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Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Alice Jordan vs Thomas Jordan

Arnold, Hines, White, Marshall, Hatcher

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- 1 marriage license (exhibit A)

HUGH L. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BARBEE BUILDING
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA.

October 24th., 1913.

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

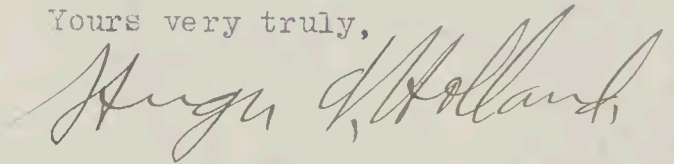
Dear Sir:-

IN RE. ALICE JORDAN VS. THOMAS JORDAN.

I send you enclosed memorandum in this suit,
and my check for \$7.50 to pay writ tax and deposit.

The defendant lives on East Washington Street
in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, and you will therefore
please direct your summons to the Sergeant of the City
of Suffolk,

Yours very truly,



HLH/H-

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

To George E. Bunting, Clerk of Said Court:

Alice Jordan, Complainant.

VS. IN CHANCERY

Thomas Jordan, Defendant.

Please summon defendant to Second November
1913 Rules to answer bill in Chancery by Complainant.

Hugh H. Holladay p.q.

Clerk's Notes.

Process issued Oct. 28, 1913; returnable to 2nd, Nov. Rules, third Monday
1913.

*Nov. 17, 1913, 2nd. Nov. Rules. Process returned
executed, bill filed and decree nisi.*

*Dec. 1, 1913, 1st. Dec. Rules, decree nisi confirmed &
Cause set for hearing.*

Intro. & Pub. Notes

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Sergeant of the City of Suffolk,
TO THE ~~SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY~~ Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Thomas Jordan,

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 November 1913, to answer a
Bill in Chancery, exhibited against him
in the said Court by Alice Jordan,

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, G. E. BUNTING, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 28th day of
October, 1913, in the 138th year of the Commonwealth.

~~A copy Teste:~~

CLERK.

Teste:

G. E. Bunting, CLERK.

I have on this 29th Day Oct 1913
served & executed the within summons
by delivering a true copy thereof in writing
to Thomas Jordan in person in the city of
Sussex N^o.

W. D. Drury
City Surgt & Surfact N^o.

ORIGINAL

Hugh L. Holland, ----- P. q.

Alice Jordan, -----

vs. }

In Chancery

Thomas Jordan. -----

1913 -----

November ----- Rules,

Third ----- Monday.

NANSEMOND CIRCUIT COURT.

Process Book No. 3 -----

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The depositions of Martha J. Hines and others, taken before me, Bradford Kilby, a commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond in the State of Virginia, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at my office, in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, on the 27th. day of February, 1914, and between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., to be read as evidence on behalf of Alice Jordan in a certain suit in equity depending in the said Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, wherein Thomas Jordan is defendant and Alice Jordan is plaintiff.

Present. Hugh L. Holland, Attorney for plaintiff.

No attorney for defendant.

To Thomas Jordan:

Take notice that on the 27th., day of February 1914, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., of that day, at the office of Bradford Kilby, on Washington Square Suffolk, Va ., I shall proceed to take the deposition of John L. White and others to be read as evidence on my behalf, in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court of Hansemond County, wherein I am plaintiff, and you are defendant; and if from any cause the taking of the depositions be not commenced, or, if commenced, be not concluded, on that day the taking thereof will be adjourned from day to day, at same place and between the same hours, until same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this the 19th., day of February 1914.

Alice Jordan
by *Wm. W. Holland.*

I have on this 19th Day February 1914
received and executed the within
notice by delivering a true
copy in writing to Thomas Jordan
no person in the city of Suffolk Va

Wm. B. Smith
(atty at law)

original
alice Jordan
Thomas Jordan

Martha J. ~~H~~ines being duly sworn deposes as follows;

Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

A. My name is Martha J. Hines, I am 38 years old, live in Suffolk, Virginia, I am a housekeeper and I know the parties to this suit.

Q. How long have you been knowing Alice Jordan and Thomas Jordan?

A. I have been knowing them all of their lives when they were children, all the time.

Q. Do you know about when they got married?

A. Yes sir, I do not think I can give you the exact date but I think Mr. White can. I know when they were married but do not remember the exact date.

Q. Please state what you know of their married life and what opportunity you had for knowing this?

A. I saw them very often, they lived with my mother at the time and I was there very often. They did not live very good together, he did not support her at all. He left her and she has never bothered him for anything since.

Q. What kind of a wife did she make?

A. She made a good wife so far as I know.

Q. Was she faithful and dutiful to him?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know when he left her?

A. He left her in October which has been about ten years ago.

Q. Do you know of any cause that he had for leaving her?

A. No sir. He had no cause so far as I know.

Q. What kind of a man is Thomas Jordan?

A. He did not work then I do not know what he does now.

Q. Where did they last live as man and wife?

A. In Jerico, Hansemond County, Virginia on Third Street.

Q. How long has Alice Jordan been living in Virginia?

A. All her life.

Q. Where does Thomas Jordan live now?

A. He stays here in Town somewhere.

Martha L. Hines

JOHN L. WHITE, being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. State your name, age, residence, occupation, and do you know the parties to this suit?

