

1904-19

Southampton County Chancery

Sharp, Hardy vs Sharp, Adeline (Smith)

Divorce

Hardy Sharp, ✓

vs. { Bice & Exhibits.

Adalaine Sharp.

1904. 5th Jan'y. Filed

L. N. Gay 4.4

Joseph B. Prince - Atty. for
Plaintiff

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(dtd. 1904)

To the Honorable Robert R. Prentiss, Judge of the Circuit Court
of Southampton County:

****In Chancery. ****

Humbly complaining sheweth unto Your Honor your complainant
Hardy Sharp, that on, or about the 27th of March, 1902, he was
united in marriage with Adalaine *Smith*, in Norfolk county, Va.,
as will appear from a copy of the marriage license herewith filed,
with the minister's return thereon, as "Exhibit A" as a part
of this bill; that a short time after the said marriage ~~Hardy~~
your complainant returned with his wife to Boykins, Southampton,
county, Va., complainant's native county, where your complainant
and his said wife, Adalaine Shapp, nee Adalaine *Smith*, the
defendant lived together as man and wife from that time until
on or about the first of October, of the year 1902, when they
separated as hereinafter stated; that during all the said pe-
riod your complainant was to her a faithful, true and kind hus-
band, and treated her kindly and provided for her as best he
could, according to his means and ability; that during the last
few months prior to their separation, your complainant noticed
an indifference on the part of his said wife to him, and a fond-
ness for one Henry Thompson, but your complainant tried to
avert any family trouble by trying to persuade his said wife to
desist ~~any~~ from any familiarity with the said Thompson, but on
the contrary, his said wife spurned him, and seemed to become
more attached to the said Thompson, and on, or about the first
of October, 1902, the date above mentioned, your complainant
~~found~~ was informed, to his great grief, humiliation and sorrow
that his said wife had been guilty of adultery with the said
Henry Thompson. That as soon as your complainant found out
the said adulterous act as aforesaid, on the part of his wife,
the said Adalaine Sharp, he then and there informed her that
he could no longer live with her as a husband, and he here
states and charges that he did not after the ~~intimation~~ first
intimation of this adulterous act again co-habit with his said

of consideration counsel:

to the Honorable Joseph B. Prince, Judge of the Circuit Court

~~said~~ wife. That very soon after this occurrence the said Adalaine Sharp left the town of Boykins, Va., with all her possessions in company with the said ~~Hardy~~ Henry Thompson, stating that they were going together, and would go from there to Baltimore, Md. Your complainant also states that since that time he has made diligent inquiry to find the whereabouts of his said wife without effect, and he, therefore, is not aware of her residence at this time. That there are no children born of the said marriage between your complainant and the said Adalaine Sharp.

That the said Adalaine Sharp, the defendant having been guilty ^{of adultery} as aforesaid, and your complainant never having cohabited with her since his knowledge of the fact, your complainant is advised that he is entitled to a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from her.

In tender consideration whereof, and inasmuch as your complainant is without remedy save in a Court of Equity where such matters are properly cognizable, your complainant prays that the said Adalaine Sharp may be made a party defendant to this bill and required to answer the same, though answer under oath is expressly waived, that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between your complainant and the said Adalaine Sharp, the defendant, may be dissolved and annulled, and your complainant entirely divorced a vinculo matrimonii from the said defendant, and that Your Honor will grant all such other, further, general and special relief as the nature of the case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

And your complainant will ever pray &c.,

Hardy Sharp.

by Joseph B. Prince, his Atty.

Joseph B. Prince p.g.

Sharp
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Sharp

March 18th, 1904 Filed -
B. F. McLernore C.C.

JOHN C. PARKER.

E. FRANK STORY.

Parker & Story
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
Franklin and Courtland, Virginia

children of Julia Hamilton
write a memo to C.

