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Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Doris Elizabeth White vs Richard White

Riddick, Goodman

VIRGINIA: IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1930.

Doris Elizabeth White, Complainant
vs. In Chancery
Richard White Defendant

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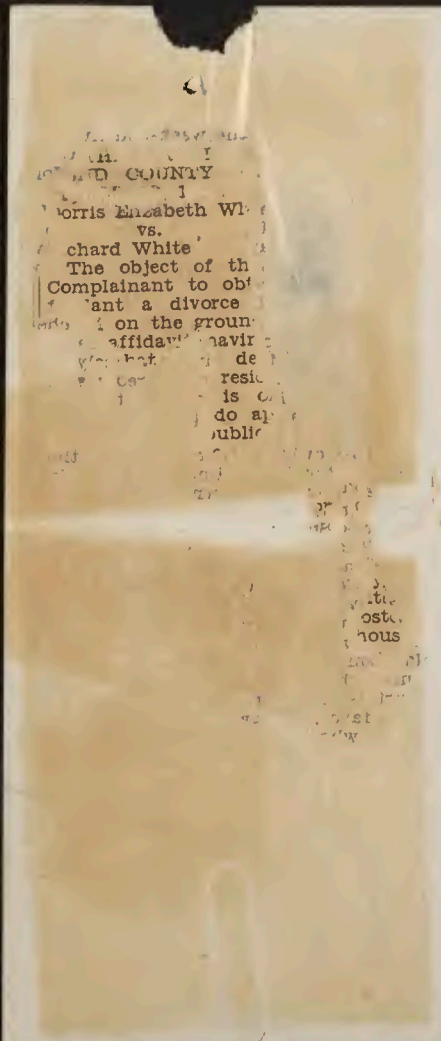
An affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Richard White, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that the said defendant do appear within ten days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit, and it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Norfolk Journal and Guide, a newspaper published in the City of Norfolk, and having a circulation in Nansemond County, Virginia, no paper being designated by this Court, that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this County on or before the next succeeding Rule day after this order was entered.

John H. Fulcher, p. q.

A Copy Teste: John H. Powell, Clerk



VIRGINIA

CITY OF NORFOLK

I, P. B. YOUNG, Editor of **NORFOLK JOURNAL AND GUIDE,** a weekly paper published in the City of Norfolk, County of Norfolk, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the above named advertisement, viz:

DORRIS ELIZABETH WHITE VS RICHARD WHITE

has appeared four consecutive issues in said paper as follows:

OCTOBER 11, 18, 25, 1930, NOV. 1, 1930

Given under my hand this the 3RD day of NOVEMBER 1930

Signed:

P. B. Young
Per L. Rose

Editor

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John H. Powell
Clerk.

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Order of Publication

Filed Oct. 3, 1930
John A. Powell Clerk.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Nansemond, *Greeting:*

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Richard White

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond at the rules to be held for the said Court on the 1st Monday in October, 1930, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against him in our said Court by Dorris Elizabeth White

And have then there this writ. Witness John H. Powell, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the 3rd day of October, 1930, and in the 155th year of the Commonwealth.

John H. Powell - Clerk

Form No. 300

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vs. } SUBPOENA IN CHANCERY

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To---*Rules,*

---*Circuit Court.*

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Form No. 300

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John H. Fulcher, *p.q.*

To First October *Rules,*

Nansemond County *Circuit Court.*

Not found in my
County of Nansemond
E B Rawles
Sheriff

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

Dorris Elizabeth White, Complainant.

vs. NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITIONS.

Richard White, Defendant.

To Richard White:

Take notice that I shall on the 13th, day of October, 1930, at the Office of William M. Birdsong, Commissioner in Chancery, in the National Bank of Suffolk Building, Suffolk, Virginia, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. of that day, proceed to take the depositions of Dorris Elizabeth White, and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certian suit now pending, in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, wherein I am the complainant and you are the defendant, and if for any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or if commenced and be not on that day concluded, the taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day at the same place and between the same hours until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this 3rd, day of October, 1930.

Dorris Elizabeth White,

By J. Isaac H. Fulcher
Counsel.

Copy for the defendant

UL J. POWELL
K OF CIRCUIT COURT OF
ANSEMOND COUNTY
SUFFOLK, VA.

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

Dorris Elizabeth White ---------- Pltff.
vs.
Richard White ---------- Df't

} In Chancery

I hereby certify that on the 3rd day of October 1930 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 of same to the last known address of the defendant.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of October 1930

John H. Powell, Clerk.

