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CHANCERY SUMMONS

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY---GREETING:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon Georgie Freeman

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 February, 1924, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against her in the said Court by John Adams Freeman

And have then and there this summons.

Witness. G. E. Bunting, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 15th day of February, 1924, in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

~~A Copy--Teste:~~

Clerk

Teste: G. E. Bunting

Clerk

Executed on the 18 day of Feb 1924 within the county of Nansemond, by delivering a true copy of the within process in writing, to Georgie Freeman, in person.

E B Rawles
Sheriff of Nansemond County.

Wm. M. Rumpler ---p. q.

John Adams Freeman

vs. } In Chancery

Georgie Freeman

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Executed this ---day of ---, 191-- by delivering a true copy of the within process to ---

in person, in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia.

---Sheriff

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TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY---GREETING:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon Georgie Freeman

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 November, 1925, to answer Supplemental Bill in Chancery, exhibited against her in the said Court by John Adams Freeman

And have then and there this summons.

Witness. G. E. Bunting, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 31st day of October, 1925, in the 150th year of the Commonwealth

A Copy---Teste:

_____ Clerk

Teste: G. E. Bunting Clerk

W. W. Dumpler ---- p. q.

John Adams Bierman

vs. } In Chancery

Georgia Bierman

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NANSEMOND COUNTY COURT,

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Executed this 4th day of Nov, 1925, by delivering a true copy of the within process to Georgia Bierman

in person, in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia.

E. B. Parker Sheriff

By J. Cotten D.

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Adams Freeman	)	
v.	)	In Chancery.
Georgie Freeman	)	

To George E. Bunting, Clerk.

Issue summons against the defendant on behalf of the complainant returnable to second rules in November, 1925, (third Monday), to answer the complainant's supplemental bill.

JOHN ADAMS FREEMAN

By: L. D. M. Counsel.

L. D. M.
p.q.

10-31-25 Process issued, returnable to
1st. Rule, 3rd Monday, 1925~
1st. Rule 3rd Monday, 1925 & Supplemental bill
filed, Process returned executed.

Sdc with original Papers, Clerk

John Adams Freeman

vs.

Georgia Freeman

Memorandum

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Freeman	)	
	)	
v.	)	In Chancery
	)	Application for Divorce.
Georgie Freeman	)	

The depositions of George Freeman and others, taken before me, M. Anderson Maxey, a notary public for the City of Suffolk, in the State of Virginia, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the office of William M. Crumpler, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 1st day of February, 1926, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M. to be read as evidence on behalf of John Freeman in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in the State of Virginia, wherein John Freeman is plaintiff and Georgie Freeman is defendant.

Present: W. M. Crumpler,
Attorney for the plaintiff.

George Freeman, being duly sworn, upon his oath, states and says as follows:

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

A. Name, George Freeman; age, 41; residence, Nansemond County, Virginia; occupation, boatman.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Nansemond County, Virginia.

Q. Do you live near the plaintiff, John Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How near?

A. About a half mile.

Q. Do you know John Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know Georgie Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does John Freeman live in Virginia?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him to have lived in Virginia?

A. All his life.

Q. Did John Freeman, the plaintiff, live with Georgie Freeman?

A. He lived with her.

Q. Where did he live with her?

A. On the same farm that I live on, in Nansemond County, Va.

Q. Which one of these people left the other?

A. She left him.

Q. When did she leave?

A. I can't tell you rightly the date she left.

Q. About how long ago was it?

A. I think it's been about two years.

Q. What do you know about the relations between John Freeman and Georgie Freeman, before she left him?

A. They got along disagreeably.

Q. Did John Freeman, the plaintiff, provide food and clothing and treat Georgie Freeman as a husband should?

A. Yes, sir, as far as I know.

Q. Have you ever known John Freeman to be cruel to Georgie Freeman, his wife?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman to be cruel to her husband, John Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did that cruelty consist of?

A. Several times she got a gun after him and once she got an axe after him. He brought a gun to my house once to keep her from getting it. He brought it there for me to keep for him and one night both of them came there and she started a disturbance there. She took this woman's (pointing to Josephine Freeman) pitcher and cracked him on the head with it.

