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Southampton County - Chancery

Preston, Belle M. vs Preston, G. V.

"Divorce"

Virginia. In the Clerk's office of Southampton
Circuit Court. March 2. 1885.

Belle Preston

Plff

vs
R.V. Preston

Def.

In Equit.

The object of this suit is to obtain a
divorce a vinculo matrimonii by
the plaintiff from the defendant. And
affidavit having been made that
the defendant R.V. Preston is a non
resident of this state it is ordered
that he appear here within one month
from due publication hereof and
do what is necessary to protect his
interests in this suit.

Teste.

J.B. Spruill C.C.



Mrs. Isabel M. Preston.

Delaware.

Virginia.

Southampton Co.



on the Sixth day of
September
in the year of our Lord

1870

Roswell W. Preston. of Huntington Vt.
and Isabelle M. Long. of Huntington Vt.
WERE BY ME UNITED IN

MARRIAGE

at Underhill Centre
according to the laws of the State of Vermont.



David H. Adams.

Minister of the Gospel.

Preston

v. 3 Notices

Preston

1885. Apt. 11 -

*R. J. Preston not a
resident of State*

G. W. Vick

Sheriff

To. R. T. Preston.

Take notice, that on the 11th day of April 1885, at the Office of Goodman & Barrett in the Town of Franklin, between the hours of 9th A. M. and 6th P. M. of that day I shall proceed to take the depositions of Jno. J. Galling and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in the suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County, in which I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant - And if, from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or if commenced be not completed on that day, the taking of said depositions will be adjourned from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours - until they are completed.

Respectfully Submitted.

Belle M. Preston,

by Counsel -

Jerusalem -
Apr. 1/85

Preston
vs. Bice &c.
Preston

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To Hon. George Blow, Judge of Circuit
Court of Southampton County: -

In Chancery.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
Honor your complainant Belle M.
Preston, wife of R. V. Preston, who sues
by B. H. McLeure, her next friend,
that she is now 31 years of age; that
when 16 years old, to-wit: on the 6th
day of Sept. 1870, at Underhill Centre,
Chittenden County, Vermont, she was
united in marriage to said R. V. Pres-
ton, as will appear from the evidence
filed in this cause; that from that
day until the 29th day of Sept.
1883, though he was, during much
of the time, unkind, improvident
and negligent, she lived with
him, and was to him a constant
faithful and dutiful wife; that
during this period was born their
only child, Vernon, a boy of some
12 years of age, who now lives
with and is supported entirely
by your complainant; that on the
said 29th day of Sept. 1883, the said
R. V. Preston wilfully deserted and
abandoned your complainant, and
that she has not seen him since;

that since his wilful desertion and
abandonment of your complainant,
to-wit, on the 16th day of March
1884, he was, in Gates County, N.C.,
married to one Martha Sprawlings,
by Jno. J. Gailing, a J. P. of said
County of Gates and has since lived
with her as his wife, all which
will appear from testimony here-
with filed, and prayed to be
read as part of this bill.

In tender consideration of all
which & inasmuch as your com-
plainant is without remedy save in
a Court of Equity where such matters
are peculiarly cognizable, to the end
therefore, that justice may be done,
and your complainant freed from
bondage with one so unfaithful and
dishonorable, your complainant
prays that said R. V. Preston be
made a party defendant to this
bill and required to answer the
same; that he may be enjoined and
restrained from interfering with or in
any manner molesting her and her
child who is with her; that your
complainant may be divorced from

him and the marriage be dissolved;
and that all such other further
relief may be given as her case
may require and to Equity may
seem meet.

And your Complainant will ever pray &c.

Co. J. Sebrall p. q.
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Virginia - Southampton Co. Court.

Personally appeared before me Belle M.
Preston and made affidavit that
the allegations contained in the above
bill are true to the best of her knowledge
and belief - Given under my hand
Apr 10. 1885.

L. B. Pinner b. b

Register Office,
Gates Co. N. C.
March 3rd 1885

I, L. P. Hayer Register of Deeds of Gates
Co. N. C. Certify that Licenses of mar-
riage were issued from this office
to Roswell V. Preston and Martha
Spalding on March 12th 1884 and
returned to this office March 16th
1884 - which Licenses show they
were married by J. J. Gatling J. P.
March 16th 1884

L. P. Hayer
Register
Gates Co. N. C.

State of North Carolina,
Gates County.

I, R. B. Bowper, Clerk of the Superior
Court of said County, hereby certify that
L. P. Hayer whose signature is attached to
the foregoing certificate, is Register of
Deeds of the County of said.