By ----------, Deputy Clerk.

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

Dorris Elizabeth White, Complainant.

vs. IN CHANCERY. AFFIDAVIT.

Richard White, Defendant.

STATE OF VIRGINIA,
City of Suffolk, to wit:

THIS day personall appeared before me John H. Fulcher, and made oath that in a Chancey suit now depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond , in the State of Virginia, wherein Richard white is the defendant and Dorris Elizabeth White is the Complainant, that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, that the last known Post Office address of the defendant being New York, N.Y.

John H. Fulcher

Subscribed to and sworn ed to before me this 3rd, day of October, 1930.

H. H Crocker
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 1 day of Aug , 1932.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Dorris Elizabeth White,
Complainant.

vs.

Richard White,
Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT.

Filed Oct. 3, 1938
John A. Powell Clerk

VIRGINIA.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

Dorris Elizabeth White, Complainant.

vs. MEMORANDUM.

Richard White, Defendant.

To

The Clerk of the above mentioned Court:

Please issure summons, in the above styled cause, returnable to the next Rules, October, 1930.

John H. Fulcher
Attorney for Dorris Elizabeth White.

October 3rd, 1930.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Dorris Elizabeth White,
Complainant.

vs.

Richard White,
Defendant.

MEMORANDUM.

Filed Oct. 3, 1930.
John H. Powell - Clerk.

John H. Fulcher
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Virginia.

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Dorris Elizabeth White,

By John H. Faulcher
Counsel.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Dorris Elizabeth White,
Complainant.

vs.

Richard White,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF TAKING
DEPOSITIONS.

Filed Oct. 3, 1930
John H. Powell. Clerk.

John H. Fulcher
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Virginia.

Marriage License

(Seal of Court here superimposed on an adhesive wafer)

Virginia Nansemond **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,

Richard White and Doris Elizabeth Riddick

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County (or ~~City~~) this 22nd day of December, 1923. G E Bunting, *Clerk*

Marriage Certificate

To be annexed to License required by Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia.

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

Date of Marriage Dec. 23, 1923 *Place of Marriage* Nansemond County

(FULL NAME OF PARTIES)

Richard White and Doris Elizabeth Riddick

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

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

Race (White or Colored) Colored

Husband's Place of Birth Nansemond, Va. (PRESENT) Mailing Address Holland, Va.

Wife's Place of Birth " " Mailing Address Buckhorn, Va.

Names of Parents — Husband Wm. White and Celia his wife (Full maiden name)

Wife Ethelberry Riddick and Mary his wife (Full maiden name)

Occupation of Husband Laborer

Given under my hand this 22nd day of Dec., 1923.

G E Bunting, Clerk

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, W. L. Kearney Jr., a Minister of the Christian Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 23 day of Dec., 1923 at Suffolk, Virginia, under authority of the above License, I join 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 rights of marriage in the County (or City) of Nansemond, State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 23 day of December, 1923.

A true copy, Teste: John H. Powell-Clerk

Rev. W. L. Kearney

(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, 1919).

No. 284

County (~~or City~~) Sonoma

Richard White

Husband

and } **Marriage License**

Doris Elizabeth Riddick

Wife

Date of Issue Dec 22, 1923

Marriage Register No. 4 *Page* 41

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Doris Elizabeth White.....Complainant

v. DEPOSITIONS

Richard White.....Defendant.

The depositions of Doris Elizabeth White and others taken before me, William M. Birdsong, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, State of Virginia, the defendant having been proceeded against by notice of motion and having made no appearance, the said depositions were taken at the office of William M. Birdsong, in the National Bank of Suffolk building, Suffolk, Virginia, at Two O'Clock P. M., on Thursday, November 20th, 1930, to be read as evidence in the above-styled suit pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in which Doris Elizabeth White is complainant and Richard White is defendant.

Present: John H. Fulcher, Attorney for complainant.

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Doris Elizabeth White, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Questions by J. H. Fulcher.

