the plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodman is defendant.

PRESENT:

Jas. H. Price
Wm. L. Holland, counsel for plaintiff.

The defendant did not appear either in person or by counsel.

Tempy Coker

being duly sworn deposes and

says as follows:

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

A. *Tempy Coker, about 60 - 933 Williams St. Richmond, Va. housekeeper and laundress, I know the parties this suit.*

Q. State how long you have known the plaintiff and the defendant?

A. *I have known her about 20 years. I married her father, but she did not stay very long at home after I married her father. I have known the plaintiff only since he married her.*

Q. Do you know about when she abandoned and deserted him, or cease to stay with him?

A. *I don't know when she left him - I think it was about 3 years ago.*

Q. Where is the plaintiff now living?

A. *I don't know*

Q. Where is the defendant now living?

A. *I don't know*

Q. Tell all you may know in regard to the character and general disposition of the plaintiff?

A. *I never stayed at his house. I once saw them in Suffolk and they then seemed to be getting on nicely and he seemed to be treating her well.*

Q. Tell if you know how he treated and acted toward his wife when they were living together and whether or not he did his full duty as a husband should towards her?

A.

He seemed to be doing his duty by her, but I did not see much of him.

Q. State your opportunity for knowing these facts?

A.

I never saw them together except that once. but I saw them separately several times.

Q. Tell where the defendant is now, living if you can?

A.

I dont know

Q. Tell whether she is keeping house or not?

A.

I dont know

Q. Tell if you know who is living with her in the house.

A.

I dont know

Q. Tell if you know whether the plaintiff is now domiciled in the County of Nansemond, and whether he has been living here continuously for more than twelve months next preceding the commencement of this suit?

A.

I dont know

Q. Tell if you know where the defendant and plaintiff last cohabited?

A. In Suffolk, Va.

Q. The plaintiff in his bill charges that his wife had improper and illicit relations with one William Young on frequent occasions; his wife left him without cause and was followed by the said William Young; that the illicit relations of his said wife and William Young were not had by the procurement or connivance of the said plaintiff; that the said plaintiff did not and has not condoned the adultery and misconduct of his said wife, and has not lived with her nor tried to induce her to live with him since he has found out that such relations existed between the said Mary Coker Goodman and the said William Young; Please state what you know of these matters?

A. Since Joe Goodman and his wife separated, she was staying at my house at the same time that Wm Young was living there. He had a room up stairs and she always slept in my room. Frequently she would go up to his room and stay with him until tea or eleven o'clock at night while I would be working down stairs - sometimes her brother would be with them, sometimes they were alone. Sometimes I would go up there and hear them read and stay awhile. This kept up about a month.

Then they both left my house, but they did not leave together. She would get up and cook his breakfast for him. She generally cooked his meals for him, and would sometimes eat with him. She looked after him just as if he was her husband, but she said he paid her for it.

Never saw any hugging or kissing or other endearments. If I had seen anything improper I would have spoken to her.

I did not understand anything about it until Joe Goodman came and told us.
And further this deponent says the not.
Wilbur J. B. -

Tempy

X Coker
marks

VIRGINIA: Cty - of Richmond TO-WIT:-

I, John B. Minor a Commissioner in Chancery
for the Law^{ny} Equity Court of the Cty - of Richmond Va
do certify that the foregoing depositions of Tempey
Coker

were duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me, at

My Office 506-507 Mutual Building, Richmond Va

on the 27th day of January, 1913, between the

hours of 3 A. M. and 9 P.M. to be read as evidence on behalf

of the plaintiff in a certain suit in equity depending in

the said Court wherein Joe Goodman is plaintiff and Mary

Coker Goodman is defendant.

Given under my hand this the 27th day of January, 1913

John B. Minor

Commissioner in Chancery for the
Law^{ny} Equity Court of the Cty - of Richmond.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, GREETING:

We command that you summon Tempy Coker, who lives at 933 Williams Street, Richmond, Virginia, to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor, at the offices of the said Commissioner, 506 Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia, on Monday the 27th day of January, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., to testify in a certain suit pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, State of Virginia, wherein Joe Goodmand is plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodmand is defendant.

WITNESS JOHN B. MINOR, Commissioner in Chancery of the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, this 24th day of January, 1913, and the 137th year of the Commonwealth.

