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Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Tom Lee vs Bessie Lee

Williams, Lloyd

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George E. Bunting, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hansemond County,
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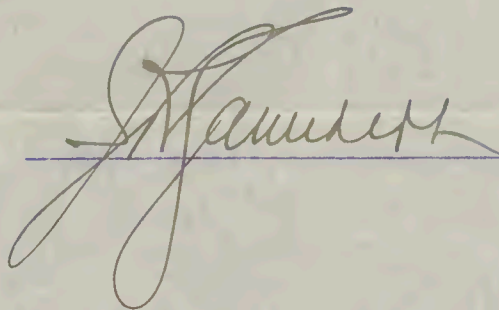
Tom Lee,.....Complainant.

VS. IN CHANCERY

Bessie Lee,.....Defendant.

Issue summons First Rules (First Monday) in March,
1914.

Suit for divorce.

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p.q.

Thru,

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *Bessie Ree*

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 *21st* Monday in *March*, to answer *a* Bill in
Chancery, exhibited against *her*
in the said Court by *Tom Ree*

And have then and there this summons.

Witness. G. E. Bunting, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *20th* day of
February, 19*14*, in the 13. *8* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

G. E. Bunting, Clerk.

G. E. Bunting, Clerk.

Executed this 28th day of July, 1914, by delivering a true copy of the within process to Bessie Lee Anderson in the

County of Nansmond

in person, in the County of Nansmond, State of Virginia.

A. H. Parker
By G. E. Jordan Deput, Sheriff.

J. P. Saunders, p. q.
Tom Lee

vs. } In Chancery.

Bessie Lee

1914...
March Rules.
First Monday.

NANSEMOND COUNTY COURT,

Process Book, No. 3...

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To Bessie Lee:

Take notice that on the 10th day of March, 1914,
at the office of John F. Pinner, in Suffolk, Virginia, be-
tween 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 ~~Rich~~ ^{Boyle}
~~Allen~~, and others, to be read in evidence in my behalf in a
certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nan-
semond County, Virginia, wherein I am the plaintiff, and you
are the defendant. And if for any reason the taking of said
depositions be not commenced, or if commenced and be not con-
cluded on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from
day to day, or from time, at the same place and between the
same hours until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this the 23^d day of February,
1914.

~~John Lee~~
John Lee by
J. R. Anderson his atty. p. q.

Original

Executed this 28th
day of Feb. 1914
by delivering a true
copy of the within
process to
Bessie Lee in
person in the County
of Nassau, State of
Virginia

J. H. Badger Sheriff
By J. E. Jordan Deputy

VIRGINIA.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Tom Lee -----	Plaintiff)	
vs.	IN CHANCERY)	DEPOSITIONS.
Bessie Lee -----	Defendnat)	

The depositions of W. H. Lloyd and others taken before me, John F. Pinner, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, on ~~Monday~~ ^{Tuesday} the ~~10th~~ ^{10th} day of March, 1914, in pursuance of the annexed notice, at the office of John F. Pinner, in the City of Suffolk, State of Virginia, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. to be read in evidence in a suit in chancery in which Tom Lee is plaintiff, and Bessie Lee is defendant, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in the State of Virginia.

Present: J. R. Saunders, Counsel for the plaintiff.

No counsel for the defendant.

Examination of all witness by Mr. Saunders.

W. H. Lloyd being duly sworn deposes and says:

Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation and if you know Tom Lee and Bessie Lee.

A. W. H. Lloyd, 25 years, Drivers, Virginia. I know Bessie Lee and Tom Lee.

Q. Are Bessie Lee and Tome Lee now living together.

A. No, sir.

Q. How long have they been living apart.

A. They parted in 1909.

Q. Did Tom Lee leave Bessie Lee or did Bessie Lee leave Tom Lee.

A. Bessie Lee left Tom Lee. She moved out of his house.

Q. How near were you living to them at that time and about how often did you see them.

A. I lived on the same farm and I saw them every week.

Q. Do you feel positive that Bessie Lee left Tom Lee.

A. I am positive that Bessie Lee left Tom Lee.

Q. Since that time have they lived together.

A. No, sir.

Q. How often have you seen Tom Lee since that time, and do you think you would have known it had Tom Lee and Bessie Lee lived together.

A. I see Tom Lee every week and I would have known it.

Q. Have you ever heard Bessie Lee say whether or not she would return to Tom Lee.

A. I have heard her say that she would never live with him any more.

~~And further this deponent saith not.~~

Q. Do you know of any reason that Tom Lee's wife had for leaving him.

A. No, sir.

And further this deponent saith not.