In Testimony of which I hereunto
set my hand and official seal,
this the 2nd day of March
1885.

R. B. Bowper, C. C. C.

Preston,
or. 3 Decr.
Preston.

Nov. Term 1885

To be entered

Geo. T. Blount.

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Cch \$4.40
Com. Me. Leune 5.00
or Pub. 3.00
Law &c 16.50
\$28.90

Co. J. Bruce.
- n.g.

Belle M. Preston, who was by B. J. M. Linnard ^{not found},
or. 3 Decree

R. V. Preston.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the complainant's bill, Exhibits therewith filed, the depositions of witnesses, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had solemnized between the defendant, R. V. Preston, and the plaintiff Belle M. Preston (formerly Belle M. Long) shall be & the same is hereby dissolved; & that the said Belle M. Preston be forever divorced from the said R. V. Preston. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the defendant do pay annually unto the said plaintiff the sum of \$200.⁰⁰ on the 1st day of January in each year, that sum being, in the opinion of the Court, a sufficient maintenance & support for the said Belle M. Preston. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said R. V. Preston be enjoined & restrained from removing or interfering with the infant Vernon G. Preston & that

the custody & control of said infant remain with his mother, the said Belle M. Preston & that the said R.V. Preston be also enjoined from interfering in any manner with the liberty of the said Belle M. Preston— And the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that the name of the said Belle M. Preston be changed and restored to Belle M. Long.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that the said R.V. Preston do pay unto the plaintiff her costs expended in the prosecution of this suit. And nothing further remaining to be done, it is ordered that this cause be removed from the docket.

Preston
or } Stat Rules
Preston



In Southampton District Court.
 Bill M. Preston Plaintiff
 against
 R. V. Preston. Defendant } In Chancery.

1885-

March 2

April Rules.

May ..

Summons to April Rules, & Or: Pub: assd.
 " not extd. Or: Pub: rets. Bill filed. Deere nisi.
 because set for hearing --

1882

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Preston

1885. April Rules
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R. W. Preston not
a resident of this
county

G. H. Vick by
for W. W. Briggs
Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

R. F. Preston

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton county, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court
on the first Monday in *April* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against *him*
in our said Court by *Belle M. Preston*

And this *he* shall in no wise omit; and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, J. B. PRINCE, Clerk of our said Court, this *2nd* day of *March*, 188*5*,
in the *109th* year of the Commonwealth.

Teste. J. B. Prince C. C.

R. H. Preston.

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in the *109*" year of the Commonwealth.

, 188*5*,

Teste

J. B. Prince Clk.

St. Johnsbury Vt.

Apr. 28. 1885

Mrs. Zube M. Preston:-

June 7 Apr.

24. is before me -

I had forgotten that I had
written you. but on looking
at my diary - (for I have
kept one for this last 20
years or more) of Sept. 6.
1850. I found this - I did
write you. And you never
in my diary appears as
Belle. but now I find
written is as Zube.

Success. Please
give certificate. No charges.

If this is not the person
you want - I will help you
the I can.

Love truly

D. H. Adams.

State of Vermont - Chittenden County ss -

At Richmond in said County of Chittenden
this 21st day of April A.D. 1885 -

This certifies that we, the subscribers, George
W. Brewster and his wife Alma E. Brewster
both of Huntington in said County of Chittenden,
were each of us present and witnessed the
marriage ceremony of R. V. Preston and
Miss. Bill M. Long at Underhill in said
County of Chittenden on the 6th day of September
A.D. 1890 - said ceremony was performed by
Rev. Mr. Adams - a clergyman legally au-
thorized to solemnize marriages. We make
this certificate under oath -

G. W. Brewster

Mrs Alma E. Brewster

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Salmon Green,
a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of
Chittenden, duly elected and legally authorized
and empowered to administer oaths, by the said
George W. Brewster and Alma E. Brewster, to me
personally known to be ~~respectable~~ and entitled to
credit at said Richmond this 21st day of
April A.D. 1885 -

Salmon Green - Justice of the Peace

Preston
or $\frac{2}{3}$ advent
Preston

VIRGINIA—IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF SOUTHAMPTON CIRCUIT COURT, March 2, 1885,

BELLE PRESTON,.....Plaintiff
against
R. V. PRESTON,.....Defendant.