John B. Minor
Commissioner in Chancery for The Law and
Equity Court of the City of Richmond, Va.

J H Price pgs. paid

Executed in the City of Richmond Va. Janry 25th 1913 by delivering a copy of the within summons to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor as herein stated

*Sheriff's Fee paid
30¢*

*Stephen Johnson Deputy for
J Herbert Mercer Sheriff
of the City of Richmond Va.*

Return to
Geo Bellinger
Comm.

Self
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, GREETING:

We command that you summon Mary Brown, who lives at 909 Oak Street, Richmond, Virginia, to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor at the offices of the said Commissioner, 506 Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia, on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1913, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., to testify in a certain suit pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, State of Virginia, wherein Joe Goodmand is plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodmand is defendant.

WITNESS JOHN B. MINOR, Commissioner in Chancery of the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, this 24th day January, 1913, and the 137th year of the Commonwealth.

John B. Minor

Commissioner in Chancery for the Law and
Equity Court of the City of Richmond, Va.

J. H. Pomeroy, Jr. paid

Not finding Mary Brown at her usual place of abode or any member of her family upon whom service could be had. Executed in the City of Richmond Va. Janry 25th 1913. by posting a copy of the within Summons for witness to appear before Commissioner John B. Minor as herein stated on the front door of her residence No 909 Oak Street that being her usual place of abode.

*Sheriff's Fee
30^c paid.*

*Stephen Johnson Deputy for
Herbert Meras Sheriff of the
City of Richmond Va.*

Posted on front door
of 909 Don St
January 25 1913
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The depositions of Maggie Savage, and others taken before me, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner In Chancery, for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia, at the office of Bradford Kilby in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 7th., day of October 1912, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 9 P. M. Order of publication having been duly published according to law, to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff for a certain suit of equity pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, wherein Joe Goodman is plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodman is defendant.

PRESENT:

Hugh L. Holland, counsel for plaintiff.

The defendant did not appear either in person or by counsel.

Maggie Savage being duly sworn deposes
and says as follows:

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

A. Maggie Savage; 52 years old;
Pleasant Hill Causement Co., Va.;
I know parties to suit. - Housekeeper

Q. State how long have you known the plaintiff and the
defendant?

A. I have known Plaintiff about 25 years
I have known Mary Coker Goodman 18 years

Q. Do you know about when she abandoned and deserted him,
or cease to stay with him?

A. About June 1910

Q. Where is the plaintiff now living?

A. He lives in Pleasant
Hill Causement Co. Va.

Q. Where is the defendant now living?

A. ~~I do~~ I do not know.

Q. Tell all you may know in regard to the character and
general disposition of the plaintiff?

A. I never knew anything wrong
of him in my life. He always seemed
to be a Christian man, always been
of a quiet, peaceable disposition. Never
interfered with anyone

Q. Tell if you know how he treated and acted towards his
wife when they were living together and whether or not
he did his full duty as a husband should towards her?

He treated her all right, and acted as a husband should towards her. I never knew of anything contrary to the fact that he did his full duty towards her as her husband.

Q. State your opportunity for knowing these facts?

A. I live across street from door down about 50 yards - I saw them nearly every day. I work at home now, but used to work at factory with Mary Goodman.

Q. Tell where the defendant is now living if you can?

A. I do not know - Have not seen her since 1910.

Q. Tell whether she is keeping house or not?

A. I don't know

Q. Tell if you know who is living with her in the house?

A. I don't know who is living with her now.

Q. Tell if you know whether the plaintiff is now domiciled in the county of Hansemond, and whether he has been living here continuously for more than twelve months next preceding the commencement of this suit?

A. He lives in Pleasant Hill Hansemond Co, Va, & has been living there about 18 years

Q. Tell if you know where the defendant and plaintiff last cohabited.

A. At his home in Pleasant Hill Hansemond Co Va

Q. The plaintiff in his bill charges that his wife had improper and illicit relation with one William Young on frequent occasions; his wife left him without cause and was followed by the said William Young; that the illicit relation of his said wife and William Young were not had by the procurement or connivance of the said plaintiff; that the said plaintiff did not and has not condoned the adultery and misconduct of his said wife, and has not lived with her nor tried to induce her to live with him since her has found out that such relations existed between the said Mary Coker Goodman and the said William Young; Please state what you know of these matters?