Q. Have you known Georgie Freeman, the wife of the plaintiff John Freeman, to have improper relations with any other man?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman has had any children since the time she left her husband, John Freeman?

A. As far as I know they say she has a child and I have seen the child.

Q. Is it a boy or girl?

A. It is a girl.

Q. How long after Georgie Freeman had left John Freeman was

this child born?

A. As far as I know I would judge it was about a year and six months. The child is now about five or six months old.

Q. Have you known John Freeman to see or live with his wife, Georgie Freeman, at anytime since her desertion of him?

A. No, sir, not as I know of.

Further this deponent saith not.

Geo Freeman

Josephine Freeman, being duly sworn, upon her oath states and says as follows:

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

A. Name, Josephine Freeman; age, 41; residence, I live on J. E. Ames' farm in Nansemond County, Va; occupation, work on farm, house-wife.

Q. Do you know John Freeman?

A. I sure do.

Q. Do you know Georgie Freeman?

A. I do.

Q. Where does John Freeman live?

A. Nansemond County, Va.

Q. How long has he lived here?

A. I can't say exactly. He has lived here as long as I have and that is twenty-one years.

Q. You have known him to live there for twenty-one years?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has his home been in Nansemond County all that time?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has he lived in any other state since you have known him?

A. No. sir.

Q. Did John Freeman live with Georgie Freeman, his wife, in Nansemónd County, Va.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did John Freeman and Georgie Freeman, his wife, live together until she left him?

A. Yes, sir, they lived there together until they parted.

Q. Georgie Freeman left John Freeman, her husband, sometime ago, did she not?

A. Yes, sir, she did.

Q. About how long has she been gone?

A. I can't exactly tell but it has been every bit of two years.

Q. What kind of husband did John Freeman make for her?

A. He was a good husband. He has worked, supported her and taken care of her as a husband should.

Q. Has he ever been cruel to her?

A. No, sir.

Q. Has Georgie Freeman been cruel to him?

A. She was a fussy woman but what the trouble was between them two I never could tell. She was just disagreeable.

Q. Do you know of any particular instance of her cruelty to him?

A. No, she was just a mean, disagreeable woman.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman to have improper relations with any other man?

A. No, sir. After she left him I never had anything more to do with her because I never visited her.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman has had any children since she left her husband, John Freeman?

A. I can't say for a positive fact for I never saw it. My daughter went there and saw the baby.

Q. Was it a boy or girl?

A. My daughter said it was a girl but I can't say for positive because I never have seen it myself.

Q. How long after Georgie Freeman had left her husband was this child born?

A. It was every bit of a year after she left him.

Q. Have you ever known John Freeman to live with her or see her or have anything to do with Georgie Freeman, his wife,

since she left him?

A. I aint never known him to go where she is and I don't believe he's been any more than I have and I know before my Lord I aint been.

Further this deponent saith not.

Josephine Freeman

Louisa Freeman, being duly sworn, upon her oath do state and say as follows:

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

A. Name, Louisa Freeman; age, 66 years old; residence, live on J. L. Ames' farm, Nansemond County, Va; occupation, nurse and house-wife.

Q. Do you live near the plaintiff, John Freeman?

A. I live in the same house he does.

Q. Then you know John Freeman?

A. Certainly do.

Q. Do you know Georgie Freeman, the wife of John Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does John Freeman live in the State of Virginia?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him to live in the State of Va?

A. Right where he lives now he has lived for thirty years.

Q. Has he lived in any other state since you have known him?

A. Only in the places he has worked but this has always been his home.

Q. What kind of a husband has he been to his wife?

A. Fine as he could be. He gave her everything she wanted to eat, drink and wear.

Q. Has John Freeman ever been cruel to his wife?

A. I never knew him to hit her a lick but she was a fussing all the time and always started the fusses. If he started playing with and petting her before he would be through she'd be fighting him.

Q. Was Georgie Freeman cruel to him.

A. She was the cruelest woman I have ever seen.

Q. In what did that cruelty consist of?

A. Well, one time she got to fighting him at the landing and she chunk an axe at him and missed him and I told her she ought not to do that and by the time I said that she picked up a brick and through it at him and the mark is still on the house where the brick struck. Once he was sleeping and went up-stairs and laid down on the floor to get away from the baby and she went up-stairs and got his pocket knife and stuck the knife in his leg. That is all I know.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman to have improper relations with any other man?