Q. How long? Witness, George Boon, being duly sworn deposes and says: think it was about three weeks.

Q. What is your age, residence and occupation and do you know the parties to the suit?

A. 46 years old, reside in Southampton County, Virginia, R. R. employee (section hand): Know the parties to the suit.

Q. Did you live near Hardy Sharp and Adaline Sharp while they lived together as man and wife?

A. Yes I lived near them, in fact saw them every day.

Q. Will you please state how Hardy Sharp treated his wife and how he provided for her as far as you could tell.

A. He was good and kind to her, treated her well as far as I could see. He provided for her well.

Q. Do you know whether or not she was true to him?

A. Yes I know she was not true to her husband.

Q. Please state any facts that you may know which lead you to believe or know that she was not true to him?

A. For the first two or three months after they were married she seemed to be all right, but soon a man named Henry Thompson, a barber, come to live at Boykins and they began to get mighty thick. I used to see them walking out together often, and one day, about five months after they were married me and Westley

Austin went to Hardy Sharp's house to see him about some carpenters work: We pushed the door open and walked in, when we did

I saw two persons in the bed, - one was Hardy Sharp's wife and

the other was Henry Thompson. He, Henry Thompson jumped up out of the bed and stood behind it and fastened up his pants and Adaline Sharp pulled the cover up over her head.

Q. State how Henry Thompson acted?

A. He never said nothing, but looked kinder sheepish and turned his head and walked out.

Q. During that time will you please state how Hardy Sharp treated

THE BELT FOR THE SUIT

Q. After it was done she left her residence and occupation and do you know
where:

WITNESS' GEORGE BOON' DEPOSED THAT HE SAW GEORGE BOON

Q. How long after this act was it before you told Hardy Sharp.

A. I think it was about three weeks.

Q. After telling him did he leave live with her any longer.

A. No sir she went off with the man she was in bed with the day
after I told Hardy. They left Boykins together and neither have
ever returned.

Q. Do you know of any relations existing between Hardy Sharp
and Henry Thompson that would have caused Thompson to have to
go to the house of Hardy Sharp at such a time?

A. No sir, I do not. I never saw them together and they were
not the least intimate.

And further this deponent saith not.

H. Sharp
George Boon

George Boon
George Boon

Witness, Wesley Aulstin, being duly sworn deposes
and says:

Q. What is your age, residence and occupation and do you know
the parties to the suit?

A. I am about fifty one years old, reside in Southampton County,
Virginia, and know the parties to the suit.

Q. How long have you known Hardy Sharp?

A. About eight years.

Q. Do you know when he brought Adaline Sharp and brought her
to Boykins to live?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you live near them while they lived together as man and wife?

A. I lived near enough to see the house and saw them every day.

Q. How long did they live together as man and wife after they
moved to Boykins?

A. About five months.

Q. During that time will you please state how Hardy Sharp treated

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his wife ?

A. He treated her just as nice as any man could treat a woman.

Q. Did he seem to provide for her well?

A. Yes sir he certainly did.

Q. How did she treat him ?

A. She treated him bad.

Q. Do you know whether or not she was true to her husband ?

A. She was not sir.

Q. Please state any fact or facts which you may know that lead you to believe that she was not true to him:

A. About two or three months after they came to Boykins to live Dr. Drewry sent me to look for a cow down on the river lowgrounds and while I was down there I saw a man and woman sitting very close together under the side of a hill and when I come up with them I found that it was Hardy Sharp's wife and a man named Henry Thompson a barber that lived at Boykins, I thought this looked suspicious: I went on. Several times I carried notes for them back and forth and one night about a month after I saw them fishing that day the woman called me in Jennie Ann Lewis' house and asked me privately if I would not carry a letter for her to Henry Thompson, which I did and Thompson told me, when he had read the note or letter, to tell her to meet him on the rail road crossing. I delivered his message and through curiosity I watched them to see what they were going to do. They went in an opposite direction from her home, I then lost sight of them and after about an hour they came from under Mr. Bob Powell's old gin and then went in the direction of Hardy Sharps house, when near there she left him and went in the house and he went direct to his barber shop.

Q. Well, anything else ?

A. Yes sir, Dr. Drewry told me one day in September to go to

Q. Did he seem to blame you for this?
A. He seemed not that as much as with men going to work.
His wife &

Hardy Sharp's house and tell him to come to his house to see him about building a house: on the way I met up with George Boone and we walked on together. When we reached the house we pushed the door open and walked in. I saw a man get off of a woman, both were on the bed, and jump over behind the bed and begin to fasten up his pants. The woman was Hardy Sharp's wife and the man was this same fellow Henry Thompson. She jumped for the cover and pulled it up on her and covered up her head. I thought at first it was Bro. Hardy (Sharp) and asked him to please excuse me, but I soon found it was the man I have just said. George and I left by the front way and Thompson went out at the back door.