A. Being a neighbor, I have seen Wm Young go to the home of Joe Goodman frequently ~~for~~ up to the time Mary Coker left. Joe was working down town and he did not see him there as he (Wm Young) left before Joe got back home. Wm Young and Mary Coker Goodman frequently went into the house, closed the door, pulled down the curtains and would not answer when anyone would knock at the door. I believe from these facts that they had illicit and improper relations frequently. So far as I know, Joe did not live with her or cohabit with her, after he found out about the conduct of Wm Young; nor has he condoned or forgiven her, or tried to get her back since that time - and I would have known if he had.

Witness:

Bradford Kilby

Maggie Savage

Carry Lee

being duly sworn deposes

and says as follows:

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

A. Carry Lee — 48 this month — Pleasant Hill Hanson Co Va housekeeper — I know both parties —

Q. State how long have you known the plaintiff and the defendant?

A. Have known both parties about 18 years

Q. Do you know about when she abandoned and deserted him, or cease to stay with him?

A. She left either in June or July 1910,

Q. Where is the plaintiff now living?

A. ~~Do not know~~
On Pleasant Hill Hanson Co Va.

Q. Where is the defendant now living?

A. Do not know

Q. Tell all you may know in regard to the character and general disposition of the plaintiff?

A. I met him at church and he seems to be a religious man. I never knew him to get into any disputes or quarrels

Q. Tell if you know how he treated and acted towards his wife when they were living together and whether or not he did his full duty as a husband should towards her?

A. as far as know, he treated
his wife all right.

Q. State your opportunity for knowing these facts?

A. I live on same street
about 100 yards from
Joe Goodman, and have
been about 19 years

Q. Tell where the defendant is now living if you can?

A. Do not know

Q. Tell whether she is keeping house or not?

A. Do not know

Q. Tell if you know who is living with her in the house?

A. Don't know

Q. Tell if you know whether the plaintiff is now domiciled
~~in the City of Suffolk~~ ^{Hammond County}, and whether he has been living here
continuously for more than twelve months next preceding
the commencement of this suit?

A. ^{He now lives} and has been living about
18 years on Pleasant Hill ~~Hammond~~
Co. Va.

Q. Tell if you know where the defendant and plaintiff last
cohabited.

A. On Pleasant Hill Hammond
Co Va

Q. The plaintiff in his bill charges that his wife had improper and illicit relation with one William Young on frequent occasions; his wife left him without cause and was followed by the said William Young; that the illicit relation of his said wife and William Young were not had by the procurement or connivance of the said plaintiff; that the said plaintiff did not and has not condoned the adultery and misconduct of his said wife, and has not lived with her nor tried to induce her to live with him since her has found out that such relations existed between the said Mary Coker Goodman and the said William Young; Please state what you know of these matters?

A.

Wm Young went there several times - I did not see him as often as his near neighbors, ~~because~~ on account of the distance. I have not seen Wm Young around Pleasant Hill since Mary Coker Goodman left.

So far as I know Joe Goodman did not get Wm Young or any other man to hang around his wife. I don't think he is a man of that kind.

Mary Coker Goodman has not been back to live and cohabit with Joe Goodman since she left in 1910, so far as I know.

Witness
Bradford Kilby

Carry X Lee

May Jones being duly sworn deposes
and says as follows:

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

A. May Jones — 39 years
old — Pleasant Hill ~~unmarried~~
Co Va — Housekeeper — I know
both parties

Q. State how long have you known the plaintiff and the defendant? I have known Joe Goodman

A. about 15 years
I have known Mary Coleman
Goodman about same

Q. Do you know about when she abandoned and deserted him, or cease to stay with him?

A. She left him and went
away either June or July 1910

Q. Where is the plaintiff now living?

A. Pleasant Hill ~~unmarried~~
Co Va — next door to me

Q. Where is the defendant now living?

A. I do not know

Q. Tell all you may know in regard to the character and general disposition of the plaintiff?

A. Joe Goodman is of good
character as far as I know —
Joe has a good disposition as
far as I know

Q. Tell ~~if~~ if you know how he treated and acted towards his wife when they were living together and whether or not he did his full duty as a husband should towards her?