A. I don't know anything about that.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman since she has been away from her husband has had any children?

A. She has one baby about eight months old.

Q. Is it a boy or girl?

A. It is a girl. The one she has by him is a girl, too.

Q. How long had Georgie Freeman been away from John Freeman when this child was born?

A. A right good while but I don't know how long. When she left Johnnie's baby was nursing. Then she went away and stayed a year and then they found out she had another one.

Q. Have you ever known of John Freeman's living with her or seeing or having anything to do with her?

A. I have never heard of anyone saying they had seen him near her and I haven't seen him anywhere near her.

Further this deponent saith not.

Witness
Mais January
M. E. Watkins

Louisa X Freeman
mark

Martha Williams, being duly sworn, upon her oath, states and says as follows:

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

A. Name, Martha Williams; age, 60 years; residence, Mr. Ed. Ames' farm, Nansemond County; occupation, housewife.

Q. Do you live near John Freeman, the plaintiff in this case?

A. Yes, sir, right on the same farm where his mother lives.

Q. How near is that to where he lives?

A. On the same farm.

Q. Then you know Georgie Freeman, don't you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does John Freeman, the plaintiff in this case, live in the State of Virginia?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him to live in Virginia?

A. Ever since he was a boy.

Q. Have you ever known him to live in any other state?

A. No, sir.

Q. Where did John Freeman, the plaintiff, last live with his wife, Georgie Freeman?

A. In Nansemond County, State of Virginia.

Q. Which one of these people left the other?

A. She left him.

Q. About how long ago did Georgie Freeman leave him?

A. About two years.

Q. Up until the time Georgie Freeman left John Freeman, the plaintiff, they had lived together ever since they were married?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has John Freeman, the plaintiff in this case, ever attempted to get Georgie Freeman to come back to live with him?

A. I reckon he has tried to get her to stay home with him.

Q. What kind of a husband did John Freeman, the plaintiff, make her?

A. He seemed to make a good husband to her and did all he could to make it pleasant for her.

Q. Did he provide sufficient food, clothing, etc., for her?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was he ever cruel to her?

A. No, sir.

Q. What kind of a wife did George Freeman make to her husband?

A. She done along right good at first. She was bad and mean all the time to him.

Q. Have you ever known John Freeman to be cruel to Georgie Freeman?

A. No, sir.

Q. You say you have known her to be cruel to him.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did that cruelty consist of?

A. She was just trying to fight him all the time.

Q. Do you know any particular instances?

A. No, sir, I was not close enough to know but she would chase him and say what she was going to do if he didn't stay home when he had to make his trips on his boat.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman, the wife of the plaintiff, to have improper relations at anytime with any other man?

A. No, sir.

Q. Has Georgie Freeman had any children since she left her hus-

band?

A. She's had one since she left but I haven't seen it.

Q. Is it a boy or girl?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know how long after Georgie Freeman had left her husband, John Freeman, the child was born?

A. I don't know how long.

Q. Has it been asmuch as a year?

A. As near as I can come it's been just about a year.

Further this deponent saith not.

Witness
Mais Janeway
M. E. Watkins

Martha Williams
her mark

John Hargrove being duly swron, upon his oath, states and says as follows:

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

A. Name, John Hargrove; age, 28 years; residence, Deans, Nansemond County, Virginia; occupation, work for the County on the road.

Q. Do you live close to John Freeman?

A. Not now.

Q. Did you live near him at the time he was living with his wife, Georgie Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does John Freeman live in the State of Virginia?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long has he lived in Virginia?

A. He has lived here all my life. As long as I can remember he has been there.

Q. Have you ever known him to live out of the state?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did the wife of John Freeman, leave him or he her?