Q. State your name, age, address and occupation.

A. Doris Elizabeth White; age 26; address 414 Reno Avenue, Suffolk; I work for a private family.

Q. Are you married or single?

A. Married.

Q. How long have you been married?

A. Eight years.

Q. When were you married?

A. December 23rd, 1923.

Q. To whom were you married?

A. Richard White.

Q. Are you and your husband now living together?

A. No, sir.

Q. Why are you not living together?

A. Because he got in some trouble and went away.

Q. When did he go away?

A. He went away about the 25th of March, 1925.

Q. What kind of trouble did he get in?

A. He cut a man.

Q. Where was he when he cut this man?

A. In Nansemond County.

Q. What did he cut the man for, do you know?

A. It was concerning this man's wife.

Q. What was this man's name?

A. Andrew Beamon.

Q. Did he die or not?

A. He is living.

Q. Did the officers get after your husband and cause him to leave?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you any children?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were you there when he cut this man?

A. No, sir, I was not right at the place.

Q. When did he cut this man?

A. It was around about the 25th of March, 1925.

Q. Have you heard from him since he has been away?

A. Yes, sir, I have heard through friends.

Q. Where is he now?

A. New York.

Q. Has he ever written you?

A. No, sir. I heard from him through different ones.

Q. Have you ever written him?

A. No, sir, I have never done that. I did not know where to write to.

Q. Where did you and your husband last live together?

A. In Nansemond County.

Q. At what time was this?

A. 1925.

Q. What date?

A. About the 25th of March, 1925.

Q. How long have you been a resident of the City of Suffolk, State of Virginia?

A. About five years.

Q. Have you made any effort to get in touch with him since he has been away?

A. I have.

And further this deponent saith not.

Doris Elizabeth White

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Ellsbury Riddick, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. State your name, age, address and occupation.

A. Ellsbury Riddick; 56; farmer.

Q. Do you know Doris and Richard White, the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been knowing them?

A. I have been knowing Richard White for about nine years now and Doris I have known all her life.

Q. What relation are they to each other?

A. Not any only man and wife.

Q. Are you related to either one?

A. I am the father of Doris.

Q. Are they now living together?

A. No.

Q. Why are they not living together now?

A. It seems he had some trouble and had to leave.

Q. When did he leave, do you know?

A. About March 25th, 1925.

Q. Has he lived with her since March 25th, 1925?

A. No, sir.

Q. Where were they living when he got in this trouble?

A. In Nansemond County.

Q. What kind of husband did he make, do you know?

A. Well, from what I really understood I don't think he made much of a husband.

Q. What kind of a wife did Doris make?

A. She seemed to be all right so far as I know.

Q. Did you live with them?

A. No, not steady.

Q. How far was it from them to where you lived?

A. About ten or twelve miles,

Q. Did you ever visit them in their home?

A. Once.

Q. Did they ever visit you?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what kind of trouble Richard White got into?

A. Yes, he cut that fellow Beamon.

Q. Was that the cause of his going away?

A. Yes.

Q. Has he been back to Nansemond County since that date?

A. No, sir, if he has I did not know it.

Q. Do you know where he now is?

A. No, sir.

Q. Does he have any children?

A. Not as I know of.

Q. Where did Doris White and Richard White last live together?

A. Nansemond County, Virginia.

And further this deponent saith not.

Elsbery Riddick

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William Goodman, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. State where you live and your name, and occupation.

A. William Goodman; Nansemond County, Virginia; farming.

Q. Do you know Doris and Richard White, parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have been knowing them?

A. Ever since 1924 I believe it was.

Q. Did you know them before they were married?

A. Yes.

Q. Are they now living together?

A. No.

Q. Do you know why they are not living together?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Why is it?

A. Her husband got into some trouble and cut a fellow and had to leave.

Q. Whom did he cut, do you know?

A. Yes, Andrew Beamon.

Q. Were you present at the time?

A. I was not exactly present but I was right near. I was in the field and the cutting was in the house. I was in the yard when the fuss took place and when the fellow's gun fired off it scared my mules and I had to leave and go to my mules and that is when the cutting took place.

Q. What was the name of the man Richard White cut?

A. Andrew Beamon.

Q. What was the cause of this cutting do you know?

A. It was on account of Andrew's wife.

Q. Is that the reason Richard went away, because he cut the man?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen him since that date?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know about when this took place?

A. It was around about March, 1925, the 25th of March.

Q. Did you live near by Doris and Richard White during the time they were living together?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ever visit them?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What kind of husband did he make?

A. From my anderstanding he was right poor.

Q. What kind of wife did Doris make?

A. A real quiet wife, all right in every respect I would say.

Q. Are you related to either one of the parties?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where they last lived together?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where?

A. Nansemond County.

Q. About when did he leave?

A. Around March 25th, 1925.

Q. Have you seen Richard White since the date of this alleged cutting?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where he is now living?

