

1933-080 Chancery Causes: Bertrude Cooper VS William Cooper

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Isle of Wight County

Alma Bertrude Cooper VS William Harrison Cooper

othersurnames: Clark,
Brock, Taylor, Cornwell,
Jefferson

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia Isle of Wight County 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,

William Harrison Cooper and Alma Gertrude Jefferson

Given under my hand, as Clerk of Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County (or City) this 23rd day of September, 1918

A.S. Johnson, Clerk.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

To be annexed to the License, required by Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, 1919, as amended by Act of February 16, 1910.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County (or City) of Isle of Wight

Date of Marriage September 23rd, 1918 Place of Marriage Isle of Wight County

FULL NAMES OF PARTIES

William Harrison Cooper and Alma Gertrude Jefferson

Age of Husband 32 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) single

Age of Wife 23 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) single

Race (White or Colored) colored

(PRESENT)

Husband's Place of Birth North Carolina Mailing Address Isle of Wight Co.

Wife's Place of Birth Isle of Wight Co. Mailing Address Isle of Wight Co.

Names of Husband Alexander Cooper and Alice Louise Cooper

Parents Wife Early Jefferson and Jennie Jefferson

Occupation of Husband Laborer

Given under my hand this 23rd day of September, 1918

A.S. Johnson, Clerk.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, W.W. Roberts, a Minister of the African M. E. Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 23rd day of Sept., 1918,

at Isle of Wight Co., Virginia, under authority of the above License, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the County (or City) of Lunenburg, State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of September, 1918

W.W. Roberts

(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

The Minister or other person celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the License and Certificate of the Clerk and his certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the License; failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the Minister or other person celebrating the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (see Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act approved February 16, 1910, Acts 1910, chapter 28, pages 36 and 37).

A copy. Lente R. A. Edwards, Clerk
Ray E. H. Wilson

County (~~or City~~) Isla y Wright

W. H. Cooper
Husband

and { **Marriage License**

Alma S. Jefferson
Wife

Date of Issue Sept 23 1918

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VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT,

Gertrude Cooper,.....Complainant,

vs.) In Chancery

William Cooper,.....Defendant.

To the Clerk of said Court:

Please issue summons in chancery against the above
defendant returnable to the Second July Rules, it
being the Third Monday in July, 1925.

C. Fairfield Whitney p.q.

William Cooper is a colored man and works for Mr.
Cornwell on the County road near Central Hill Church, but
lives in Smithfield.

Please file marriage certificate with the papers. They
were secured in Sept. 1916, from your office.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT
APRIL 26TH 1933.

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. It appearing, pursuant to a decree entered herein
on the 6th day of March, 1933, that the parties, or their Counsel,
have been notified by the Clerk of this Court of the terms of
said decree, and no good cause having been shown, it is ordered
that this cause be removed from the docket, with leave to rein-
state the same as provided in Section 6172 of the Code as
Amended.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT
MARCH 6th 1933.

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vs: # 463

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IT APPEARING that this cause has been on the docket of this Court for more than two years, and that no order has within said period been entered herein, it is therefore ordered, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6172 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Clerk of this Court be directed to notify the parties to this cause, if known, or their counsel of record, at his or their last known address, in writing, at least fifteen days before the 25th day of April, 1933, so that on said day all parties named have an opportunity to be heard, and that, except for good cause to then be shown, this cause will be removed from the docket for failure to prosecute the same to a final decree.

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Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon **William Cooper,**

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight at the rules
to be holden for the said Court on the Third Monday in July, 1925,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against him,
in our said Court by **Gertrude Cooper.**

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, R. A. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 24th
day of June, 1925, and in the 149th year of the
Commonwealth.

R. A. Edwards Clerk.

executed the within Power this the 27 day of
June 1928 by James a true
copy of the same on James in person
in the County of Isle of Wight.

H. H. Chapman
Sheriff of Isle of Wight Co.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

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Gertrude Cooper,.....Complainant.

Vs) In Chancery.

William Cooper,.....Defendant.