A. She left.

Q. About when was that?

A. As near as I can come to it it's been about two years.

Q. Has John Freeman lived with or seen his wife, Georgie Freeman, since she left?

A. No, sir.

Q. What kind of a husband did John Freeman make?

A. He was good as you could expect. He did everything he could. Provided food and clothing and was good to her.

Q. Have you ever known John Freeman to be cruel to his wife?

A. No, sir.

Q. What kind of wife did Georgie Freeman make to her husband?

A. She seemed to be all right until the last when it seemed that nothing he could do what suit her.

Q. In what respect was she cruel to him.

A. Fighting at him and fussing.

Q. Have you ever known her to threaten to kill him?

A. One night she got a gun after him to kill him. His brother took it from her.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman to have improper relations with any other man?

A. No, sir.

Q. Has she had any children since she left him?

A. One.

Q. Is it a boy or girl?

A. I don't know because I Haven't seen the child.

Q. How long after Georgie Freeman had left her husband was it before the child was born?

A. About a year.

Q. Have you ever known the plaintiff, John Freeman, to live with or see or have anything to do with his wife since she left him?

A. No, sir.

Further this deponent saith not.

John his X Hargrove
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Witness.—
Maris Jameson
M. E. Watkins

John Freeman being duly sworn, upon his oath, states and says as follows:

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

A. Name, John Freeman; age, 42; residence, Nansemond County, Virginia; occupation, boatman.

Q. How long have you resided in the State of Virginia?

A. All my life.

Q. Have you been in the State of Virginia more than one year next before the institution of this suit?

A. I haven't been out of the state since 1910 when I came from Philadelphia, and haven't been out of Virginia more than 24 hours in 15 years.

Q. Have you ever been married?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is your wife's name?

A. Georgie Freeman.

Q. When were you married?

A. I can't remember but I think it was either 1915 or 1916 because she took the marriage certificate when she left.

Q. Where did you live before she left you?

A. On J. E. Ames' farm in Nansemond County. I have lived there about thirty-five years and never lived anywhere else.

Q. Did your wife desert you or you her?

A. She left me.

Q. When did this take place?

A. October 24, 1923.

Q. Has your wife, Georgie Freeman, ever lived with you since?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did your wife, Georgie Freeman, have any cause to leave you?

A. I don't see where she did.

Q. Have you ever tried to get your wife to come back?

A. No, sir, aint never asked her to come back.

Q. Has she ever been back to live with you?

A. No, sir.

Q. How did you treat your wife, Georgie Freeman?

A. I treated her just as good as a man could treat a woman. She didn't have to work and had money and good clothes. I couldn't have been any better to her.

Q. Have you ever been cruel to her before she left you?

A. No, sir.

Q. What kind of a wife did Georgie Freeman make you?

A. She made a very poor one. She was all right for saving but she was mean to me and when my boss man would send for me she'd fuss if I went out of her sight and accused me of running after other women.

Q. Did she ever threaten to take your life?

A. She shot at me once and once a gun went off that I didn't think was loaded and shot off a corner of the house.

Q. Has she ever tried to take your life any other way?

A. Yes, with knives and razors and said she'd poor kerosene on me and set me afire if I went to sleep. Then I was scared to go to sleep.

Q. Have you ever known your wife, Georgie Freeman, to have improper relations with any other man?

A. No, sir, not that I could get on to. I always heard it but I never could catch up with it.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman since her desertion of you has had any children.

A. No more than what people say and I went to see the mid-wife and she told me that she has.

Q. How long after she left you was it born?

A. This child was born in March. About a year and a half later.

Q. Do you know whether her child was a boy or girl?

A. It is a girl.

Q. Have you ever at anytime since your wife deserted you, seen her or had anything to do with her?

A. I haven't seen her but twice. Once in Court when she had me arrested and another time she came over to my mother's and I stayed there a minute, leaving immediately. I wouldn't have gone there if I had known she was there.

Further this deponent saith not.

Witness
Mavis Janney
M. E. Watkins

his
John X Freeman
mark

Hattie White being duly sworn, upon her oath, deposes and says as follows:

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

A. Name, Hattie White; age, 43; residence, Huntersville; occupation, house-wife;

Q. Is Huntersville in Nansemond County?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you live near the plaintiff, John Freeman?

A. No, I don't live near him.

Q. How far do you live from him?

A. About two miles.

Q. Do you know John Freeman?

A. Yes, I know him.

Q. Do you know Georgie Freeman?

A. Yes, I know her.

Q. Is she his wife?

A. Yes.

Q. Does John Freeman live in Virginia?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you known John Freeman to have lived in Virginia?