W. H. ^{his} Lloyd
mark

Witness:

Lon G. Layton.

H. B. Lloyd being duly sworn deposes and says:

- Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation and if you know Tom Lee and Bessie Lee.
- A. H. B. Lee, 49 years, Drivers, Virginia, farmer. I know Bessie Lee and Tom Lee.
- Q. Do you know Tom Lee and Bessie Lee, and if so, how long have you known them.
- A. I have been knowing Bessie Lee nine or ten years and have been knowing Tom Lee ever since he was a boy.
- Q. Are they now living together.
- A. No.
- Q. How long have they been separated.
- A. I do not know exactly, three, four or five years.
- Q. As much as four years.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did Bessie Lee leave Tom Lee or did Tom Lee leave Bessie Lee.
- A. Bessie Lee left Tom Lee, she moved out of his house.
- Q. Since the time Bessie Lee left Tom Lee, have they ever lived together.
- A. No, they have not.
- Q. How near have you been living to them and do you think you would have known it had they lived together since that time.
- A. I live on the same farm. They have not lived together since then. She told me about four weeks ago that she never expected to stay with him any more.
- Q. Do you know of any reason that Tom Lee's wife had for leaving him.
- A. No, sir.

And further this deponent saith not.

H. B. Lloyd

C. P. Lloyd being duly sworn deposes and says:

- Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation, and do you know Tom Lee and Bessie Lee.
- A. C. P. Lloyd, 28, residence Drivers, Virginia, farming. I know Bessie Lee and Tom Lee.
- Q. How long have you known Bessie Lee and Tom Lee, and are they now living together.
- A. I have known Bessie Lee about 12 years, and have known Tom Lee since he was a boy.
- Q. How long have they been living apart, and did Tom Lee leave Bessie Lee or did Bessie Lee leave Tom Lee.
- A. They have been living apart about 4 years. Bessie Lee deserted Tom Lee. She moved out of his house and left him.
- Q. Since that time have they ever lived together.
- A. No, sir, they have not lived together.
- Q. How often have you seen Tom Lee since then and do you think you would have known it had they lived together.
- A. I see them about three times a week and he does not stay with her.
- Q. Have you ever heard her say whether or not she would or would not return to him.
- A. I have heard her say that she would not return to him any more. I heard her say this about 3 weeks after she left him.
- Q. About when did she leave him.
- A. She left him in 1909.
- Q. Are you positive that she had been away from him as much as three years or over.
- A. As much as three years or I would say four years.
- Q. Do you know of any reason that Tom Lee's wife had for leaving him.
- A. No, sir.

And further this deponent saith not.

C. P. Lloyd

Tom Lee being duly sworn deposes and says:

- Q. State your name, age, residence and occupation and if you are plaintiff in this suit.
- A. Tom Lee, 27 years, Drivers, Virginia, farmer, and I am the plaintiff in this suit.
- Q. Please state whether you and your wife are now living together and the circumstances as best you can surrounding the desertion.
- A. She left me in 1909 in November, I don't know exactly what date. She and I could not get along and she left me, and said she was not coming back any more. She has never come back.
- Q. Since that time have you ever lived with your wife.
- A. No, sir, she has not.
- Q. Tom, did you give her any reason to leave you, or did she leave of her own accord.
- A. She left of her own accord.
- Q. Did you do everything you could and treat her as a man ought to treat his wife.
- A. I did everything that I could but she left me.

And further this deponent saith not.

Tom ^{his} X Lee
mark

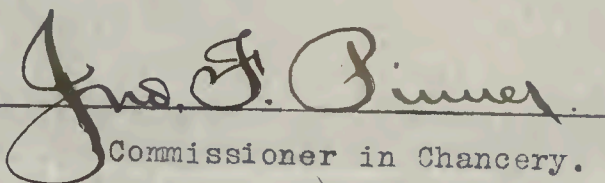
Witness:

Lon G. Layton.

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
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CITY OF SUFFOLK) TO-WIT:
)
COUNTY OF NANSEMOND)

I, John F. Pinner, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, In the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions were duly taken, reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses, respectively, before me, at the place and the time therein mentioned, pursuant to the annexed notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand at Suffolk aforesaid this 23rd day of March, 1914.


Commissioner in Chancery.

DEPOSITIONS.

Tom Lee

vs. IN CHANCERY

Bessie Lee

Filed 4-16, 1914
U. G. Pinner
J. F. Pinner

JOHN F. PINNER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
SUFFOLK, - VIRGINIA.

ALVAN BUSHNELL CO., LAW STATIONERS, PHILA.

Tom Lee,.....Complainant.

