

1933-049
Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Annie Reid vs Jesse Reid

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Johnson, Bryant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

MARCH 18, 1907.

ANNIE REID.....COMPLAINANT.

VS. *Divorce*

JESSE REID.....DEFENDANT.

MEMORANDUM.

The clerk will issue process in chancery against the defendant to answer the bill of complaint of the complainant returnable first April rules.

Pay \$1.50

Robert W. Withers, p. q.

R W Wither's reg

Annie Reed

W Chaucery

Jesse Reed

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Jesse Reid

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 *First* Monday in *April 1907*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *him* in the said Court by *Annie Reid*

And have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *19th* day of *March*, 190*7*, in the 13*th* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste :

CLERK. }

Teste :

R. R. Smith, CLERK.

By A. B. Gomez D. C.

Executed by delivering a true copy of the
within process this the 19th day of March 1907
to the within Jesse Reid in person.

A. H. Baker Sff
by R. E. Taylor Dyo

R. W. Withers, p. q.

~~Stephens~~
Annie Reid

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BILL.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE:

Humbly complaining, your oratrix, Annie Reid, showeth unto your honor the following facts.

That on the 13th day of September, 1906, she was married in Suffolk, Virginia, to the defendant, Jesse Reid. That prior to said marriage, your oratrix was a widow whose name was Annie Johnson; she was and is an honest, hard working woman making her own living by her own labor and endeavoring to live an honest upright moral life.

That, unknown to your oratrix until the time hereinafter mentioned, the respondent, Jesse Reid, had, before his marriage to your oratrix, and for many years prior thereto lived in unlawful cohabitation and illicitly, without ever having been married to her, a woman called Lizzie Bryant and had had by her four bastard children, three of whom are alive.

That within ten days after his marriage to her, the respondent, without excuse or explanation, left your oratrix for three weeks and as your oratrix has since learned, went to and cohabitated with the said Lizzie Bryant during that time. That afterwards the said respondent came back to your oratrix with whom he lived a few weeks, but supplying her with little or none of the necessities of life. About Christmas 1906, the

respondent again left your oratrix and it came to the knowledge of your oratrix that he had been before and was then living in adultery with the said Lizzie Bryant. Shortly after Christmas 1906, the respondent again returned to the home of your oratrix and demanded the right to consort with her, whereupon she refused to allow him to stay with her, and she has not from that time, to-wit, the first part of January, 1907, cohabitated with the said defendant.

That the said defendant has repeatedly and publicly boasted of his illicit relations with the said Lizzie Bryant and has declined to give her up, demanding of your oratrix that she should live with him upon such terms as he chose and asserting his purpose to live as a husband with both the said Lizzie Bryant and your oratrix. Your oratrix has repeatedly refused to cohabit with the said defendant upon any such terms and has refused to admit the defendant to her house.

That the defendant has repeatedly declared his purpose to kill your petitioner, saying that if she could not live with him she should not live at all. On the night of Saturday, March 16, 1907, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, after your oratrix had retired to her room, the defendant came to the door of her house and being refused admittance by some female lodgers of your oratrix, he then and there, with force and violence, broke and entered said door, loudly declaring his purpose to kill your oratrix who by means of the darkness and by stealth made her escape and fled in terror to a neighbor's house, where she has since spent each night, afraid to return to her own home for fear of said defendant.

That your complainant and the defendant were married in this county and they have resided and been domiciled therein

ever since and that she last cohabited with said defendant in this county.

In tender consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity, where alone such matters are cognizable, your complainant prays that Jesse Reid may be made a party to this bill and required to answer the same, though not on oath, the oath being waived, and that a divorce from the bond of matrimony may be decreed to her, and for all such other and for the general relief in the premises as the nature of her cause may require as to equity may seem meet.

And your oratrix will ever pray, etc.

Annie Reid

Virginia,

Nansemond County, to-wit:

. This day Annie Reid appeared before me, Robert W. Withers, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the county and State aforesaid and made oath that the statements contained in the foregoing bill are true, except so far as they are stated on information, and that so far as they are herein stated to be on information she believes them to be true.

Robert W. Withers
Comm in Chy.

ANNIE REID

VS.

JESSE REID

BILL.

ROBT. W. WITHERS,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

SUFFOLK, VA.

PRACTICING IN ALL COURTS IN
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

JEWELL & COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

Annie Reid
921 Du Chaussey
Lesse Road.

1907 March 19th Process returned to

to Court Rules 1st Monday

" April 1st Process returned to

Court on defendant

Bill filed and answer

made by defendant

" " 15th Answer made by defendant

and cause set for

hearing

Chaucer
Notes

R. W. Withers h. g.

Annie Reid

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Jesse Reid.

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