

1933-055
Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: George W. B. Hawkins vs Nora Bridges Hawkins

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Bridges

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FEBRUARY 27, 1915.

MR. G. E. BUNTING, CLERK,
SUFFOLK, VA.

DEAR SIR:.

I enclose you memorandum for process and ehcek for \$8.50 in the suit of Hawkins vs. Hawkins. These parties are colored, and as soon as the process has been served, I wish you would let me know.

The \$8.50 is the amount usually put up for advanced costs in our Circuit up here, and I presume it is all right, if not let me know and I will make it all right.

Yours truly,

THH/PF

Thos. H. Howerton

Virginia,

In the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond.

George W. B. Hawkins, -----Complainant.

v.

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MEMO. FOR PROCESS

Nora Bridges Hawkins -----Defendant.

To the Clerk of Said Court:

Please issue process in chancery summoning the above named defendant, who lives at or near 110 Virginia St., to appear at the Clerk's Office of your said court on the 3rd Monday in March, 1915, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited by the above named defendant for a divorce.

Thos. H. Newton p.q.

Check enclosed for \$8.50
to pay advanced costs.

GEORGE B. B. HAWKINS

V) MEMO FOR PROCESS

NORA HAWKINS.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Nora Bridges Hawkins,

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 March 1915, to answer a Bill in
Chancery, exhibited against her
in the said Court by George W.B. Hawkins

And have then and there this summons.

Witness. G. E. Bunting, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 1st, day of
March, 1915, in the 13⁹ year of the Commonwealth.

~~A copy~~ Teste:

Clerk.

Teste:

Clerk.

Executed this...6...day of.....March, 1915. by delivering a true copy of the within process to Nora Bridges Hawkins.....

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

W.E. Brinkley Sheriff
A.H. Baker Deputy

Original

.....Thos. H. Howerton,....., p. q.

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.....George W. B. Hawkins,.....

vs. } In Chancery.

.....Nora Bridges Hawkins.....

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1915...

..March.....Rules.

..Third.....Monday.

NANSEMOND COUNTY COURT,

Process Book, No. 3....

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J. E. Davis
for W. B. Bridges

VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

GOERGE W. B. HAWKINS, -----PLAINTIFF

V.

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BILL IN CHANCERY

NORA BRIDGES HAWKINS,-----Defendant,

Your complainant, George W. B. Hawkins, humbly complaining, shows and represents unto your honor the following case to-wit:

1st That he is a resident of the County of Sussex, State of Virginia, and has been for more than one year previous to the institution of this suit.

2nd. Your complainant, in the year 1895 married one Nora Bridges, his present wife, and they lived together peaceably and happily as man and wife until May 11th, 1911, when his said wife, Nora Bridges Hawkins left his home and cruelly deserted him while he was the pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church in Suffolk.

3rd. That his said, wife, Nora Bridges Hawkins, resides in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, and has been living there for about five or six years. That your complainant is a colored minister of the Gospel and has three living children, one lives in the County of Sussex, State of Virginia, whose age is twenty-one and two others living in Suffolk, who are about grown, one of whom is married, your complainant does not care to have any control of these children because they are old enough to take care of themselves.

4th. That your complainant's said wife, Nora Bridges Hawkins, persisted in leaving his home and household and family until it became a matter of common gossip among his race and the fact that he was a minister made criticism more severe on him and his said wife, and soon after this desertion, your complainant became so humiliated and down-cast that he left the city of Suffolk and came to Wakefield, Virginia, to carry on his work in a new field where he would not be molested and hounded by criticism on account of his said wife's desertion and abandonment; and it has been more than three years since your complainant and his said wife have lived together and cohabited as man and wife, and there is no likelihood of any reconciliation, and your

complainant has lost all hopes ^{thereof} for his said wife has continuously refused, and friends have interceded ~~and~~ and tried to bring about a reconciliation, and all without effect.

5th. There are many cruel things that your complainant could say about his said wife and many harsh charges that could be brought and proven against her, but your complainant does not desire to bring any charge that will reflect upon the family name and he prefers to let the past be the past if he can have the bonds of matrimony dissolved without bringing such charges, he much prefers to do so.

IN TENDER CONSIDERATION, WHEREOF, and forasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity where all such matters are alone and properly cognizable, he prays that Nora Bridges Hawkins, may be made a party defendant to this bill, and be required to answer the same, but answer under oath is hereby expressly waived, that proper process may issue, all orders and decrees may be entered, that your complainant may be divorced a vinculo matrimonii from his said wife, Nora Bridges Hawkins, and that all other, further, necessary and general relief in the premises may be granted your complainant, as the nature of his case may require or to equity shall seem fit, and he will ever pray etc.

Jnos. S. Hawerton P. J.

Geo. B. Hawkins
By Counsel

GEORGE W. B. HAWKINS,

V) BILL FOR DIVORCE

NORA BRIDGES HAWKINS.

*Filed March 15th
1915
L. G. Rimbey,
Clerk.*

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CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY, MAY,
JULY AND OCTOBER

HON. JAMES L. MCLEMORE, JUDGE
GEO. E. BUNTING, CLERK
S. E. EVERETT, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
ALEX H. BAKER, SHERIFF
C. R. FULGHAM, COUNTY TREASURER
LEE BRITT, COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS

Nansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VA.,

RULE NOTES:

George W.B. Hawkins,

Plft.

vs. In Chancery.

Nora Bridges Hawkins,

Deft.

March 1, 1915. Process issued, returnable to 2nd, March Rules, 3rd, Monday 1915.

" " " Process returned & executed, b/c filed & decree nisi.

Apr. Decree nisi confirmed & cause set for trial.

Deposit Mar. 1, 1915, \$ 8.50

Hawkins

vs.

Hawkins.

RULE NOTES.

Costs
Clark
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Ally.
Writ Tox

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Deposit Mar. 1, 1915.

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Mrs. H. Howston. p. f.

Geo. W. B. Hawkins

vs.

Mrs Bridges Hawkins

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