A. He was here when I came here. I have been here thirty-three years and I have known him all that time.

Q. Did John Freeman live with Georgie Freeman when you knew them ?

A. Yes, when I first knew of her.

Q. Were they living together legally as man and wife?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where did they live together?

A. In Nansemond County.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman, wife of John Freeman ever left him?

A. Yes, she left him because she lives in the place I live.

Q. When did she leave him?

A. I don't know but she has been over in Huntersville where I live over two years.

Q. What do you know about the relations between John Freeman and Georgie Freeman before she left him?

A. I don't know anything.

Q. You don't know how they got along.

A. I don't know about that.

Q. Have you ever known Georgie Freeman, the wife of John Freeman to have improper relations with any other man?

A. She gave me lots of trouble with my husband.

Q. Tell us what you know about her relations with your husband.

A. October before last I went to her house and got my husband out of there. Then, on Monday (that was Saturday night) I went back and told her to keep him from there and she said he told her that I knew he was there and I didn't care. He kept going back and forwards and then this year last gone, in June, I went away in April, and when I came back he came to get me to come back and I came on home. Then, one Thursday night, I forget the date, he claimed he was going to get something from the store for breakfast and he went around there and she and him were locked up in the house. I went around there and called out, "Is you there," and he said, "Yes," and I reached up and broke out half the window frame. He jumped out and grabbed me and she locked the door so I couldn't get in. I went to see Mr. Deans, the magistrate, and he told me a piece of advice and then I didn't bother anymore. I went to his cousin's house and while I was going there I saw her and I told her if she didn't keep him away from there she would have some trouble.

Q. Who do you mean "She."

A. Georgie Freeman. She would have trouble with me.

Q. Is that all you know about other men?

A. I can't talk about what I hear.

Q. What have you heard?

A. I have heard lots of things. She gave my husband's cousin's wife some trouble along the same time she was giving me trouble and another woman went there and got her husband from there.

Q. And you say your husband was in the habit of visiting her and committed adultery with her?

A. I have never seen them in the bed but He was there after 12 o'clock at night.

Q. When was this?

A. October, 1924, and last year.

Q. What is your husband's name?

A. Joe White.

Q. And you say Joe White was in the habit of visiting and staying with her until after 12 o'clock at night?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether Georgie Freeman has had any children since she left John Freeman?

A. She had a baby in April.

Q. Is it a boy or girl?

A. Girl, they say.

Q. How long after she left John Freeman was the child born?

A. A good little while.

Q. About how long?

A. Nearly two years after she left him when the child was born.

Q. Do you know whether John Freeman has ever lived with her or had anything to do with her since she left him?

A. I have never seen him with her around there.

Further this deponent saith not.

Ellie Mae

Ellie Mae

State of Virginia,

City of Suffolk, to-wit:

I, M. Anderson Maxey, a notary public for the City of Suffolk, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions were duly taken, reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, respectively, before me, at the place and time therein mentioned, pursuant to the annexed notice.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Suffolk, Virginia, this 1st day of February, 1926.

M. Anderson Maxey
Notary Public.

John Allen Freeman

v.

Georgie Freeman

Depositions.

The depositions of Louisa Freeman, Martha Williams and John Allen Freeman, taken before me, M. Anderson Maxey, a notary public in and for the City of Suffolk, pursuant to notice heretofore given, at the office of William M. Crumpler, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 10th day of March, 1926, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., to be read as evidence in behalf of John Allen Freeman, in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, wherein John Allen Freeman is plaintiff and Georgie Freeman is defendant.

Present: William M. Crumpler,
Attorney for plaintiff.

Louisa Freeman

Q. What is your name?

A. Louisa Freeman.

Q. Do you know John Freeman?

A. Yes, sir, I know John Allen Freeman. He is my son. I am his mother.

Q. Is John Freeman's full name "John Allen Freeman?"

A. Yes, sir, John Allen Freeman. I am the woman who named him.

Q. Do you know whether you son, John Allen Freeman, was married as John Adams Freeman?

A. I don't know anything about the John Adams Freeman.

Q. Is his name John Adams Freeman?

A. His name is John Allen Freeman.

Q. Do you know whether John Allen Freeman has seen or had anything to do with his wife, Georgie Freeman, since she left him?

