

1931-022
Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Esther Wiggins Pryor vs Leroy Pryor

Wiggins, Parker, Smith, Riddick

Virginia:

VIRGINIA: IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSE-
MOND COUNTY, ON THE 1ST DAY
OF NOVEMBER, 1930.

Esther Wiggins Pryor, Complainant,
vs. In Chancery.
Leroy Pryor, Defendant.

The object of the above styled suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii between Esther Wiggins Pryor and Leroy Pryor on the grounds of desertion and cruelty and it appearing from Affidavit filed according to law, that Leroy Pryor, the above-named Defendant, is not a resident of the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, it is therefore ordered that the said Leroy Pryor appear within ten days after due publication of this Order in the Clerk's Office of our said Circuit Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest. And it is further ordered that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginian-Pilot, a newspaper circulated in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be posted on the front door of the Court House of the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, on or before the next succeeding rule day, and that another copy of the Order be mailed to the Defendant at his last known Post Office address, which is given in the Affidavit.

JOHN H. POWELL, Clerk.

By Olivera Whitehurst, D. C.
Holland & Lovelace, p. q. no3,10,17,24

I, W. S. Wilkinson Secretary of the Virginian-Pilot and the Norfolk Landmark, a newspaper published in the City of Norfolk, State of Virginia, do certify that the advertisement hereto annexed of

Esther Wiggins Pryor

vs

Leroy Pryor

has been published Once a week for 4 successive weeks in said newspaper, commencing on the 3rd day of November 1930 and ending on the 24th day of November 1930.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1930.

W. S. Wilkinson

Secretary of Virginian-Pilot and Norfolk Landmark.

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WANSBOND COUNTY ON THE 1st DAY OF November, 1930.

V. IN CHANCERY

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John N. Powell
Clerk.

p. q.

By, Olivera Whitehead
D.C.

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PAUL J. POWELL
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT OF
NANSEMOND COUNTY
SUFFOLK, VA.

Not in Directory.



Leroy Pryor,
16th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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TO WRITER
UNCLAIMED





MIDDLE CITY STATION

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....Complainant

V. AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ORDER
OF PUBLICATION

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

To the Clerk of the above styled Court:

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo
matrimonii upon the grounds of desertion and cruelty.

In conformity with the law in such cases made and provided
and as Counsel for Complainant in this cause, we hereby make
application upon Order of Publication against the Defendant, Leroy
Pryor, who is not a resident of the County of Nansemond, State of
Virginia, and whose last known Post Office address was "Leroy Pryor,
615 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,"and we direct the
Clerk to mail a certified copy of said Order of Publication, when
entered, to said Defendant to the address given herein, and to certify
to the mailing of the same as required by the Statute made and
provided.

Holland & Lovelace
Counsel for Complainant

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

County of Nansemond, to-wit:

I, Esther Wiggins Pryor, being first duly sworn do make oath
that the above mentioned Defendant, Leroy Pryor, is not a resident of
the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, and that his last known
Post Office Address was 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Esther Wiggins Pryor
Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me in my county and State aforesaid,
this 24th day of October, 1930.

My commission expires:

My Commission Expires June 15th, 1933

H. O. Brothers
Notary Public

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....
.....Complainant

V. AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR
 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

Filed Nov. 1st, 1930
John H. Bevell, Clerk
By, Olivera Hitchcock, Sec.

HOLLAND & LOVELACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....Complainant

V.

MEMORANDUM

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

To the Clerk of the said Court:

Please summon Defendant for Complainant to 2nd November
(1930) Rules in Chancery.

Holland & Lovell p.q.

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....
.....Complainant

V. MEMORANDUM

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

Filed this 1st day of November,
1930.

John H. Jewell
Clerk.

By, Olivera Whitcomb
DC.

HOLLAND & LOVELACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Nansemond, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Leroy Pryor

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 3rd Monday in November, 19 30,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against him in our said Court by
Esther Higgins Pryor

And have then there this writ. Witness John H. Powell, Clerk of our said
Court, at the court-house, the 1st day of November, 19 30, and in the
155th year of the Commonwealth.

John H. Powell, Clerk

By Oliver Whitehurst, D.C.

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vs.

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SUBPOENA IN CHANCERY

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To.....Rules,

.....Circuit Court.

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John H. Powell, Clerk

By Charles W. Whitcomb, D.C.

Esther Wiggins Pryor

vs.