A. My name is John L. White, I am forty (40) years old, I am a fish dealer and reside in the City of Suffolk. I do know the parties to this suit and have been knowing them all their lives.

Q. Do you know when they got married?

A. I do not remember just the date when they were married but I got the marriage license for them and saw them married.

Q. Are they now separated and if so how long have they been separated?

A. Yes sir they are separated and have been separated for about ten years.

Q. Which one left the other Thomas Jordan or Alice Jordan?

A. Thomas Jordan left Alice Jordan.

Q. Please state what you know of their married life?

A. During the time they stayed together, I had some cause to know, I was a fish dealer and have been there at least two or three times a week and I never saw anything to cause him to desert her and I furnished them fish from time to time and I had cause to go there very often and so far as I know I never saw anything to cause him to desert her.

Q. Did she make him a good wife?

A. She made him an all right wife so far as I was able to see.

Q. Has he supported her since he left her, and did he take care of her while they were living together?

A. He worked very little before he left her. He was not a character to depend on for a living and for about ten

years he has not supported her and she is living with her sister on Colloden Street in the City of Suffolk, Virginia.

Q. How long has she been in Virginia?

A. She has been in Virginia all her life.

Q. Where were they living together at the time Thomas Jordan left?

A. Living in Jerico on Third Street in Nansemond County.

Q. How many children have they got?

A. Three children.

Q. Give their names and ages?

A. The oldest is named Robert Jordan about 15 years of age, Walter Jordan about 12 years of age and Hetty Jordan she is about ten (10) years of age.

Q. Are both parties living in Virginia and and both living in Suffolk are they not?

A.

Yes sir.

John L. White

Sarah P. Marshal, being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. State yourname, age residence, occupation, and do you know the parties to this suit?

A. My name is Sarah P. Marshall, I am 48 years of age, I am a housekeeper and reside in the City of Suffolk, I do know the parties to this suit, and I knew them when children.

Q. Please state what you know of their married life.

A. Well the most I know of their married life he did not work and take care of her he did not seem to be a man of that kind.

Q. Is he living with her now?

A. No sir.

Q. Which one left the other?

A. He left her.

Q. When did he leave her.

A. I guess it has been ten years ago so far as I can recall.

Q. Have they lived together since that time?

A. No sir.

Q. What kind of a wife did she make him?

A. All right so far as I know.

Q. About how often did you see them while they were living together?

A. Very often they came down our street and I saw them often I used to go there once a month or more of course I could not see them every day.

Q. Where were they living at the time they separated?

A. In Jerico, Nansemond County Virginia.

Q. How long had both been living in Virginia?

A. All their lives they were born here.

Q.

Sarah P. Marshall

Lucy Hatcher being duly sworn deposes as follows:

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

A. My name is Lucy Hatcher, I am 35 years of age, I live in Suffolk, I am a housekeeper and I know the parties of this suit and have known them all of my life.

Q. What do you know of their married life?

A. I know when they were married and I know he did not support her.

Q. About how long were they married?

A. They were married about sixteen (16) years ago.

Q. What kind of wife did she make him?

A. So far as I know she made him a good wife.

Q. Was she unfaithful to him in any way?

A. No sir not that I know of.

Q. Which left the other?

A. He left her.

Q. Did he have any cause to leave her as far as you know?

A. No not that I know of.

Q. About how long has he been left her?

A. About ten years.

Q. What kind of a husband did he make her?

A. He was not a very good husband did not take care of her.

Q. How many children have they got?

A. They have three children Walter, Robert and Hetty Jordan.

Q. Who takes care of these children?

A. She takes care of them.

Q. Where were they living at the time they separated?

A. In Jerico, Nansemond County, Virginia.

Q. Where do the parties live at now?

A. I do not know where Thomas Jordan lives but both live in Suffolk, Va.

Q. How long have they been living in Virginia?

A. All of their lives both were born here.

Lucy. Hawker

Virginia,

County of Nansemond, to-wit:

I, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Martha J. Hines, John L. White, Sarah P. Marshall, and Lucy Hatcher, 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 27th. day of February 1914.

Bradford Kilby
Commissioner in Chancery.

Com's fee. \$5.00

Alice Jordan
v. } In chancery
Thomas Jordan

Depositions.

VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND

March _____ 1914.

Alice Jordan,

Vs.

Thomas Jordan.

This cause, in which the defendant, who is a resident of the City of Suffolk, has been duly served with process, came on this day to be heard on the bill, the exhibit therewith, and the depositions of witnesses taken, after due notice to the defendant, as required by law, and the defendant still failing to appear plead, answer or demur and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing to the court from the evidence that the said defendant, Thomas Jordan, has wilfully deserted the plaintiff for more than three (3) years, that the plaintiff and defendant last cohabited in the County of Nansemond; that the plaintiff is a resident of the State of Virginia and has been domiciled in said state for more than twelve months next preceding the commencement of this suit; the Court ^{doth} adjudge, order and decrees that the plaintiff be and is hereby awarded ^{advice} a vinculo matrimonii from the said defendant, and that the marriage heretofore solemnized between the said plaintiff, Alice Jordan, and the said defendant Thomas Jordan, be, and the same is hereby dissolved.

