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Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Louis Bolden vs Queenie Bolden

Hines, Bunting, Johnson, artis

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G. E. BUNTING, Clerk.

S. E. EVERETT, p.q.

A copy Teste:

G. E. BUNTING, Clerk.

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vs. AFFIDAVIT

Queenie Bolden.....Defendant

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, To-wit:

This day Louis Bolden, the above-named complainant, personally appeared before me, S. E. Everett, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, in my County aforesaid, and made oath that diligence has been used by the said complainant to ascertain in what County or corporation Queenie Bolden, the above-named defendant is, without effect, and that it is the belief of the complainant that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, and the address of the said defendant is not known.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of January, 1925.

My commission expires the 25th day of November, 1927.

S. E. Everett

Notary Public.

VIRGINIA:

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

Lewis Bolden ..... Pltff.)
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Queenie Bolden ..... Df't)

I hereby certify that on the 2nd day of January 1925 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, and I further certify that I have mailed a copy to the last known address of the said Queenie Bolden, Suffolk, R.F.D.#4

Given under my hand this 2nd day of January, 1925

....., Clerk,

By ....., Deputy Clerk.

MEMORANDUM FOR USE OF JUDGE AND COUNSEL

Memorandum for suit filed the 8th day of September, 1924;

Bill of Complaint filed the 15th day of September, 1924;

Affidavit of non-residence, filed the 2nd day of January, 1925;

Certificate of Clerk, posting order of publication, filed Jan.2, 1925;

Certificate of Suffolk Herald, filed January 31st, 1925;

Depositions and copy of marriage license, filed May 1st, 1925;

Clerk's Notes, filed_____.

TO THE HONORABLE GEO. E. BUNTING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Louis Bolden.....Complainant

vs. MEMORANDUM

Queenie Bolden.....Defendant

Please issue summons returnable to Third Monday (Second Rules) in September, 1924.

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STATE OF VIRGINIA,

CITY OF SUFFOLK, To-wit:

I, Odelle R. Baines, a Notary Public, for the City of Suffolk, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions were duly taken before me, at the place and time therein mentioned.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Suffolk, aforesaid, this 17th day of April, 1925.

My commission expires the 17th day of April, 1926,

Odelle R. Baines
Notary Public.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Louis Bolden

vs.

Queenie Bolden

File the 2nd day of May, 1925.

G. O. Bunting, Clerk

Filed the 2nd day of May, 1925,

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia Nansemond 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, Lewis Bolden *and* Queenie Hines

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Circuit *Court of* said *County (or City) this* 25th *day of* June, 1910.

M.M.Watkins Deputy, *Clerk.*

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

To be annexed to the License, required by Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, 1919, as amended by Act of February 16, 1910.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit *Court for the County (or City) of* Nansemond

Date of Marriage June 26th 1910 Place of Marriage Nansemond County Va.

FULL NAMES OF PARTIES

Lewis Bolden *and* Queenie Hines

Age of Husband 23 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) Single

Age of Wife 21 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) Single

Race (White or Colored) Colored Residence (PRESENT)

Husband's Place of Birth Nansemond Co.Va. Mailing Address Nansemond Co. Va.

Wife's Place of Birth Nansemond Co.Va. Mailing Address Nansemond Co. Va.

Names of Parents: Husband Thomas Bolden and Nettie his wife

Wife Tebias Hines and Mattie his wife

Occupation of Husband Laborer

Given under my hand this 25th day of June, 1910

M.M.Watkins Deputy, *Clerk.*

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, Rev. John Boothe, a Pastor of the Little Aid Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 30 day of June, 1910, at the home ofhe, Virginia, under authority of the above License, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the County (or City) of ____, State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 30 day of June, 1910

a true copy Test: G.E.Smith C.C.

John Boothe

(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

☞The Minister or other person celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the License and Certificate of the Clerk and his certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the License; failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the Minister or other person celebrating the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (see Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act approved February 16, 1910, Acts 1910, chapter 28, pages 36 and 37).

Copy

County (or City) .....

.....

Husband

and { **Marriage License**

.....

Wife

Date of Issue .....

Marriage Register No.....Page.....

Louis Bolden.....Complainant

vs. DEPOSITIONS

Queenie Bolden.....Defendant

The depositions of George E. Bunting and others, taken before me, Odelle R. Baines, a Notary Public for the City of Suffolk, in the State of Virginia, at the office of S. E. Everett, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 17th day of April, 1925, between the hours of three-thirty P. M. and five P. M., to be read as evidence on behalf of Louis Bolden, in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in the State of Virginia, wherein Louis Bolden is Plaintiff and Queenie Bolden is Defendant.

Present: S. E. Everett, Attorney for Complainant.

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George E. Bunting, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. Mr. Bunting, what is your occupation.

A. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

Q. Do you know Louis Bolden and Queenie Bolden.

A. Yes, I have been knowing them for years. They both lived on my farm near Ried's Ferry for a while before they were married.

Q. Do you know anything about their marriage relations, whether they were unpleasant, or not.

A. I don't know much about that. I do know Louis Bolden is one of the best negroes we ever had in that community. He is a sensible and respectable man, seems to have plenty of reason and acts with good judgment.

Q. Do you know whether he and Queenie Bolden are living together now.

A. I know Bolden and would believe him and he has told me he has not seen his wife in several years, from seven to ten years. I see Bolden sometimes now but of course I have not seen his wife for years, have no idea where she is.

Q. Do you know anything about why she left him etc.

A. I don't know any more than has been talked in the community and what has been testified in this suit for divorce. As I understand it, she left him and went off with some man she had taken up with and left her children with her husband. This, however, is hearsay. About all I know is that they married after I became Clerk, therefore not being in the community there I did not know much about them but I do know Bolden is a good man, he

is an honorable colored man, much above the average.

And further this deponent saith not.

W. D. Cumby

Louis Bolden, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. Give your name, age, residence and occupation.
A. Louis Bolden, 40 years old, live in Nansemond County but am working at the Newport News ship yard now.

Q. Are you the husband of Queenie Bolden.
A. I am but she is not living with me and has been left me since May, 1916.

Q. Where were you living when she left you.
A. In Nansemond County, near Ried's Ferry.

Q. What cause did you give her to leave you.
A. Not any at all.

Q. Then why did she leave you.
A. She went with another man, kept on going with him around here and finally she thought she ought not to stay with me and left me, and the children.

Q. How many children have you by her.
A. Two living.

Q. Who is caring for them now.
A. I take care of them myself.

Q. She never has asked for these children or tried to get them has she.
A. No, sir, she never carried them with her when she left and she could have done that if she had wanted to, and she has never asked for any of them since. She has been the mother of two more children since she deserted me.

Q. Have you ever lived with her as husband and wife since May, 1916.

A. No, sir, I have not.

Q. Do you know where she is now.

A. No, sir, I do not. I have been looking for her, have tried to have the officers find her for three or four years. She is either dead or gone up North. No body knows where she went or where she is. One time she was at Onancock, Virginia, but she is not there now because I have had the officers there look for her and they never found her.

Q. Is there anything else you want to say in this case.

A. Nothing only I want my divorce from her. I think I ought to have it because she is either dead, and if she is it is all right, or else she has gone North and after she has had two children by another man I think I should be free.

And further this deponent saith not. Louis Bolden

Henry Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

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

A. Henry Johnson, about 67 or 68 years old. Live at Ried's Ferry on Mr. Henry Gayle's farm, farming.

Q. Do you know Louis Bolden.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know his wife.

A. I did, yes, sir.

Q. Did they live near you.

A. They did, not over half a mile from me.

Q. How long were they living near you.

A. From the time they married until she left him, that has been going on nine years ago.

Q. Have they ever lived together since.

A. Not as I knows of, never have been together since.

Q. Do you know where Queenie Bolden is today.

A. I could not tell, sir, have never seen her or heard from her for years.

Q. You say she left him. Why do you say she left him.

A. Well, if I have to tell the truth why she left him. She just got tired of him and wanted another man and went off with another man. It was nothing at all that he had done. She just went off, went around with a man in the neighborhood quite a while before she left there and Bolden knew something about it and put up with it a long time.

Q. Do you know where she went with this man.

A. She went down between Norfolk and Princess Ann. I think it was over in Princess Anne. She came back one time but she did not go where Louis was.

Q. How many children did she have by Bolden.

A. Three.

Q. All living.

A. No, sir, two living, one dead.

Q. Does Louis Bolden, the father of these two children look after them and take care of them.

A. Yes, sir, he do.

Q. Has Bolden's wife had any children since she left him.

A. Two, one of them is named"Meredith", after the woman who raised Queenie, her step-mother. Her own dear mother is dead.

Q. You are sure you don't know where Queenie is now.

A. No, sir, that I don't.

Q. Haven't you heard ~~xxx~~ from her lately.

A. It has been five years since I have seen her. but I understand that she was in Princess Ann or Accomac County several years ago.

Q. What do you know of Louis Bolden.

A. So far as I know him he is a good disposed man, an upright man. He always took care of his family and works regular. He is about as straight as any man I know, white or colored, has a good name among the white people around Rieds Ferry, has a good reputation in the whole community.

And further this deponent saith not.

Ferry Gotzler

Evalina Artis, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

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

A. Evalina Artis, 45 years old, live near Ried's Ferry and keep house.

Q.

Q. Do you know Louis Bolden and Queenie Bolden.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did they live near you after they married.