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SUBPOENA IN CHANCERY

Leroy Pryor

Holland & Lovelace, p.q.

To Second November Rules,

Nansemond County Circuit Court.

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my County of
Nansemond.
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VIRGINIA:

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

----- <u>Esther Wiggins Pryor</u> -----	Pltff.---	} In Chancery
vs.		
----- <u>Leroy Pryor</u> -----	Df't --	

I hereby certify that on the -----1st----- day of -----November----- 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 -----November----- 1930 -

-----John S. Powell-----, Clerk.
By -----Olivera Whitehurst-----, Deputy Clerk.

VIRGINIA:

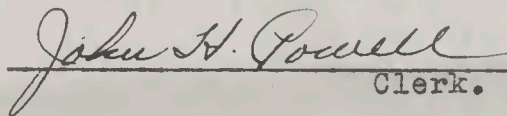
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HOLLAND & LOVELACE

p.q.

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Esther Wiggins Pryor.....
.....Complainant

V. IN CHANCERY

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

*Filed Nov. 1, 1930
John H. Powell. clerk.*

HOLLAND & LOVELACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

Esther Wiggins Pryor Complainant
v. Depositions

Leroy Pryor Defendant

Holland & Landon
attys. at law
Suffolk, Va

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....Complainant

V.

DEPOSITIONS

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

THE DEPOSITIONS OF ESTHER WIGGINS PRYOR, MR. W. J. PARKER, NETTIE SMITH, CORA WIGGINS, HOSIE WIGGINS, AND IDONIA RIDDICK, taken before me, M. Anderson Maxey, Commissioner in Chancery, in the American Bank & Trust Company Building, Suffolk, Virginia, on the 15th day of December, 1930, in the office of Holland & Lovelace, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. on that date, pursuant to due notice to the Defendant by Order of Publication as shown by editor's certificate filed herewith, to be read as evidence on behalf of the Complainant in a certain suit in Equity now pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia, wherein Esterh Wiggins Pryor is Complainant and Leroy Pryor is Defendant.

P R E S E N T:

J. Melvin Lovelace, Counsel for Complainant

The Defendant did not appear either in person or by Counsel.

ESTHER WIGGINS PRYOR, witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE:

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.

A.-Esther Wiggins Pryor, 20 years old June 23, 1930, I live at Whaleyville in Nansemond County but I am working in a tobacco factory in Newport News where I have been for three weeks.

Q.-Are you the wife of Leroy Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-When were you married to him?

A.-December 2, 1926.

Q.-Where were you married?

A.-I was married at City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q.-Were you in family way at the time you were married?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Where did you live after you were married?

A.-We lived in Philadelphia.

Q.-At what place?

A.-I don't exactly know the address now, it was on Catherine Street first and then we left and went to 615-16th Street, and that is where I was living when Leroy Pryor left me.

Q.-Are you and your husband now living together as husband and wife?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-How long has it been since you and your husband lived together as husband and wife?

A.-It will be four years along about the middle of next month.

Q.-Then he left you about the middle of January, 1927, did he not?

A.-Yes, sir, that is correct.

Q.-What did he state at the time he left you?

A.-He told me that he was going away and was through and was not going to do anything else for me and for me to come back to Whaleyville where my people were so I have not seen or heard anything from him since.

Q.-Did he leave you money to get back to your people at Whaleyville?

A.-No, sir, he did not?

Q.-Where did you get the money?

A.-I had to get it the best I could. My mother sent me most of it.

Q.-When did you return to your home at Whaleyville, Virginia.

A.-I got here about the first of February, 1927.

Q.-When was the child born?

A.-Born the first day of April, 1927.

Q.-Then your child will be four years old the first day of April, 1931, is that correct?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know whether or not your husband is living or dead at this time.

A.-No, sir I do not know. I have not seen or heard anything from

him.

Q.- Have you heard from him directly or indirectly since he left you?

A.-I have not heard from him at all.

Q.-Where do his people live?

A.-His home is right around where I live. His mother and father are dead and his sisters and brothers are about in different places. I don't know exactly where. He was born and raised down where I live.

Q.-You live in Nansemond County, Virginia?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Will you state whether or not your husband has contributed anything to your support or to the support of your child since he left you in Philadelphia, Pa.

A.-No, sir. He have not did anything at all no way.

Q.-Has he ever seen the child?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-What is your child's name?

A.-Gladys Marie Pryor.

Q.-Where were you born and raised?

A.-In Nansemond County.