He treated her good and as
a husband should - He did
his full duty to her. The only
A. times I saw him worried was
when she would stay out late
and would not give him anything
to eat.

Q. State your opportunity for knowing these facts?

A. I live next door and
have been for about
18 years - that is next door
to their home, where I live
now

Q. Tell where the defendant is now living if you can?

A. Don't know, sir.

Q. Tell whether she is keeping house or not?

A. Don't know, sir.

Q. Tell if you know who is living with her in the house?

A. Don't know, sir.

Q. Tell if you know whether the plaintiff is now domiciled
in the ~~County of Harrison~~
~~City of Baltimore~~, and whether he has been living here
continuously for more than twelve months next preceding
the commencement of this suit?

A. He lives in Pleasant
Hill, Washington Co. Va and
has been for about 18 years.

Q. Tell if you know where the defendant and plaintiff last
cohabited.

A. ~~He~~ at Joe's home on
Pleasant Hill

Q. The plaintiff in his bill charges that his wife had improper and illicit relation with one William Young on frequent occasions; his wife left him without cause and was followed by the said William Young; that the illicit relations of his said wife and William Young were not had by the procurement or connivance of the said plaintiff; that the said plaintiff did not and has not condoned the adultery and misconduct of his said wife, and has not lived with her nor tried to induce her to live with him since her has found out that such relations existed between the said Mary Coker Goodman and the said William Young; Please state what you know of these matters?

A. I have ~~been~~ seen Wm Young go to see Mary Coker Goodman often - no one else was there, and they would go in the house together and close the door and sometimes stay in there along a half a day, I believe they had improper relations - she left Joe, and I have not seen Wm Young since that time; so far as I know, ~~the Joe~~ Joe did not give her any cause to leave. Joe loved his wife - He did not procure or connive at, or know of the improper relations between Wm Young and his wife.

Joe has not lived with his wife or tried to get her back since he found about Wm Young or since she left him, so far as I know, and I would probably have known it if he had,

Mary Jones

*Joe Goodman being duly sworn
deposes and says as follows:*

Q. I now read to you a letter dated Richmond, Virginia,
March 17th., 1911, from Carter Perkins of 520 Oak Street,
Richmond, Virginia: as follows,

Richmond, Va.,
March 17th., 1911.

Mr. Goodman,
Dear Sir:-

Your letter was received and read with great pleasure I was more than glad to hear from you and to know that you arrived home all safe. This leaves me well I hope when these few lines reach you they may find you and all well. I was very glad to meet with you and I appreciate your company very much. The matter on which we was talking. I have been watching every since. The party left the house the same day you came have not been there since to be seen by the old people. She have been going to him until Friday morning she left Richmond claiming to be bound for N. Y. She sold out some thing the bed and things she carried to the depot. He have not left yet he is to be off in a week or too. As soon as I find out where she is I will write you. She did not tell any of her people know what she was at until he sent some plank to nail the box up Wednesday ~~evening~~ evening. I hope to have something strange to tell you in a few days. Her mother and father are greatly outdone at her conduct being complete crazy over Young.

I remain as ever,

Yours truly,

Carter Perkins, 520 Oak St.,
Richmond, Va.

Please state what you know of this letter when you received it what was the occasion for it being written and who the writer is.

A. *I received this letter
March 21, 1911 from Carter
Perkins, of Richmond, Va.
I told him to look out
and see if he saw many
colored Goodman and Young
young together in an improper
way, and this was his reply.*

Witness:

Bradford Kilby.

*Joseph ^{his} Goodman
mark*

VIRGINIA: County of Nansemond to-wit:-

I, Bradford Kilby a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Maggie Savage, Carrie Lee, Mary Jones, and Joe Goodman, were duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me, at the office of Bradford Kilby, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 7th., day of October 1912, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 9 P. M. to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in equity depending in the said Court wherein Joe Goodman is plaintiff and Mary Coker Goodman is defendant.

Given under my hand this the 7th., day of October 1912.

Bradford Kilby
Commissioner in Chancery

Comm's fee \$5. ⁰⁰

Richmond Va.