Q. Did she ever after this occurrence mention it to you.

A. Yes she saw me in Boykins and asked me please not to tell about it.

Q. How long after you caught them at the house before you told Hardy Sharp?

A. Some two or three weeks.

Q. Why did you wait that long to tell him?

A. Because George Boone told begged me not to tell him. He said Hardy would kill the man and he didn't want him to get in trouble.

Q. After telling Hardy did he live with her any longer?

A. No sir, she went away with the man she was in the bed with the next day. Both left together and neither have ever returned that I know of.

Q. Did you ever see Henry Thompson at Hardy Sharp's house at any other time except this.

A. Yes I have seen him there several times, but never when Hardy was at home.

Q. Do you know whether or not Hardy Sharp and Henry Thompson

blended the good ones and mixed in. I saw a man get out of a
room and he looked on to the door. When he returned the woman was
with some bottles and a glass: on the way I met her with George
Hardy Sharp, a woman and felt that he came to the house to see

were intimate friends, or do you know of any business connections

A. No sir I never saw them together, and don't know of any bus-
iness they had together.

Q. How far? And further this deponent said not. . .

Witness, Hardy Sharp, being duly sworn deposes as follows:-

Pl Q. Please state your age, residence and occupation.

A. About fifty years old, reside in Southampton County, Virginia.
Carpenter, and am plaintiff in this suit.

Q. Please state when and where you were married to Adaline
Sharp, her former name &c.

A. We was married in Portsmouth, Virginia, at her home, the last
Sunday in March 1902. Her name was Adaline Smith.

Q. Please state where you lived after your marriage?

A. We lived at Boykins, Southampton County, and I live there
now.

Q. How long did you live together as man and wife?

A. We lived together until the 7th, day of October 1902.

Q. State whether or not you lived together happily and if not
the cause of the trouble between you.

A. We lived all right until this fellow Thompson come to live
in Boykins, when I begin to notice that she was getting some-
what intimate with him, but I did not want to have any family
trouble and did not say anything until George Boone and Westly
Aulstine told me about catching my wife and Thompson in the
act of adultery, then I told her she had to leave my house, that
I was done with her and never expected to have anything else to
do with her.

V. NO SIR I HEARD HER FROM ROBERTS, WHO GOT, I KNOW OF HER PRE-
SENT INTERESTS THERE, OR DO NOT KNOW OF HER PRESENT CONNECTIONS

Q. Have you at any time since you first had knowledge of this
act of adultery on her part co-habited with her?

No sir.

Q. How long was it after you told her that before she left.

A. She left right away. Stayed at a neighbors house that night.

Q. When she left Boykins who went with her?

A. This man Thompson.

Q. Where did she go, do you know?

A. She had her things shipped to Baltimore.

Q. While you lived together as man and wife did you care for her
and provide for her in a manner suitable to your station in
life ?

A. Yes sir, I did every thing I could do for her.

And further this deponent saith not.

*James
Boyd*

Hardy Sharp
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STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
Southampton County, } to-wit:-

I, E. Frank Story, a commissioner in chancery for the
Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid in the State of
Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of
George Beck, Wesley Aulstine and Hardy Sharp were duly taken,
sworn to and subscribed before me, at the time and place, and
for the purpose stated in the caption hereto annexed.

Given under my hand this 21st day of February 1904.

E. Frank Story
COMMISSIONER IN CHANCERY.

*Com'd
\$5.00
100:*
Story

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia, City of Portsmouth 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,

Hardy Sharp
and Addie Smith

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Court of Hustings Court for the City of Portsmouth this 29th day of March 1902

C. T. Phillips Clerk.
B. E. Thompson

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2229 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 8, 1900.

Time of Marriage, <u>March 30th 1902</u>	Place of Husband's Birth, <u>Northford Co. Va.</u>
Place of Marriage, <u>Portsmouth Va.</u>	Place of Wife's Birth, <u>Plymouth, Va.</u>
Full Names of Parties Married, <u>Hardy Sharp</u> <u>+ Addie Smith</u>	Place of Husband's Residence, <u>Portsmouth Va.</u>
Color, <u>Colored</u>	Place of Wife's Residence, <u>Portsmouth Va.</u>
Age of Husband, <u>40 years</u>	Names of Husband's Parents, _____
Age of Wife, <u>18 years</u>	Names of Wife's Parents, <u>Ellis + Lousia</u> <u>Lee</u>
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Widowed</u>	Occupation of Husband, <u>Carpenter</u>
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) <u>Widowed</u>	

Given under my hand this 29th day of March 1902
C. T. Phillips Clerk.
B. E. Thompson

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, H. B. Campbell, a Minister of the Gospel Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 15th day of April 1902 at Portsmouth Va., under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 15 day of April 1902
H. B. Campbell

The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within two months thereafter, to return the License to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the FACT of such marriage, and of the TIME and PLACE of celebrating the same.