Q.-How long had you been in Philadelphia before you were married?

A.-Somewhere around eight or nine months.

Q.-What were you doing in Philadelphia?

A.-I was working in service, cooking and nursing.

Q.-How old were you when you were married.

A.-About sixteen years old.

Q.-Who married you?

A.-The Judge of the Orphans Court in Philadelphia, Pa.

And further this deponent saith not.

+ Esther Wiggins Pryor x

W. J. PARKER, witness of lawful age being duly sworn
deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE:

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.

A.-W. J. Parker, age 55, carpenter and a farmer, live in Somerton,
Post Office, Whaleyville, Virginia.

Q.-Do you know Esther Wiggins Pryor and her husband Leroy Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-How long have you known them?

A.-All their lives.

Q.-Were they both raised down there near where you live?

A.-The boy was raised within a mile of me, less than that, and she
was raised about two miles from me.

Q.-Do you know whether or not they are now living together as husband
and wife?

A.-So far as I know I don't think so. I understand they were married
in Philadelphia and lived together a while up there but since that
time they have not lived together. I have not seen him in seven or
eight years.

Q.-Is Esther Wiggins Pryor now living with her mother down near you?

A.-Yes, about two miles from me.

Q.-Do you know whether she has any children or not?

A.-I understand that she has one child.

Q.-What is Esther Wiggins Pryor's general reputation for truth and
veracity?

A.-Never heard anything only something good for her.

Q.-Would you believe her on oath in a matter in which she was involved?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know Idonia Riddick, Cora Wiggins, Hosie Wiggins and Nettie Smith?

A.-Yes, sir I know each one of them - been living by them for thirty-five or forty years.

Q.-What is the general reputation of these people for truth and veracity in the community in which they live?

A.-Good, sir.

Q.-Would you believe them on oath in a matter in which they were involved?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know how long Esther Wiggins Pryor has been back from Philadelphia and living with her mother since her marriage?

A.-I hardly missed her from the community although I know that she was in Philadelphia for a while and was married up there, but she has been back with her people now four years.

Q.-Do you know whether or not Leroy Pryor has been back to this community since he left here five or six years ago?

A.-If he has I have not seen him and have not heard of his being back.

Q.-Do you know whether or not he has contributed anything to the support of his wife and child?

A.-I couldn't say either way, but I have heard that he has not. I know that Esther Wiggins Pryor has been living with her mother and

has been working to take care of herself and the child.

And further this deponent saith not.

+ W. J. Parker, X

NETTIE SMITH, witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.

A.-Nettie Smith, 40 years old, housewife, live in Nansemond County, near Whaleyville, Va.

Q.-Do you know Esther Wiggins Pryor and Leroy Pryor?

A.-Yes.

Q.-How long have you known them?

A.-About thirteen years or somewhere along there.

Q.-Are you related to Esther Wiggins Pryor or Leroy Pryor?

A.-No, I am not related to either one of them.

Q.-Do you know whether they are now living together as husband and wife?

A.-No, sir, they are not.

Q.-How long has it been since they lived together as husband and wife?

A.-About four years, I reckon, I have not seen them together since they were married.

Q.-Do you know whether or not Leroy Pryor has contributed anything to the support of his wife since she came from Philadelphia to live with her mother.

A.-No, sir, I don't think he has.

Q.-Has she worked in and around the community since she came back from Philadelphia in order to support herself and her child?

A.-She worked there on the place with her mother.

Q.-Do you know whether or not Leroy Pryor has ever visited his wife
and child or been back in the community during the past four years?

A.-Not in our community. I have not seen him at all.

Q.-Where is the child that was born of this marriage?

A.-She is with her mother.

And further this deponent saith not.

Nellie Smith x

CORA WIGGINS, witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.

A.-Cora Wiggins, age 56, farm, and live between Whaleyville and Somerton, in Nansemond County.

Q.-Are you the mother of Esther Wiggins Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Where is Esther Wiggins Pryor living at present?

A.-She is living with me and is working at Newport News for a while but her home is with me. She has just been over Newport News about three weeks and I reckon will be there about a month longer.

Q.-Are she and her husband Leroy Pryor now living together as husband and wife?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-How long has it been since they lived together as husband and wife?

A.-About four years.

Q.-Where did they last live together as husband and wife?

A.-That was in Philadelphia but I don't remember what place.

Q.-Did she write to you and tell you that her husband had left her?

A.-Yes.