VS IN CHANCERY

Bessie Lee,.....Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the complainant's bill, and the exhibits filed therewith, and the depositions taken before John F. Pinner, 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 pleadings or otherwise, that the said parties were lawfully married on the 24th day of April, 1907; that both the said Tom Lee and Bessie Lee 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 Tom Lee and Bessie Lee last lived together as husband and wife in the County of Nansemond, Virginia, *and that the defendant deserted and abandoned the plaintiff more than three years before the commencement of this suit*

The court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Tom Lee and Bessie Lee be divorced from the bonds of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage, and that the said marriage be, and the same 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.

Tom Lee

VS IN CHANCERY

Bessie Lee

Entered May 16, 1914.

As S. Moore

Entered in Chancery
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Tom Lee,.....Complainant.

VS. IN CHANCERY

Bessie Lee,.....Defendant.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY,
VIRGINIA.

Your Complainant, Tom Lee, respectfully represents:

First; that on the _____ day of _____, 1907,
your complainant was lawfully married in Nansemond County, Vir-
ginia, to Bessie Lee, as will appear from a 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 the _____ day of November, 1909, your complainant and the
said Bessie Lee lived together as husband and wife, at Drivers,
Nansemond County, Virginia; and,

Third; that the said Bessie Lee has wilfully deserted
and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three (3)
years, that is to say, that on the _____ day of November, 1909, the
said Bessie Lee did voluntarily, wilfully, and without any justi-
fication whatever, leave her home; that immediately before leav-
ing she stated to your complainant that she was going to leave
him forever and that she would never return to him; that she did
leave him, and has never returned to him, and,

Fourth; that your complainant has resided and been dom-
iciled in this State ever since the aforesaid marriage, and for
more than one (1) year, next preceding the commencement of this
suit, and is now domiciled and resides in this State; and,

Fifth; that your complainant last lived with the said
Bessie Lee, as husband and wife at Drivers, in the County of Nan-

semond, Virginia.

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

Wm. H. Butler

^{his}
Tom x Lee
mark

Complainant.

J. H. Haines

P. q.

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF HANSPHOND, TO-WIT:-

I, J. H. Haines a Notary Public of and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Tom Lee personally appeared before me and made oath that he signed the foregoing writing, and that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

My commission expires on the 22^d day of October, 1917.

Given under my hand this the 18th day of February, 1914.

J. H. Haines
Notary Public.

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Filed March 3, 1914
H. E. R. M. S.
C. R. K.

J. R. SAUNDERS
Attorney at Law
Pinner Building
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY, MARCH, MAY,
JULY AND OCTOBER

HON. JAMES L. McLEMORE, JUDGE
GEO. E. BUNTING, CLERK
S. E. EVERETT, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
ALEX. H. BAKER, SHERIFF
C. R. FULGHAM, COUNTY TREASURER
LEE BRITT, COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS

Hansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VA.,

Rule Notes:

Turn Rrr

VS. In Chambers

Bessie Rrr

*Oct. 30, 1914. Process issued returnable to
March Rule, Dist Monday 1914.*

*Mar. Rule 1st Monday; Process returned & executed
Bill filed & decree nisi.*

*Mar. Rule, 3rd. Monday 1914 decree nisi
confirmed & cause set for trial.*

Pink Notes.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia, Nansemond 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 Lee

and Bessie Williams

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County this 24th day of April, 1907.

A.P. Gomer, D.C.

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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, 1907-April 24th	Place of Husband's Birth, Tarboro, N.C.
Place of Marriage, Nansemond Co., Va.	Place of Wife's Birth, Nansemond Co., Va.
Full Names of Parties Married, Thomas Lee and Bessie Williams	Place of Husband's Residence, Nansemond Co., Va.
Color, Colored	Place of Wife's Residence, Nansemond Co., Va.
Age of Husband, 24 years	Names of Husband's Parents, Jordan Lee and Rosalia, his wife
Age of Wife, 20 years	Names of Wife's Parents, Eli Williams and Maria, his wife
Condition of Husband (widowed or single or divorced) Single	Occupation of Husband, Laborer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single or divorced) Single	

Given under my hand this 24th day of April, 1907
A.P. Gomer, D.C. ~~XXXXXX~~

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage.

I, _____, a _____ of the _____ Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 24 day of April 1907, at my house, under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.

Given under my hand this 24 day of April, 1907.

A COPY, -Teste: G.E. Bunting, Clerk.

N.S. Martin.

BY S. J. Parker D.C.

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.

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Thomas Lee

With(Certificate of
(Marriage

Bessie Williams.

1907

April 24th.

-A COPY-