It appearing that there is nothing further remaining to be done in this cause it is ordered that the same be, and is, dismissed and stricken from the docket.

1914 March ^{21st} ~~18th~~

Mtr

Jas W. L. Moore

Entered in Chancery
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Alice Jordan,

VS.

BILL

Thomas Jordan.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Hansemond County:

Your complainant Alice Jordan respectfully

represents:

(1) That on the 14th day of March 1898, your complainant, whose maiden name was Alice Arnold, was lawfully married in Jericho, a suburb of the City of Suffolk, in the County of Hansemond, Virginia, to Thomas Jordan, as will appear from a certificate of marriage, a certified copy of which is herewith filed marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this bill: and,

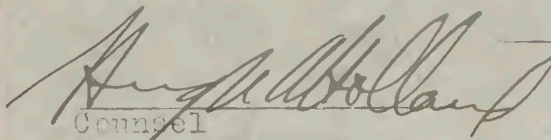
(2) That continuously from the date of said marriage until the 30th day of October, 1903, your complainant and the said Thomas Jordan lived together as husband and wife in Jericho in Hansemond County, Virginia: and,

(3) That the said Thomas Jordan has wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years: that is to say, on the day of October, 1903, the said Thomas Jordan, did, voluntarily, wilfully and without any justification whatever, leave his home; that immediately before leaving he stated to your complainant that he was going to leave her forever and that he would never return to her; that three children were born of this marriage, namely Robert Jordan who is fifteen (15) years of age, Walter Jordan, who is twelve (12) years of age and Hetty Jordan, who is nine (9) years of age; that the said Thomas Jordan has not contributed to the support of his wife or children since the date on which he deserted them: and,

(4) That your complainant has resided and has been domiciled in this state ever since the aforesaid marriage and for more than one year next preseding the commencement of this suit and is domiciled and now resides in this state: and,

(5) That your complainant last cohabited with the said Thomas Jordan in Jericho in the County of Hansemond Virginia:

In consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a Court of equity your complainant prays that the said Thomas Jordan may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required, but not on oath to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that proper process may be issued, that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed her; and that your complainant may have all such further, and other and general relief as the nature of her case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

 Alice Jordan
Counsel Complainant.

State of Virginia.

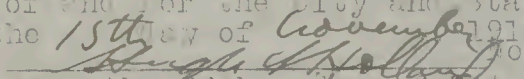
City of Suffolk:to-wit:-

Alice Jordan, the complainant named in the foregoing bill, being duly sworn says that the facts and allegations therein contained are true except so far as they are therein stated to be on information and that so far as there are therein stated to be on information she believes them to be true.

Alice Jordan Complainant.

Taken, sworn, to and subscribed before me, Hugh E.

Holland, a Notary Public of and for the City and State aforesaid, in my City aforesaid on the 15th day of November 1913.

 Notary Public.
My commissions expire on the 16th., day of October 1916.

Alice Jordan,
VS. IN CHANCERY.
Thomas Jordan.

BILL.

Filed Nov. 12, 1913.
L. E. Bunting
P. Clerk.

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Night to Holland, P. G.

April 250 Paid

Alice Jordan

15 In Charge

Thomas Jordan

Final Decease entered
March 21, 1914

For the
Board

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia, *Lansdowne* 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,

Thomas Jordan
and *Alice Arnold*

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the *County* Court
of *Said County* this *10th* day of *March* 18*98*
R. R. Smith Clerk.

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 3, 1900.

Time of Marriage, *1898 March 10th*

Place of Marriage, *Suffolk, Va.*

Full Names of Parties Married, *Thomas Jordan*
and *Alice Arnold*

Color, *Colored*

Age of Husband, *31 years*

Age of Wife, *18 years*

Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) *single*

Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) *single*

Place of Husband's Birth, *Suffolk, Va.*

Place of Wife's Birth, *Southampton Co. Va.*

Place of Husband's Residence, *Suffolk, Va.*

Place of Wife's Residence, *Suffolk, Va.*

Names of Husband's Parents, *Jeffrey Jordan*
and *Anne his wife*

Names of Wife's Parents, *Edward Arnold*
and *Amanda his wife*

Occupation of Husband, *Barber*

Given under my hand this *10th* day of *March* 18*98*
R. R. Smith, Clerk.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, *St. W. Garrison*, That on *the 10th day of March 1898*
~~Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the~~
~~19~~, at *Suffolk, Lansdowne Co. Va.* under authority of the above
License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

~~Given under my hand this~~ day of ~~19~~

St. W. Garrison

The Minister celebrating a marriage is required, within ~~two months~~ *ten days* 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.

A copy, Vests: L. E. Remington, Clerk.

Thomas Jordan
With } Certificate
 } of
 } Marriage
Alice Arnold

1898
March 10th.

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