Q.-Did you or did you not have to send her money to come home on?

A.-Yes, I sent her money to come home on.

Q.-How long has ^{it} been since she came back to live with you?

A.-4 years ago.

Q.-Has her husband Leroy Pryor, contributed anything to her support?

A.-No, not anything at all, and haven't wrote her a line.

Q.-Have you heard from him since your daughter came home.

A.-No, I have not heard anything at all from him. I have not seen him.

Q.-Do you know whether or not he has visited in the community in which he was raised since he left your daughter in Philadelphia?

A.-No, he has not.

Q.-Who had to bear the expense of the birth of your grand-child, Gladys Marie Pryor?

A.-I had it all to bear

Q.-How old is your daughter, Esther Wiggins Pryor, now?

A.-About twenty.

Q.-How old is your granddaughter, Gladys Marie Pryor?

A.-She ain't quite four years old. Will be four next April.

And further this deponent saith not.

+ Mrs Cora Wiggins +

HOSIE WIGGINS, witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.

A.-Hosie Wiggins, age 23, farmer at present, lives at Whaleyville, Virginia.

Q.-You are the brother of Esther Wiggins Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know Leroy Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know whether your sister and her husband, Leroy Pryor, are now living together as husband and wife?

A.-No, sir, they are not.

Q.-Do you know where she is at present?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-Do you know whether or not he has contributed anything to the support of your sister Esther Wiggins Pryor or her infant child since he deserted her in January, 1927?

A.-No, sir not anything.

Q.-Who has had to support her since that time.

A.-She has worked for and with mother and what little work she could do to help support herself.

Q.-Has he been back to this County since he was married to your sister.

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

Q.-Do you know whether he sent any money here for provisions or clothes since your sister, Esther Wiggins Pryor, returned to her mother?

A.-No, sir, he has not.

Q.-Would you have heard of it had he done this?

A.-Yes, sir, sure I would.

Q.-Where is your sister now living.

A.-She has been in Newport Neww for the last two or three weeks, but all of the rest of the while she has been staying at home with mother in Nansemond County.

Q.-How long has she been living there?

A.-About four years.

Q.-Then she has lived in this County all of her life except about a year in Philadelphia.

A.-Yes, sir.

And further this deponent saith not.

Esther Wiggins _____ x

IDONIA RIDDICK, witness of lawful age being sworn deposes and says:

EXAMINATION BY J. MELVIN LOVELACE

Q.-Please state your name, age, residence and occupation?

A.-Idonia Riddick, 29 years old, housewife, live near Whaleyville, Va.

Q.-Do you know Esther Wiggins Pryor and her husband, Leroy Pryor?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-How long have you known them?

A.-Been knowing them all my life.

Q.-Do you know whether they are now living together as husband and wife or not?

A.-No, sir, they are not.

Q.-Do you know whether or not he has contributed anything to the support of his wife and child during the past four years?

A.-He has not.

Q.-Do you know whether or not Esther Wiggins Pryor has a child by this marriage?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-About how old is this child?

A.-Is nearly four.

Q.-Is the child with her mother?

A.-Yes, sir.

Q.-Do you know whether or not Leroy Pryor has contributed anything to the support of the child since it was born?

No, sir, he has not.

Q.-Who bore the expense of the birth of this child?

A.-My mother.

Q.-Who is your mother ?

A.-Cora Wiggins, she is my mother and Esther's mother too.

Q.-Do you know whether or not your sister, Esther Wiggins Pryor,
had money enough of her own to get from Philadelphia to Whaleyville.

A.-No, sir she did not.

Q.-Who sent the money to her.

A.-Mother sent part of it.

Q.-Have you seen Leroy Pryor since he marrked your sister, Esther
Wiggins Pryor?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-Has he written to your sister or sent her any money since he left
her?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-Has he visited in the community where he was born since he left her?

A.-No, I haven't seen him or heard tell of him.

Q.-Then you do not know whether he is living or dead at this time?

A.-No, sir.

Q.-Is your sister living with her mother and father at this time?

A.-My father is dead, she is living with my mother.

Q.-Has she had to support herself and child since she came back from
Philadelphia?

A.-She has supported herself and the child with mother helping her.

And further this deponent saith not.