IN EQUITY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, by the plaintiff from the defendant, and affidavit having been made that the defendant, R. V. Preston, is a non-resident of this state, it is ordered that he appear here within one month from due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

2 copy—Tests:

J. B. PRINCE, C. C.

REBELL, P. Q.

Franklin, Va., March 25th, 1885

J. Schre

Print with "FRANKLIN GAZETTE,"

& Newspaper Printing House,

GARDNER BUILDING,

TERMS: CASH.

MAIN STREET.

March 3	To Legal Advertisement			
	Preston vs Preston Cont. 4 times			\$ 3.00

I, H. E. Daughtry Proprietor of the Franklin Gazette do Certify that the annexed advertisement did appear 4 successive weeks in the Gazette.

H. E. Daughtry,

Franklin, Va., March 25th, 1883.

Mr. W. J. Schae

In Account with "FRANKLIN GAZETTE,"

Book, Job & Newspaper Printing House,

GARDNER BUILDING,

TERMS: CASH.

MAIN STREET.

March 3	To Legal Advertisement				
	Preston V. S. Preston and 4 time				\$ 3.00

I M. E. Daughtry Proprietor of the Franklin Gazette do Certify that the annexed advertisement did appear 4 successive weeks in the Gazette.

M. E. Daughtry,

Freston

" 3 Depositions
of
Freston

1885. April 11" filed

The Depositions of John Gatting ~~and~~
and others, taken before me, B. F.
McLemore a Commissioner in Chan-
cery of the Circuit Court for the County
of Southampton - at the Office of
Cordman & Barrett in the town of
Franklin, Va. on the 11th day of April
1885: between the hours of 9th A.M. and
6th P.M. ^{pursuant to notice hereto furnished.} to be read in
evidence in behalf of the Plaintiff
in a certain suit depending in the
Circuit Court of Southampton County
wherein Belle M. Preston is Plaintiff
and R. V. Preston is Defendant: -
Present:

W. J. Sebrell - Atty for Plaintiff
The Witness J. J. Gatting being duly sworn
deposes as follows -

Q: What is your age, where do you reside
and do you know the parties to this suit?

A: My age is 42 years - reside in Gates
County N.C. and know the parties to the
suit

Q: Have you seen the defendant R. V.
Preston any time within past few years?
and if so, state when, where and under
what circumstances?

A: Yes Sir, I have seen him once or twice

I saw him at Mr John Barrelli's house
in Gates County N.C. on the Sunday the
16th day of March 1884. ~~When~~^{as a Justice}
^{of the Peace, A.C.} married him to Mrs Martha
Spalding -

Q: ~~And further~~ Do you know whether or not
they lived together as man and wife after
the marriage ceremony?

A: I know that they did so live, at the house
of Mr Geo. Hamble, for some time after the
marriage - He was married by me, as
above stated, and paid me my fee for
performing said marriage ceremony. -
And further this deponent saith not.

Jno. J. Gattling, J.P.

The Witness, Geo. Hamble, being duly
sworn deposes as follows:

Q: What is your age where do you reside
and do you know the parties to this suit?

A: My age is 36 years reside in Gates County
N.C. and know the parties to this suit.

Q: Have you seen the defendant, R. V.
Breston, at any time lately, and if so,
when, where and under what circum-
stances?

A: I saw him at my house on the 16th day
of March 1884, on which day he was

married, by Mr. John J. Gatling, ^{Jr.} to Mrs
Martha Spalding. and they lived
at my house, boarding with me, as
man and wife, three and half months
after said marriage.

And further this deponent sayeth not.
Jno. H. ^{his} Harrell
mark

The Witness Mrs Sallie A. Harrell, being
duly sworn, deposes as follows -

Q: Where do you reside, and do you
know the parties to this suit?

A: I reside in Gato County N.C., and
know the parties to this suit.

Q: Have you seen the defendant, R. V.
Preston, at any time lately, and if so,
state when, where and under what
circumstances?

A: I saw him at our house, on the 16th day
of March 1884, at which time I saw him
married to Mrs Martha Spalding, by
Mr Jno. J. Gatling, Jr. they lived at our
house, as man and wife, boarding
with us for three and half months, after
their marriage.

And further this deponent sayeth not.

Sallie A. Harrell

The Witness H. M. P. Goodman, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q: What is your age, where do you reside, and do you know the parties to this suit?

A: My age is 36 years - reside in Gates County, N.C. and know the parties to this suit?

Q: Have you seen the Defendant D. V. Preston - at any time lately, and if so, when, and under what circumstances?