A. Yes, sir, lived right near me.

Q. When did they stop living there.

A. She left him 'bout nine years ago.

Q. Do you know anything about her reputation in the community.

A. It was pretty bad. It was known that she was going around with a certain man in that community a short while after she was married, a year or two after she was married and she kept this up until she left her husband.

Q. While Queenie and Louis lived together as man and wife did Louis provide for her as well as a man in his circumstances could.

A. Yes, sir, he did, always provided for her all right,

Q. Do you know of any cause for her to leave him except the fact that she wanted to go with this other man.

A. No, sir, I do not.

Q. How many children has Louis at home now.

A. Two. He had three children by her but one is dead.

Q. Do you know anything about Queenie since she left there.

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever seen her since.

A. No, sir, that I have not.

And further this deponent saith not.

Evaline Arthur

Lucy Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. What is your name, how old are you and where do you live.

A. Lucy Johnson, 51 years old, live near Ried's Ferry.

Q. Do you know when Louis and Queenie Bolden were married.

A. Yes, sir.

Did they live near you after they married.

A. Yes, sir they did.

Q. Are they living together now.

A. No, sir they have lived apart for nine years.

Q. How long did they live there in that community.

A. They lived right there together from the time they were married until she left him.

Q. Do you know the reason for their separation.
A. She was right bad with this other man, why she left him, left Louis, and went with this other man. She found out the neighbors all knew how she was carrying on and then she went away.

Q. Do you know Louis Bolden.
A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether he provided for her or not.
A. Yes, sir, he certainly did, as far as he was able.

Q. Didn't he work.
A. Yes, sir he worked all the time all right.

Q. How many children did Louis Bolden have by Queenie.
A. Two living.

Q. Does he take care of them.
A. Yes, sir he does and they live with me.

Q. You say Bolden provides for them.
A. Yes, sir he certainly does, looks after them.

Q. Has Queenie Bolden any children since she left Louis.
A. She has two, one of them is named "Meredith". She named her after her step-mother who raised her.

Q. Do you know where Queenie is now.

A. I heard she was in Princess Anne one time but after she came back she went somewhere and I don't know where she is.

Witness
J. E. Everett

Lucy Johnson

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Louis Bolden.....Complainant

vs. DECREE

Queenie Bolden.....Defendant

This cause, in which the complainant appears to have proceeded in the mode prescribed by law against the non-resident defendant, Queenie Bolden, came on this day to be heard on the bill of the complainant, Exhibit (marriage license), and depositions taken on the 17th day of April, 1925, and filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court on the 2nd day of May, 1925, and the said defendant failing to plead, answer or demur, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, and it appearing to the Court independently of the admissions of either party in the pleadings or otherwise, that the said parties were legally married on the 26th day of June, 1910; that the said defendant without just cause abandoned the said complainant and since the said abandonment has become the mother of two children by some man other than her husband; that a period of more than three years has elapsed since the said abandonment; that the said plaintiff has been in this state for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit, and that the said complainant and defendant last cohabited in the County of Nansemond; the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Louis Bolden and Queenie Bolden be divorced from the bond of matrimony, which was created by the aforesaid marriage, and that the said marriage be, and the same is hereby dissolved and annulled. And there remaining nothing further to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Louis Bolden

vs. DECREE

Queenie Bolden

Enter the 21 day of January, 1926.

Jas L. McLemore

Entered January ____, 1926,

Chancery Order Book

No. J, page 389.

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT OURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

Louis Bolden.....Complainant

vs.

Queenie Bolden.....Defendant

Your complainant, Louis Bolden, respectfully represents that on the third Sunday in June, 1910, your said complainant, Louis Bolden, was lawfully married in Nansemond County, Virginia, to Queenie V. Hines, as will appear from a certificate of marriage herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this bill; and

That continuously from the date of the said marriage until May, 1916, your complainant and the said Queenie Hudson Bolden lived together as husband and wife, in Nansemond County; and

That the said Queenie Hines Bolden wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years: that is to say, in the said May, 1916, the said Queenie Hines Bolden did voluntarily, wilfully and without any justification whatever leave her home and told your complainant that she would never return; and that since that date of such desertion she has never returned to your said complainant; and also since the date of such desertion she has been the mother of two children, and

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

That your complainant last cohabited with the said

Queenie Bolden in Nansemond County, Virginia;

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

Louis Bolden
Complainant

Counsel.

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

CITY OF SUFFOLK, To-wit:

Louis Bolden, 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.

Louis Bolden
Complainant

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me, Sue W. Riddick, a notary public of and for the City and State aforesaid, in my City aforesaid, this 15th day of September, 1924.

Sue W. Riddick
Notary Public.

My commission expires the 10th day of March, 1925.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF NANSEMOND COUNTY

Louis Bolden

vs. BILL

Queenie Bolden

Filed Sept. 16, 1924

G. E. Bunting

Clerk