+ Idonia Ruddick x

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

City of Suffolk, to-wit:

I, M. Anderson Maxey, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing deposition s were duly taken, subscribed and sworn to before me at the office of Holland & Lovelace of the City of Suffolk, Virginia, on the 15th day of December, 1930, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. of that date, to be read as evidence on behalf of the Complainant in a certain suit in Equity pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia, wherein Esther Wiggins Pryor is Complainant and Leroy Pryor is Defendant.

Given under my hand this 15th day of December, 1930.

M. Anderson Maxey
Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit
Court of Nansemond County, Virginia.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....Complainant

V.

DECREE

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Complainant's Bill and exhibits filed therewith; depositions of witnesses taken before a Commissioner in Chancery after due and legal notice to the Defendant by Order of Publication, and the non resident Defendant, who appears to have been proceeded against in a manner prescribed by law, failed 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 proceedings or otherwise, that the said parties were lawfully married on the 2nd day of December, 1926; that subsequent to said marriage, Leroy Pryor has without cause deserted and abandoned the Complainant, Esther Wiggins Pryor; that said desertion has continued for a period of more than three years; that said Complainant and Defendant last co-habited in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania; that the Complainant is a resident of the State of Virginia and has been domiciled in this State for more than twelve months next preceding the commencement of this suit: The Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Complainant, Esther Wiggins Pryor and Leroy Pryor be divorced from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage, and that the said marriage, be, and the same hereby is, dissolved and annulled; and, nothing further remaining to be done in this suit it is further ordered that the same be removed from the docket.

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....
.....Complainant

V. DECREE

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

Enter this 13 day of *January*,
1934.

Earl M. Moore

Judge

HOLLAND & LOVELACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....Complainant

V. BILL OF COMPLAINT

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Your Complainant, Esther Wiggins Pryor, respectfully represents:

1. That on the 2nd day of December, 1926, your Complainant, whose maiden name was Esther Wiggins, was lawfully married at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Leroy Pryor as will appear from 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 on or about the middle of January, 1927, your Complainant and the said Leroy Pryor lived together as husband and wife at 615-16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and,

3. That the said Leroy Pryor has wilfully deserted and abandoned your Complainant for a period of more than three (3) years: that is to say, on or about the 15th day of January , 1927, the said Leroy Pryor did, voluntarily, wilfully and without any justification whatever, leave his home at 615-16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., that immediately before leaving he stated to your Complainant that he was through with her and did not expect to ever live with her again and that it would be best for her to return to her people at Whaleyville, Virginia; that your Complainant was at that time pregnant and did, on or about the 1st day of February, 1927, return to her people at Whaleyville, Virginia, at which place she has been living since, not having heard from Leroy Pryor since about the 15th day of January,

1927, the day on w^hich he left his home; that she does not know where he is or whether he is dead or alive; and

4. That your Complainant has resided and has been domiciled in this State ever since her return to Virginia on or about the 1st day of February, 1927, and is domiciled in, and is and has been an actual bona fide resident of this State for at least one year next proceeding the commencement of this suit; and,

5. That on or about the first day of April, 1927, a child was born to your Complainant and the said Leroy Pryor, which child has been in the care and custody of your Complainant since said date; that the said Leroy Pryor, the father of said child, has not seen said child nor has he contributed anything to the support, maintenance or education of said child; and

6. That your Complainant last cohabited with the said Leroy Pryor at 615-16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

In consideration whereof and forasmuch as your Complainant is remediless in the premises, save in a Court of Equity, your Complainant prays that the said Leroy Pryor 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 her; that the care and custody of the said child be awarded to your Complainant; 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.

ESTHER WIGGINS PRYOR

BY

Holland & Lovelace
Counsel.

No. 538232

DUPLICATE

Filed
Dec 11 1926.

I ----- Leopold C. Glass, ----- hereby certify
that on the ---2nd--- day of ---December--- one thousand nine hundred and ---26---,
at Philadelphia, ----- LeRoy Pryor, ----- and
----- Esther Wiggins, ----- were by me united in marriage, in
accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' court of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania,
numbered 538232.

Leopold C. Glass, -----

~~Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace, or Magistrate~~

State of Pennsylvania, }
Philadelphia County }

ss.

I Hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate Copy of

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE No. 538232

as the same appears of record in the office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this

28th day of October

A. D. 19 30.



Wm. H. Heath
Ass't Clerk of Orphans' Court.

"Exhibit H"

Esther Wiggins Pryor.....
.....Complainant

V. BILL OF COMPLAINT

Leroy Pryor.....Defendant

Filed this *5th* day of November,
1930.

John H. Powell
Clerk.

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