

1913-004

Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: James Morris vs Millie Morris

Hines, Brewer

CIRCUIT COURT

Second Monday in January, March, May,
July and October

HON. JAMES L. McLEMORE, Judge
GEO. E. BUNTING, Clerk
J. U. BURGESS, Commonwealth's Attorney
ALEX. H. BAKER, Sheriff
C. R. FULGHAM, County Treasurer
LEE BRITT, Commissioner of Accounts

Nansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VA.,

James Morris

Plft.

Vs. In Chancery:

Millie Morris

Deft.

Process issued May 26, 1913. Returnable First Monday : First Rules June 1913.

*June 3, 1913. Process returned & executed, HED filed & decree
made.
Bill taken for confessed & cause set for trial*

J. R. SAUNDERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWER BUILDING
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

To George E. Bunting, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond
County, Virginia.

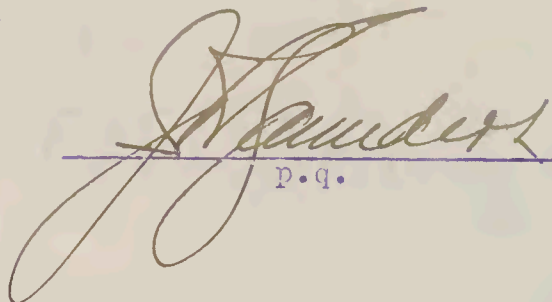
James Morris.....Plaintiff.

VS IN CHANCERY

Millie Morris..... Defendant.

Issue summons (First Rules) first Monday in June,
1913.

Bill for divorce.


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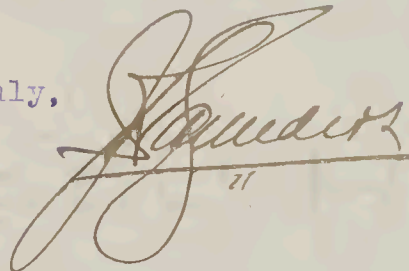
Suffolk, Va., May 24, 1913.

Mr. George E. Bunting, Clerk,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find memorandum for suit in case of
James Morris vs Millie Morris. Please issue papers and
have them served at once, and oblige

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. R. Saunders", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JRS/DS.

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Millie Morris

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 June 1913, to answer a
Bill in Chancery, exhibited against her
in the said Court by James Morris

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, G. E. BUNTING, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 26th day of

May, 1913, in the 137th year of the Commonwealth.

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CLERK.

The entire this 30 day of
May by clerkship of
your copy of the within process
to Miller Morris for
the County of Nansemond
the Clerk of the Court

Original

J.R.Saunders,-----p. q.

James Morris

vs. } In Chancery

Millie Morris

1913-----

First June----- Rules,

-----First----- Monday.

NANSEMOND CIRCUIT COURT.

Process Book No. 3-----

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The depositions of Lewis Hines, John Brewer and James Morris, taken before me, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond in the State of Virginia, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at my office in the city of Suffolk, on the 14th. day of June 1913, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., to be read as evidence in behalf of James Morris in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, wherein James Morris is Plaintiff and Millie Morris is defendant.

Present: J.R. Saunders, Attorney for the Plaintiff.

To Millie Morris.

Take notice that on the 14th day of June, 1913, at the office of Bradford Kilby, Commissioner in Chancery for the County of Nansemond, Virginia, in Suffolk, Virginia, between the hours of Ten o'clock A. M. and Three o'clock P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of John Brewer et als., to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, wherein I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant. And if for any cause the taking of said depositions be commenced and if they be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day or from time to time at the same place and between the same hours until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of May, 1913.

James Morris
By J. L. Saunders atty

Received this 31 day of May
1913 by enclosing a true
copy of the within note to
Mellie Morrison in person
At Baker Street

Lewis Hines, being duly sworn deposes and says:

Q.- Please state your name, age, residence, and occupation and if you know the parties to this suit?

A.- Name Lewis Hines, 41 years old, reside at Beamons, in Nansemond County; farm, and I know the parties to this suit.

Q.- Please state how long you have known James Morris and Millie Morris, and what you know as to whether James Morris left Millie Morris or Millie Morris left James Morris?

A.- I know that Millie Morris left James Morris, and as near as I can get at it, just about five years ago. They were living on the Trotman Farm at the time she left him and she told me that she had left him and that she was not going to have him any more, and that she did not expect to go back to him. She left him in one house on the Trotman Farm and moved to another some distance from him and she didn't go back to him any more. I have known them and seen them very frequently since that time and I know that they have not lived together in five years. She now lives on the Trotman Farm near Beamons and he lives near Suffolk, I have known them about ten years, and seen them very frequently, and I know that they have not lived together since they separated.

Lewis Hines

John Brewer being duly sworn deposes and says:

Q.- Please state your name, age, residence, and occupation and if you know the parties to this suit?

A.- Name John Brewer; 37 years old; live at Beamon's, in Nansemond County; farm and I know the parties to this suit.

Q.- How long have you known James Morris and Millie Morris?

A.- Between nine and ten years.

Q.- Please state whether or not James Morris left Millie Morris or Millie Morris left James Morris?

A.- Millie Morris left James Morris, as near as I can come at it, about five years ago. We were members of the St. Peters Lodge No 46 at the time and we talked to her and tried to get her to go back and live with him, and she said that she would not have him any longer and she did not expect to live with him any more.