Recd. Lett. C. T. Phillips, Clerk
B. E. Thompson

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FRANKLIN, VA.,

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court of the County of Southampton,
on the 14th day of December, 1903.

Hardy Sharp,	Plaintiff,	} In Chancery
against		
Adalaine Sharp,	Defendant.	

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii. And an affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been exercised by or on behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain in what County or Corporation the defendant is, without effect, and that to the best of his belief the defendant, Adalaine Sharp, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Graphic, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this County, on the first day of the next term of the County Court.

A copy—Teste:

L. A. GAY, Clerk.

JOSEPH B. PRINCE, p. q.

Jan 8—4t

I hereby certify that the above Court Order was published for four successive weeks in The Graphic, a newspaper published in the Town of Franklin, County of Southampton, State of Virginia, beginning January 8th. and ending January 29th. 1904.

J. P. Holland..... Editor The Graphic.

Franklin, Va., Feb 29, 1904

Mr Judge J. B. Prince, Courtland, Va.

TO THE J. P. HOLLAND PUBLISHING COMPANY, Dr.

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Adeline Sharp

1903. 14th Dec. filed

J. B. Prince

p. q.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Southampton, State of Virginia.

Hardy Shapp, Plaintiff,
against

Adelaine Sharp, Defendant.

This day Joseph B. Prince, atty. for the plaintiff, personally appeared
before me L.A. Gay, ***** Clerk of the said Court,
diligence has been exercised by or on
and being duly sworn, made oath that on behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain in
what county or corporation the defendant is, without effect, and
that to the best of his belief the defendant in the said suit, Adelaine
Sharp** ~~*****~~ is not resident of the State of Virginia, _____

Given under my hand as Clerk of the said Court, this 14th day of December 1903.

L. A. Gay C. C.

Nardy Sharp

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ORDER OF
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Adelaine Sharp

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R. H. Gay L. G.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Santhampton on the 14th day of December, 1903 189.

Horley Sharp
against

Plaintiff

Adelaine Sharp

Defendant

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, ^{diligence has been exercised by or on} Adelaine Sharp, ^{behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain what cause of separation the} is ^{not a resident} not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the The Herald, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the first day of the next term of the County Court.

A copy Teste:

Joseph B. Prince p. q.

L. R. Gay Clerk.

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Sharp Hardy

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Hardy Sharp Plaintiff

vs. } In Chancery

Adelaine Sharp Defendant

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Affidavit as to non-residence filed

Order of Publication issued.

1904. 1st. Jany. Rules. Bill and exhibits filed

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Sharp Hardy

vs. } Spa: In Chancery

Sharp Adeline

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County--Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON Adelaine Sharp

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 16th Monday in Jan'y, 1904 next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against her in our said Court by Hardy Sharp

And this she shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, L. A. GAY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 14th day of December 1903, 1899, in the 128 year of the Commonwealth.

Teste: L. A. Gay C. C.

1904

Hardy Sharp,

Removed from the docket.

~~Decree~~
~~between Hardy Sharp and Adeline Sharp~~
~~and Hardy Sharp~~
~~in consideration whereof the court had and solemnized~~
~~an order of dissolution of marriage~~
~~between Hardy Sharp and Adeline Sharp~~
~~in the County of ...~~
~~the defendant who was proceeded against~~
~~the complaint and the exhibits therewith filed and the depo-~~

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill of

Adeline Sharp, Defendant.

vs. Decree.

Hardy Sharp, Plaintiff.

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Hardy Sharp, Plaintiff.

vs. Decree.

Adalaine Sharp. Defendant.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill of the complainant, and the exhibits therewith filed, and the depositions of witnesses; the defendant, who was proceeded against *duly issued, published and putted according to law,* by order of publication, still failing to appear and plead, answer or demur to the said bill, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore had and solemnized between Hardy Sharp and Adalaine Sharp be, and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the said Hardy Sharp be forever divorced a vinculo matrimonii from the said Adalaine Sharp.

And it appearing to the court that nothing further remains to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.