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TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE SAID COURT:

Your Complainant, Gertrude Cooper, respectfully represents that she was married to the said William Cooper, on the _____ day of September, 1916, in the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia, a certificate of which marriage being herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A" and prayed to be read and made a part of this bill.

That your Complainant and defendant co-habited as man and wife in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, from the date of said marriage until _____ day of March, 1925, with ^{the} exception of about six (6) months, during the year of 1922. That during the spring of 1922, William Cooper, the defendant, was caught in bed with George Anna Clark, by her husband Will Clark, on Sykes' Hill, in the town of Smithfield, Virginia, at Will Clark's home, for which crime William Cooper was tried, found guilty, and fined by Dr. L. C. Broek, the Mayor of the town of Smithfield. After your Complainant was advised that the defendant had committed adultery with George Anna Clark, your Complainant refused to co-habit and live with the defendant for a period of about six months, after which time the said defendant, William Cooper, persuaded your Complainant to live again with him as his wife, promising her that he had reformed and from that time on would be a true and dutiful husband, and would provide for her and their children for the remainder of his days; but notwithstanding all of these faithful promises made to your Complainant by the said defendant, on the _____ day of March, 1925, your Complainant found a letter in the said defendant's pocket, addressed to the said defendant, William Cooper, which letter was signed by Edna Taylor, the wife of William Taylor, asking the said defendant to send her Three Dollars

and Fifty (\$3.50) cents, that she wanted to send off a money-order, and that any day the following week she would meet him at her sister's in the town of Smithfield, Virginia, that she would repay him with her person. For which act he was convicted by Dr. L. C. Brock, the Mayor of Smithfield. After the said defendant discovered that the said letter was in the possession of your Complainant the said defendant threatened to cut your Complainant's throat unless she gave him the said letter. Fearing that he would carry out this threat, your Complainant left the said defendant, and went to live with Miller Winfield's wife in the town of Smithfield, Virginia. That on several occasions prior to the separation the said defendant beat your said Complainant, and on one occasion struck her in the face while she was wearing glasses, and cut her face to such an extent that it was necessary for the wound to be sewed up by Dr. Massey.

That during said marriage there has been born to your Complainant and said defendant, two children, Violet, age ____ years, and William age ____ years; that your Complainant further alleges that she has worked and supported these two children most all of their lives, that since the said separation, the said defendant has only given Violet Three (\$3.00) Dollars, and William (\$2.00) Dollars, but has failed to contribute anything towards the support of your Complainant.

That the said defendant, William Cooper, is now employed by Mr. Edd Cornwell, the road man, for the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, and receives Two Dollars and Fifty (\$2.50) cents per day.

That your Complainant and the said defendant are domiciled in, and have been bona fide residents of the State of Virginia, for more than one year, next preceding the institution of this suit, where they now reside, and that your Complainant and defendant last co-habited as man and wife in the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia.

In consideration whereof, and for as much as your Complainant is remediless save in a court of equity, she prays that the said William Cooper, may be made a party defendant to this bill, and be required to answer the same, but not on oath, the same being hereby waived; that he be restrained and enjoined from interfering with or in any way molesting your Complainant and her children who are with her; that your Complainant may be divorced from the said William Cooper, a vinculo matrimonii, on the grounds of cruelty, non support,

desertion and adultery; that he at once, and pending this suit, be compelled to pay such sums of money, as temporary alimony, as may be sufficient for the support of your Complainant and her children, and such other sums of money as may be required to pay the costs of this suit and the fees of counsel proper to be paid to carry on this suit; that he may be compelled to make such permanent provision for the support of your Complainant and her children as may be just and right, and to secure the regular, prompt and safe payment of the same in such way as may to the Court appear to be effectual; and that all such other, further and general relief may be afforded to your Complainant as may be just and right in the premises.

And your Complainant will ever pray, etc.,

C. Fairfield Whitley p.q.
By GG⁺

Gertrude Cooper

Gertrude Cooner, Complainant.

Vs) In Chancery.

William Cooper, Defendant.

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C. Fairfield Whitley, P. q.

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C. F. WHITLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
PHOEBUS, VA.