They were living on the Trotman Farm at the time and she left him in one house on the Trotman farm and moved to another some distance from him and she didn't go back to him any more. I have been living near there for about 15 years, and see them very frequently, and I know that they have not lived together since that time.

John Brewer,

James Morris, being duly sworn deposes and says:

Q.- Please state your name, age, residence, and occupation and if you know the parties to this suit?

A.- Name James Morris; age, thirty years; reside on the Potter Farm, in Nansemond County, occupation farming, and I am the plaintiff in this suit.

Q.- Please state whether or not you are married to Millie Morris, and if so, when were you married and where?

A.- Yes Sir, but I do not remember exactly when I was married but the record in the County Clerk's Office will show, and I was married here in Suffolk, in Jefferson Holland's house.

Q.- Please state whether or not you left Millie Morris or Millie Morris left you.

A.- Millie left me.

Q.- Please state about when she left you and where you were living at the time?

A.- We were living on the Trotman farm in Nansemond County, and she moved out of the house where I was living and moved into another house on the Trotman Farm. The Trotman farm is a big farm and she moved some distance from me. She left me and said that she would not have me any longer and she did not return to me. I did all I could to get her to come back and live with me, but she would not do so, and she left me about 5 years ago, and we have not lived together since that time. She told me that she would not have ^{me} and that she would not come back.

Witness
J. James

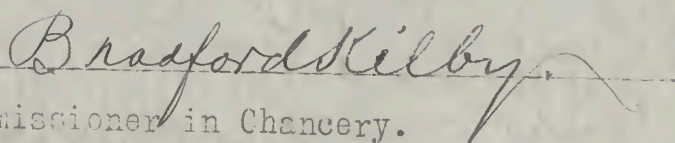
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James X Morris
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Virginia,

County of Nansemond, to-wit:

I, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County in said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of James Morris, Lewis Hines and John Brewer, were duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place, and for the purpose in the caption hereto mentioned.

Given under my hand this 14th. day of June 1913.


Commissioner in Chancery.

Commissioner's fee: \$5.

James Morris

v.

Millie Morris

Depositions,

Filed June 21, 1913 -

S. J. Parker, De.

James Morris,.....Complainant.

VS IN CHANCERY

Millie Morris,.....Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the complainant's bill, and the exhibits filed therewith; and the depositions taken in Suffolk, Virginia, before Bradford Milby, Commissioner in Chancery, and filed on behalf of the complainant: and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, and it appearing to the Court independently of the admissions of either party in the pleading, or otherwise, that the said parties were lawfully married on the 17th day of March, 1902; that since said marriage the said Millie Morris has wilfully abandoned and deserted the said James Morris for a period of more than three years before the commencement of this suit; that both the said James Morris and Millie Morris have resided and been domiciled in this State ever since the aforesaid marriage, and for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit; that the said James Morris and Millie Morris last lived together in the County of Nansemond; the Court doth order and decree that the said James Morris and Millie Morris be divorced from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage; that the said marriage be, and hereby is dissolved and annulled.

And nothing further remaining to be done in this suit, it is further ordered that the same be removed from the docket, but leave is reserved to the parties, or either of them, to make application to this Court for such further orders as are authorized by law.

FINAL DECREE.

Entered the 14 day of
July, 1913.

James S. Moore

Entered in Chancery
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James Morris Complainant.

V

Millie Morris.....Defendant.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia:

Your complainant respectfully represents:

First; that on the 17th day of March, 1902, your complainant, James Morris, was lawfully married at Suffolk, in the County of Nansemond, Virginia, to Millie Morris, as will appear from the certificate of marriage herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part of this bill; and,

Second; that continuously from the date of said marriage until some time during the year of 1907, your complainant and the said Millie Morris lived together as husband and wife, in Nansemond County, Virginia; and,

Third; that the said Millie Morris has wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years, that is to say on the _____ day of _____, 1907 the said Millie Morris did voluntarily, wilfully, and without any justification whatever, leave her home; that immediately before leaving she stated to your complainant that she was going to leave him forever and that she would never return to him; and that she never has returned to him, nor have they lived together since the year 1907; and,

Fourth; that your complainant has resided and been domiciled in this state ever since the aforesaid marriage, and for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit, and is now domiciled and now resides in this state; and,

Fifth; that your complainant last lived ^{and cohabited} with the said Millie Morris at *Beamons* in the County of Nansemond, Virginia;

In consideration whereof and forasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in the Court of Equity, your com-

plainant prays that the said Millie Morris may be made a party defendant to this bill, and be required, but not under oath, to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that the proper process may be issued; that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage may be decreed him; and that your complainant may have all such other and further and general relief in the premises as the nature of the case may require and to equity shall seem meet.

his
James X Morris
not

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF NORTHEMPTON, to-wit:-

I, H. E. Evers, a Notary Public of and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that James Morris, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing personally appeared before me and made oath that he signed said writing and that the statements therein contained are true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of June, 1913.

My commission expires on the 1st day of August, 1915.

H. E. Evers
Notary Public.

Filed June 2, 1913
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J. R. SAUNDERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

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J. R. Saunders, Jr.

James Morris
B. Co. Chancery
Miller Morris

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Final Record