A. No, sir, I do not.

Q. Do you know where Doris White lives?

A. Here in Suffolk, but I don't know just what place.

and further this deponent saith not.

William Goodman.

George Goodman;, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. State your name, age, address and occupation.

A. George Goodman;; 30; Nansemond County; farmer.

Q. Do you know Doris and Richard White, parties to this suit?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you been knowing them?

A. I have known Richard White ever since we were boys and Doris I have known her since 1924.

Q. What relation is Doris to Richard?

A. None other than man and wife.

Q. Are you related to either one of the parties?

A. No, sir.

Q. Are they now living together?

A. No, sir.

Q. Why?

A. He got into some trouble and have to leave.

Q. Who was this man he cut?

A. Andrew Beamon.

Q. Were you there when the cutting took place?

A. No, sir, I was down in the woods.

Q. Have you seen Richard White since this cutting took place?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where he is?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where they last lived together?

A. In Nansemond County, March 25th, 1925.

Q. Did you ever visit Richard White and Doris White while they were living together as man and wife?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. About how often?

A. Once a week or twice a month.

Q. Did you have occasion to see the kind of husband Richard White made?

A. He was a poor husband.

Q. And what kind of wife did Doris make him?

A. She was a good, quiet wife in every respect so far as I could see of her.

And further this deponent saith not.

George Goodman

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STATE OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, To-wit:

I, William M. Birdsong, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions were duly taken, reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses respectively before me, at the place and time therein mentioned.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Suffolk, in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, this 20th day of November, 1930.

William M. Birdsong
Commissioner in Chancery.

DORIS ELIZABETH WHITE

V. Depositions

RICHARD WHITE

1930 Dec. 23 filed
Jam.

WILLIAM M. BIRDSONG
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, -:- VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

Doris White, Plaintiff.

vs. DECREE.

Richard White, Defendant.

This cause, in which the defendamt has been duly proceeded against in the mode prescribed by law for nonresident defendants, and he failing to appear and plead, answer or demur, came on this day to be heard upon the complainant's bill and depositions of witnesses taken before a Commissioner in Chancery and filed herein and argued by counsel.

Upon consideration, whereof, it appearing to the Court independently of the admissions of either party in the pleadings or otherwise, that the said parties were lawfully married on the 23rd, day of December, 1923, that on the 26th, day of March, 1925, ~~that~~ the said defendant did willfully and without justification, abandon and desert the complainant, which desertion has been continuous since the date of his leaving, and for a period of more than three years prior to the institution of this suit; that the complainant resides and has been domiciled in the city of Suffolk, and state of Virginia, for a period of more than one year next before the bringing of this suit; that the parties last lived together, in the County of Nansemond, and State of Virginia.

The Court doth order, adjudge and decree that the complainant Doris White, be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the defendant, Richard White, and the bonds of Matrimony created by the aforesaid marriage be and theyare hereby dissolved and annulled.

Nothing further remaining to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

Doris White, Plaintiff.

vs.

Richard White, Defendant.

DECREE.

Enter this 22nd day of
December, 1930.

Jas. L. W Lemore
Judge.

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

Doris Elizabeth White, Complainant.

vs. BILL IN CHANCERY.

Richard White, Defendant.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond:

Your complainant Doris Elizabeth White, respectfully represents:

(1) That on the 23rd, day of December, 1923, your complainant, whose maiden name was Doris Elizabeth Riddick, was lawfully married in the City of Suffolk, State of Virginia, to Richard White, as will appear from a certificate of marriage herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part of this bill; and,

(2) That continuously from the date of the said marriage until on or about the 26th, day of March 1925, your complainant and the said Richard White lived together as husband and wife in the County of Nansemond , State of Virginia; and,

(3) That the said Richard White did wilfully desert and abandoned your complainant on or about the 26th, day of March, 1925 and the siad desertion and abandonment has been for a period of more than three years; and,

(4) That your complainant has resided and has been domiciled in this State every since the aforesaid marriage, and for a period of more than one year next preceeding the commencement of this suit, and is domiciled and now resides in the State of Virginia; and,

(5) That your complainant last cohabited with the said Richard White in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia.

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, and foras-much as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity,

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

Doris Elizabeth White
Complainant.

By: John H. Fulcher
Counsel.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

Doris Elizabeth White,
Complainant.

vs.

Richard White,
Defendant.

BILL IN CHANCERY.

Filed Oct. 6, 1930
John H. Powell- Clerk.

John H. Fulcher
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Virginia.