March 17th 1911

Mr. Goodman

Dear Sir. Your
letter was received and
read with great pleasure
I was more than glad
to hear from you and to
know that you arrived
home all safe. This leaves
me well & hope when
these few lines reach
you they may find you

and all well. I was very
glad to meet with you
and I appreciated your
company very much. The
matter on which we
was talking. I have
been watching every
since. The party left
the house the same
day you came have
not been there since
to be seen by the old
people. She have been
going to him until

Friday morning she
left Richmond claiming
to be bound for R. Gt

She sold out some thing
the bed & things she
carried to the depot. He
have not left yet he is
to be off in a week or so.
As soon as I find out
where she is I will
write you. She did
not let any of her
people know what
she was at until he
sent some plank to
nail the box up Wednes
day evening. I hope
to have something
strange to tell you
in a few days.

Her mother + father
are greatly offended at
her conduct being
complete crazy over
nothing.

I remain as
Ever Yours truly

Carter Perkins
620 Oak St.

Richmond
Va

Joe Goodman
vs Chancey
Mary Coker Goodman

Divorce

Depositions

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Joe Goodman,

VS

IN CHANCERY.

Mary Coker Goodman

THIS cause came on this day to be heard on the bill and the depositions the witness, taken after due notice to the defendant by publishing an order of publication as required by law, and the defendant who appears to have been proceeded against in the manner prescribed by law, failing to plead answer or demur, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof it appearing to the Court from the evidence submitted in this cause that the said defendant, Mary Coker Goodman, since her marriage with the plaintiff has been guilty of the crime of adultery; that the plaintiff has not condoned the said act since he had knowledge of it; that the plaintiff last cohabited in the County of Nansemond, that the plaintiff is a resident of the said County of Nansemond and has been domiciled here for more that twelve (12) months next preceding the commencement of this suit; the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the plaintiff be and he is hereby granted a ~~full~~ divorce a Vinculo Matrimonii, from the said defendant, ~~and that the marriage ceremony heretofore solemnized and the same is hereby annulled and set aside~~ and it appearing that nothing u further remains to be done in this case it is ordered that same be stricken from the docket.

Joe Goodman

Vs.

Mary Coker Goodman.

FINAL DECREE.

Entered May 15-1913

J. M. S. L. G. more,

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 4.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Joe Goodman,

vs.

BILL.

Mary Coker Goodman.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County;

Your complainant, Joe Goodman, respectfully represents;

(1) That on the 24th., day of March 1892, your complainant, Joe Goodman, was lawfully married to Mary Coker Goodman, whose maiden name was Mary Coker, at Suffolk in the County of Nansemond, Virginia, as will appear from a certified copy of 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 the 23rd day of May 1910 your complainant and the said Mary Coker Goodman lived together as husband and wife near the town of Suffolk in the County of Nansemond; And,

(3) That constantly during the year 1909 and up to May 23rd. 1910, one certain William Young visited the home of the said Mary Coker Goodman and Joe Goodman frequently, during the latter's absence; that Joe Goodman was engaged as a day laborer during that time and was at home very little in the day time; that the said William Young and Mary Coker Goodman, went in the house, in which the latter lived, closed the door behind them and pulled the curtains down, and frequently remained for as long as three or four hours at the time, with no one else in the house except themselves, that when her friends would attempt to visit the said Mary Coker Goodman on such occasions and would knock at her door she would make no response whatever, but the said William Young knew what time Joe Goodman came home every day and he left before the arrival of Joe Goodman, so that the latter did not know of his frequent visits in a clandestine manner; And,

(4) That it was a matter of common repute to the neighbors of the said Joe Goodman and Mary Coker Goodman that the latter was entertaining the said William Young in an improper manner and that she was a woman of lewd and unchaste character; And,

(5) The said Mary Coker Goodman left and deserted your complainant, without cause, on the 23 day of May 1910 and went to Richmond to live with her parents there; that the said William Young, also went to Richmond to see her and be with her on the _____ day of January 1911; that the said Joe Goodman, not knowing of the improper conduct at that time went to Richmond on the 5th., of March, (the First Sunday in the month) 1911, for the purpose of inducing the said Mary Coker Goodman, to return to him, but she refused to do so and they did not cohabit together at that time; that the said Joe Goodman, soon after his arrival in Richmond, found the said William Young there with Mary Coker Goodman; that on Thursday March 9th. (of the week following the First Sunday) 1911, the said Mary Coker Goodman left for New York State, and in a few days after her departure the said William Young also departed for New York State, and your complainant has not seen either of them since that time; that while ^{in Richmond} the said William Young and Mary Coker Goodman, ~~they~~ cohabited together and their conduct was distressing to her father and mother;