A. No, sir, not as I have heard of.

Further this deponent saith not.

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Louisa x Freeman
mark

Witness:
M. Anderson Mabry

Martha Williams

Q. Please state your name.

A. Martha Williams.

Q. Did you testify previously in the suit of John Freeman against Georgie Freeman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether John Freeman's name is John Adams Freeman or John Allen Freeman?

A. His name is John Allen Freeman.

Q. Is his name John Adams Freeman?

A. No, sir, his name is John Allen Freeman.

Q. Do you know whether John Allen Freeman was married as John Adams Freeman or not?

A. I don't know anything about that part but I know his name is John Allen Freeman.

Q. Do you know whether John Allen Freeman has had anything to do with his wife, Georgie Freeman, since she has been away from him?

A. No, sir, I haven't heard nothing of it.

Furtker this deponent saith not.

her
Martha x Williams
mark

Witness:
M. Anderson Maxey

John Allen Freeman.

Q. Please state your name.

A. John Allen Freeman.

Q. Did you say John Allen Freeman?

A. Yes, sir, Allen.

Q. Are you the plaintiff in a suit of John Freeman vs. Georgie Freeman for divorce?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By what name were you described in your marriage license?

A. John Adams Freeman.

Q. Is it true that by a mistake a marriage license was issued to you in which you were called John Adams Freeman by which you were licensed to marry Georgie Rodgers?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you lived with, seen, or had anything to do with your wife, Georgie Freeman, since she left you?

A. No, sir.

Further this deponent saith not.

his
John Allen x Freeman
Mark

Witness:
M. Anderson Mapes

State of Virginia,

City of Suffolk, to-wit:

I, M. Anderson Mayey, a notary public in and for the city aforesaid, do hereby certify that the aforesaid depositions of Louisa Freeman, Martha Williams and John Allen Freeman were duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place and for the purpose in the caption hereto mentioned.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March, 1926.

M. Anderson Mayey
Notary Public.

John Allen Freeman

v.

Georgie Freeman

Depositions.

VIRGINIA,

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	)	
vs.	)	In Chancery.
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Georgie Freeman	)	

To Georgie Freeman:

Take notice that on the 1st day of February, 1926, at the office of William M. Crumpler, in Suffolk, Virginia, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 5:00 o'clock p. m. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Hattie White and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant; and, if from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

JOHN ADAMS FREEMAN,

By: W. M. Crumpler
Counsel. W.

John Adams Freeman

v.

Georgie Freeman

Notice of Taking
Depositions.

Process Jan 16

Executed on the 16 day of Jan. 1926 within the county of Nansemond, by delivering a true copy of the within process, in writing, to Georgie Freeman in person

O. B. Rawles
Sheriff of Nansemond County.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Allen Freeman	)	
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v.	)	In Chancery.
	)	
Georgie Freeman	)	

This cause came on this day to be heard upon process duly executed upon the defendant in person; upon each of the plaintiff's bills, original and supplemental, regularly filed at rules, respectively on February 18th, 1924, and on November 10th, 1925; upon depositions on behalf of the plaintiff taken, respectively, on February 1st, 1926, and on March 10th, 1926, after due notice, and filed herein; and upon the argument of counsel on behalf of the plaintiff:- it appearing from the copy of the marriage certificate annexed to the plaintiff's bill, and the depositions taken, March 10th, 1926, that the plaintiff was inadvertantly called in his marriage certificate, John Adams Freeman instead of his true name, John Allen Freeman, that John Adams Freeman and John Allen Freeman are one and the same person.

Upon consideration of all of which the court is of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to a ~~permanent~~ a vinculo matrimonii divorce upon the ground of adultery and it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that the marriage heretofore ~~celebrated~~ solemnized between the plaintiff, John Allen Freeman, and the defendant, Georgie Freeman, be and the same is hereby dissolved, and that the said John Allen Freeman and Georgie Freeman be and they are hereby divorced from the bonds of matrimony, each from the other.