A: I saw him on the occasion of his wedding with Martha Spalding, on the 16th March 1884. I know that he was then married to her and lived with her as man and wife for some time thereafter. And further this deponent says as aforesaid.

Court's fees

\$5.00

Ch. W. H. H. H.

W. M. P. Goodman

I, B. F. McLeure, Clerk in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Southampton County, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Mr. J. G. Gilling & others were duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me, at the time and place in the Caption thereto mentioned, pursuant to Notice hereto annexed.

Given under my hand this 11th day of April 1885.

B. F. McLeure
Clerk in Chancery

State of Vermont,

County of Chittenden, to-wit:

I, Russell S. Taft, Presiding Judge of
the County Court of Chittenden County
and Chancellor of the Court of Chancery in said County
Vermont, do certify that O. P. Ray
who has given the foregoing certifi-
cate, is Clerk of said Court & that
his said attestation is in due form
Given under my hand this 16th
day of October 1885—

Russell S. Taft

Presiding Judge
and Chancellor

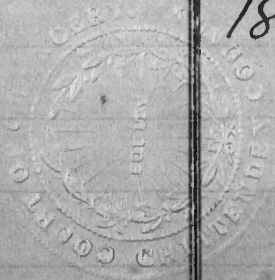
Vermont,

Chittenden County, to-wit:

I, O. P. Ray, Clerk of the Court of
Chancery for the above-named County and
state, do hereby certify that Russell S.
Taft — whose genuine signature
appears to the foregoing certificate, is
the duly qualified Judge of the said
Court & his acts as such are entitled
to full credit—

Witness my hand & the seal of said
Court attached, this 16th day of October
1885—

O. P. Ray
Clerk



State of Vermont, }

CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.

I *C. P. Ray*

Clerk of the Court of

Chancery for the County of Chittenden in the State of Vermont, the same being a Court of Record,
and having a seal, as hereto attached, do hereby certify that it appears from the
returns and files in this Office that *J. J. Mansham*
was duly elected and qualified, as Justice Clerk
of the town of Underhill in said County at a
town meeting of the voters in said town held March
3rd, 1885.

In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed the seal of said Court
and subscribed my name at Burlington in said Chittenden County this

22nd day of *April* A.D. 1885.

C. P. Ray Clerk

Attest,*

W. T. Adams

Minister

* Stating Official Station and Residence.

[BE VERY PARTICULAR TO FILL ALL BLANKS.]



State of Vermont

Town of Windsorhill Vt.

Clerk's Office, Sept 6 1870

The following first-named person this day applied for a Certificate of Marriage.

C. W. Reynolds Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE, . . No.

Groom's full name...	<u>Russell W. Preston</u>	9. Bride's full name...	<u>Belle M. Long</u>
Place of Residence.....	<u>Huntington Vt.</u>	(Maiden name, if a widow).	
Age.....	<u>22 years -</u>	10. Place of Residence ...	<u>Huntington Vt.</u>
Occupation	<u>Farmer</u>	11. Age.....	<u>18 years</u>
Number of Marriage....	<u>First</u>	12. Number of Marriage ..	<u>First</u>
Place of Birth.....	<u>Stowe Vt.</u>	13. Place of Birth.....	
Father's Name.....	<u>Richard Preston</u>	14. Father's Name	<u>Abel Long</u>
Mother's Name.....	<u>Lanny Preston</u>	15. Mother's Name.....	<u>Lanny Long</u>

The parties above named were joined in marriage at.....
by me, this 6 day of September A. D. 1870

Attest,* W. H. Adams
Minister

* Stating Official Station and Residence.

[BE VERY PARTICULAR TO FILL ALL BLANKS.]

Town Clerk's Office of the Town of
Windsor Hill County of Chittenden, Vermont.
April 17 1884.

I hereby certify that the within is a true
and correct copy of records, as appears in
the Records of Marriages in this office for
the 1870.

Attest J J Monahan
Town Clerk

Marriage Certificate.

Mr.

AND

Ms

State of Vermont,

Clerk's Office,

18

Issued the day and year
above named.

Attest,

Clerk.

Returned for record this

A. D. 18

day of

and duly recorded.

Attest,

Clerk.

FEES:

Please certify that same
Clerk's Office & return to me
J J Monahan -

 This Certificate is required by law to be returned by the person officiating, to the office of the town or city clerk from whence it issued, within ten days after the solemnization of the marriage of the parties therein named, under a penalty of ten dollars.—See No. 1, Acts and Resolves of 1869, p. 1009 of the General Statutes.