(6) That on the 7th., day of March 1911 your complainant heard for the first time of the committing of the said adultery by his said wife; that he has not cohabited with her since obtaining the knowledge of the fact of said adultery and upon obtaining the said knowledge he made no effort to induce her to return, and since that time she has lived with her father in Richmond ^{late on} and somewhere in New York State;

(7) That at the time of the institution of this suit it had not been five years since the said adultery occurred and that it was not committed by the procurement or connivance of your complainant; And,

(8) That no children have ever been born to the said Joe Goodman and Mary Coker Goodman; And,

(9) That both your complainant and the said Mary Coker Goodman ~~have resided and~~ 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 the said Joe Goodman is now domiciled and resides in this state; And,

(10) That your complainant, ^{+ Mary Coker Goodman} last cohabited at their home near Suffolk in Nansemond County, Virginia:

In consideration whereof and for as much as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a Court of equity, your complainant prays that the said Mary Coker Goodman 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 a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed to the aforesaid Joe Goodman; and that your complainant may have all such further other and general relief in the premises as the nature of his case may require or to equity shall seem meet

Hugh Holland (COUNSEL) Joe ^{air} Goodman (COMPLAINANT)
~~mark~~

Witness,
Hugh Holland

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

CITY OF SUFFOLK TO-WIT:

Joe Goodman, the complainant named in the foregoing bill, being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations therein contained are true, except so far as they are therein stated to be on information, and that so far as they are therein stated to be upon information he believes them to be true.

City of Suffolk
State of Va

Joe Goodman (COMPLAINANT)

Taken sworn to and subscribed before me Hugh L.

Holland, a Notary Public of and for the County and State

aforesaid, in my *city* aforesaid, this the 6th day of July

19 12.

Hugh L. Holland

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires on the
26th day of October 1915.

Joe Goodman,
vs, IN CHANCERY
Mary Coker Goodman.

Hugh L. Holland, p. q.

BILL OF COMPLAINT.

*Filed in Clark's Office
May 24, 1812
G.E. Dunning,
Clerk.*

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.,

Joseph Goodman
vs In Chancery

Pfft.

May Oker Goodman

Deft.

1912.

May 24, Process issued returnable to 1st June Rules 1312

Process returned not executed - a non resident
Affidavit of non resident filed, Order of
publication in Suffolk Herald

Copy of order of publication posted
Bill filed

July, Set for hearing on ord's. of publication
put on docket of law cases

Clark's rule
Notes

Thit Tax	150
Clark	764
Cell.	1500
	\$2416

Joseph Goodman
vs In Chancery
Mary Coker Goodman

Final Decree
Jan Term 1913

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, Jamesmond 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,

Joe Goodman
and Mary Coker

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court
of Jamesmond County this 24th day of March 1892
R. R. Smith Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2328 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 8, 1890.

Time of Marriage, 1892 March 24th
Place of Marriage, Suffolk
Full Names of Parties Married, Joe Goodman
& Mary Coker
Color, Colored
Age of Husband, 27
Age of Wife, 20
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) Single

Place of Husband's Birth, Disminiddie Co.
Place of Wife's Birth, Northampton Co.
Place of Husband's Residence, Jamesmond
Place of Wife's Residence, Jamesmond
Names of Husband's Parents, Robert Goodman
and Trillie his wife
Names of Wife's Parents, Horace Coker
and Nora his wife
Occupation of Husband, laborer

Given under my hand this 24th day of March 1892
R. R. Smith Clerk.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I Certify, That on the 24 day of March 1892
~~Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the~~
19, at Suffolk, Va., under authority of the above
I united in Marriage the ~~above~~ named and described parties, under authority
of the annexed license.
Given under my hand this 19 day of March 1892
Rev. J. T. Scott

The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within ^{ten days} ~~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, Frets: G. E. Printing, Clerk.

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Joe Goodman
with Certificate
of Marriage
Mary Coker
1893

March - 24th