John Allen Freeman

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Decree of Divorce
a vinculo Matrimonii

Entered April 1. 1926
J. L. McLemore

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VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Adams Freeman

v. In Chancery - Supplemental Bill.

Georgie Freeman

To the Honorable, James L. McLemore, Judge:

Your orator, John Adams Freeman, respectfully represents:

That on the 18th day of February, 1924, he filed in the Clerk's Office for this court his original bill of complaint against Georgie Freeman, wherein he setforth that:

F I R S T

He resides in the State of Virginia, and has resided in such state for more than one year next preceding the institution of this suit, in which state he last cohabited with his wife, Georgie Freeman, the defendant above named, his cohabitation having been, in fact, in Nansemond County, Virginia.

S E C O N D

On the 2nd day of August, 1916, as appears from a copy of the marriage register annexed to the original bill filed herein, marked Exhibit "A", and made a part thereof, he was married to his said wife by one Rev. J. M. Armistead; that he lived and cohabited with his said wife in the County of Nansemond until she deserted him as hereinafter setforth. That they lived and cohabited together as husband and wife, until the 24th day of October, 1923, when, without cause on his part, she, the said Georgie Freeman, abandoned and deserted your orator, and since said last mentioned time she has constantly and persistently remained away from him and so continues to do; and that preceding the time of said desertion of your orator, by your orator's said wife, she, his said wife, was cruel and inhuman in her treatment of him from time to time, threatening and attempting to take his life.

And thereupon he prayed that his said wife, Georgie Freeman, be made a party defendant to his original bill and that she be required to answer the same but waiving answer under oath; that upon the hearing your Honor would grant your complainant a divorce a mensa et thoro, from bed and board, from his said wife; that this cause thereafter be permitted to remain upon the docket of this court to the end of, after three years desertion has taken place, said divorce a mensa et thoro may be by your Honor or by this Court merged into a permanent divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

But your complainant respectfully represents that subsequent to the filing of his original bill praying for relief as aforesaid, it was discovered by your orator and your orator doth hereby show that wickedly disregarding the sanctity of her marriage vows, she, the said Georgie Freeman, did on divers days and times, in the year 1924, at Huntersville, in the county aforesaid, and at divers other times and places at present unknown to your complainant, did commit adultery with, to-wit, one White ; that as the fruit of such adulterous intercourse, she, the said Georgie Freeman, on the last ___ day of April, 1925, gave birth to a female child; and that your complainant at no time since her desertion of him, as aforesaid, has had any intercourse with her, the said Georgie Freeman, his said wife.

Wherefore, inasmuch as your orator is without remedy save in a court of equity where matter of this kind are properly cognizable, he prays that the said Georgie Freeman may be made defendant to and required to answer this, his supplemental bill of complaint, but without oath, answer under oath being expressly waived; that the said Georgie Freeman be required to answer both the original bill filed in this cause, and this supplemental bill, but without oath, answer under oath being expressly waived; that upon the hearing of this cause, should your orator fail to prove

such adultery on the part of said defendant, that then your Honor will grant unto your orator a divorce a mensa et thoro from his said wife, and that thereafter this cause be and remain upon the docket until after three years desertion has taken place, and that then your orator be heard to move your Honor to enlarge such decree into a decree of divorce a vinculo matrimonii; and in the event of due proof of the commission of such act or acts of adultery on the part of his said wife, that then a decree may be by your Honor granting unto your orator a divorce a vinculo matrimonii on such hearing.

And your orator prays that proper process may issue to require the said defendant to answer this his supplemental bill, and that he may have all such further and other and general relief in the premises as the nature of his case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

JOHN ADAMS FREEMAN

BY: William W. Dunbar
Counsel.

W. W. Dunbar.
p.q.

John Adams Freeman

vs.

Georgie Freeman

Supplemental Bill

Filed Nov. 14, 1928

H. E. Crumpler, Clerk

WILLIAM M. CRUMPLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Adams Freeman	)	
	)	
vs.	)	In Chancery.
	)	
Georgie Freeman	)	

John Adams Freeman, humbly complaining, would show unto your Honor as follows:

F I R S T

He resides in the State of Virginia, and has resided in such state for more than one year next preceding the institution of this suit, in which state he last cohabited with his wife, Georgie Freeman, the defendant above named, his cohabitation having been, in fact, in Nansemond County, Virginia.

S E C O N D

That, on the 2nd day of August, 1916, as will appear from a copy of the marriage register herewith filed, marked Exhibit "A", and asked to be treated and read as a part of this bill, he was married to his said wife by one Rev. J. M. Armistead; that he lived and cohabited with his said wife in the County of Nansemond until the hereafter desertion: that on the 24th day of October, 1923, his said wife left and abandoned him and since that time she has constantly and persistently remained away from him and still does so; and that preceding this desertion, his said wife was cruel to him in many ways from time to time, threatening and attempting to take his life.

Whereupon inasmuch as your orator is remediless save in a Court of equity where matters of this kind are properly cognizable, he prays that his said wife, Georgie Freeman, be made a party defendant to this bill and that she be required to answer the same but an answer under oath is waived; that upon the hearing your Honor will grant your orator a divorce a mensa et thoro, from bed

and board, from his said wife; that this cause thereafter be permitted to remain upon the docket of this court to the end of, after three years desertion has taken place, said divorce a mensa et thoro may be by your Honor or by this Court merged into a permanent divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

And your orator further praying for such other, general and further relief as to equity shall seem meet and proper and he will ever pray, etc.

John Adams Freeman,
By: William W. Cameron.

William W. Cameron
p.q.

Bill

John Adams Freeman

vs.

Georgie Freeman

Filed February 18, 1924

G. E. Deming, Clerk

By deputy

WILLIAM M. CRUMPLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

John Adams Freeman	)	
	)	
vs.	)	In Chancery.
	)	
Georgie Freeman	)	

To George E. Bunting, Clerk:

Issue summons against the defendant on behalf of the complainant returnable to second rules in February, 1924, (third Monday).

JOHN ADAMS FREEMAN.

BY: William McCrumpler.

William McCrumpler. p.q.

Rules Notes;

Process issued Feb. 15, 1924, returnable to February Rules, 3rd Monday, 1924,

February 18, 1924 Process returned executed

bill filed, decree nisi,

March Rules, 1st Monday, 1924, decree nisi confirmed & cause set for hearing,

Suppentae bill filed 3rd Monday Nov. 1925

John Adams Freeman

vs

Georgie Freeman

Memorandum

Exhibit "A"

Marriage ✠ License

Virginia, City of Portsmouth, 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 Adams Freeman and Georgie Rodgers

Given under my hand as Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth, this 2nd day of August 1916 XXX 192

E. Thompson, Clerk

By A. W. Robinson, Deputy Clerk

Certificate to be Annexed to the License as required by Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia 1919.

Time of Marriage: August 2nd 1916	Place of Husband's Birth: Charles City Co., Va.
Place of Marriage: Portsmouth, Va.	Place of Wife's Birth: Portsmouth, Va.
Full Names of Parties: John Adams Freeman & Georgie Rodgers	Place of Husband's Residence: Do Do
	Place of Wife's Residence: Do Do
Race (white or colored): Colored	Names of Husband's Parents: John & Louisa Freeman
Age of Husband: 35 years	
Age of Wife: 22 "	Names of Wife's Parents: Dempsey & Sarah Rodgers
Condition of Husband (widowed or Single or Divorced): Single	
Condition of Wife (widowed or Single or Divorced): Do	Occupation of Husband: Laborer

Given under my hand this 2nd day of August 1916 XXX

E. Thompson, Clerk

By A. W. Robinson, Deputy Clerk

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, J. M. Armistead, a minister of the Baptist Church, or religious order of that name, do certify **that on the** 2 day of August 1916 XXX, at Portsmouth, Va., under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 2 day of Aug 1916 XXX

J. M. Armistead

☞ The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty days thereafter, to return the License to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same with the endorsement thereon of the FACT of such marriage, and of the TIME and PLACE of celebrating the same.

A copy,
Teste: E. Thompson, Clerk.
By A. W. Robinson D. C.

John A. Freeman *Husband*

Copy Of

and **Marriage License**

Georgie Rodgers *Wife*

Date of Marriage Aug. 2nd 1916 ~~192~~

Date Returned Dec. 30th 1916 ~~192~~

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