

father and mother to our marriage and they gave their consent, he came that day about 9 o'clock in the morning spent the day taking

dinner with us and left at about 4 o'clock in the evening. *He return*
when he left on Tuesday he made an engagement to enter on the following Sunday.
ed to our house the following Saturday. *He* came in the morning and

spent the day, and left late that evening, on this visit we discussed
and spoke of our future plans and business.
our marriage and *he* again said that he did not want any long engag

ment and told me if Mr. Sullivan or Mrs. Pointer came to see me and talk about the matter for me not to say any thing at all he

said that his people didnt want him to marry as they wanted all
he wanted
of his property when he died. He said on this last visit, to see if

I had weakened any, on this visit he asked me to kiss him, which I
at first refused to do but finally consented and did kiss him.

He said as a girl was engaged to a man and died before she would

It was agreed between us that we were to be married at the

house of My brother James Odill who lived in Nashville, and that I was to go there on the following Monday and while in Nashville I

was to get my bridal outfit and that he was to visit me while I
He said he would not marry there because his family would do for
was in Nashville. *his marriage.* This last visit of Mr. Brown was on Saturday

about the 6th of January 1894, on the next day Sunday morning Mrs.

Pointer and Mr. John S. Brown the brother and sister of the defend-
ant came to our house and called for me and my mother. ~~My~~ mother and

myself went into the parlor and saw Mrs. Pointer and Mr. John

Brown and Mrs. Pointer had a bible in her hand and said that her
brother William Hugh Brown had asked her to come and submit some

passages of scripture to her but ~~she~~ Mrs. Pointer did not read the
passages of scripture nor did she or her mother do so, Mrs. Pointer

said that their pastor Mr. Sullivan thought it was very ~~strong~~ *and sinful*
~~for~~

the defendnat to marry while he had a living wife and she said

further that her brothers wife Mrs. Laura Brown was in very delicate
health and had the consumption and the dropsy and would not live very

long, Mrs Pointer said that she had no objection to her brother

Marrying me were it not for the fact that he had a divorced wife ~~if~~
then living, but that if I would wait until that wife was dead thing

never go back on him
his marriage.

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would be all right that his divorced wife was in delicate health and could not live long and that when she died she Mrs. Pointer, Mrs Pointer said she thought it was a compliment to both of us that we had fallen in love with each other would be perfectly willing for her brother to marry me I said I

would like to see the defendnat then his brother John S. Brown said he would go after him and Mr. John Brown then went out and got in his vehicle in which he and Mrs. Pointer had come to our house and drove off to Spring Hill about two miles distant and in about an hour Mr. William Hugh Brown came.

When Mr. Hugh Brown got to our house my father had gone to church and Mr. Brown came into the parlor where myself my mother and Mrs. Pointer were, he came in and sat down and put his face down into his hands and looked into the fire for some time and nothing was said, for some lenght of time and then Mr. Brown said that he wanted to have a private interview with me, and thereupon we both left the parlor levaing my mother and Mrs. Pointer in the parlor and we walked across the hall into another room (I closed the parlor door as I left and) I (also) colsed the door of the room into which Mr. Brown and I went, when we got into the room Mr. Brown said that if I was willing we would postpone our marriage until after the death of his divorced wife Mrs. Laura Brown, that she was in very delicate health and could not live long and that it would

be better for us to wait until her death and we would then get married I agreed to this and it was then agreed between us that we would postpone our marriage until the death of Mrs. Laura brown and that just as soon as she died we would then get married.

Mr. Brown offered me some money with which to buy a ring and also wanted to give me the money to pay my expenses I at first declined to receive it but finally accepted it, which was to Nashville which last I declined but accepted the money for the my five dollars At his request that I take it to Nashville and buy a ring with it. Mr. Brown and I then left the room and went back

into the parlor where Mrs. Pointer and My mother were, and then Mr. Brown and Mrs Pointer left, Mrs. Pointer kissing me as she left.

I went to Nashville the next morning to my brothers and while I was in Nashville I wnet with my brother's wife and bought the ring

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with the money which Mr. Brown had given me, the witness here produced ^{and stated that it had been accidentally knocked off of the mantle piece} ~~into~~ ^{the fire which accounts for its defunct condition & that she searched it out of the} ~~the~~ ring and showed it to the jury, the witness further stated

that while she was in Nashville in her brothers house she wrote to the defendnat a letter in very tender and loving terms and stated to him that she was not happy or satisfied and intended to return to Spring Hill, this letter was in very affectionate terms and contained words of tender endearment such as a woman would write to a man to whom she was engaged to be married, in this letter I asked the defendnat to destroy this letter, ~~or to return it to me~~

The reason I did this was that I did not want any one to see it. ^{In this letter I spoke of the ring and told him that I had bought} Mr. Brown answered my letter very promptly and returned the letter ^{he said that I ought know that it was safe.} which I had written to him

In his letter to me he said there was no reason why I should blame myself for any thing and that he was the only one that was to blame for the ~~shape~~ ^{shape} into which the matters were gotten and that we would wait Gods own good time and we would ^{He referred to the ring and was glad I had bought it and also again} yet be happy. I showed to my brother Rush Odill who was also living in Nashville both of these letters that is the one that I had written to Mr. Brown and his reply to it, and after my brother had read the two letters, I put them in the fire and burned them.

I remained in Nashville nearly a week and then came home, Mr. Brown never came to our house again but I met him frequently ^{at Sunday school and a prayer meeting} at church and in the village of Spring Hill on the ^{since my brother had two years over another time and I frequently met her} public highways, and we had frequent conversations together, on one occasion my sister Miss Rose Odill and myself drove down to the railroad station near spring Hill about ^{18 months} ~~two weeks~~ after my return from Nashville and while we were there we saw the defendant Mr. Brown, who was looking after the shipping of some wheat, while my sister and myself sitting in the carriage Mr. Brown came up and got into the carriage with us and I asked him why he looked so bad, and he said he was perfectly miserable and I then asked him why he did not travel and he said that he did not want to spend his money, as he was saving it for me, this was about 18 months after I had first agreed to marry him.

referred to Mrs. Brown's law state of health.
from her first time

Who is still living

Mr. William Hugh Brown is now married, ~~he~~ married Miss Dora Bunch about December 20. 1897, the first information I had of his marriage was from my father he had been to Nashville that day and got the information from the daily paper that Mr. Brown had been married to Miss Dora Bunch the day before, and when he came home that evening he told us of the marriage and this was the first information I

had of it. *With the...*
... young man and
did not go in...
went to Mr. Brown...
Miss Dora Bunch...
... to Harry...
... show down
... and herself has no conscien-
tious scruples about marrying her
while his divorced wife was living

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Cross examination-- The first time Mr. Brown ever visited our house was on the last Sunday in 1893, we had a dining that day and Mr. John S. Brown and Mr. Pink Caperton, and some others were invited to take dinner with us, Mr. Hugh Brown came there but had not been invited to come, he did not have an opportunity that day to talk with me but just before he left he told me he was coming back Tuesday and that he wanted to see me specially, and he did come back on Tuesday, and he and I were in the parlor nearly all day together and he asked me to marry him and I agreed to do so, and we agreed to marry at My brothers in Nashville on the 18th day of January 1894 he asked me not to say any thing about it, after my return from Nashville he never visited me again but I saw him at church, and met him on the road as we would accidentally meet passin to and from Spring Hill, he owned a farm about three miles from Spring Hill and went to his farm very frequently, and in going to his farm he passed by our house but our house was about half a mile from the pike, he boarded at Mrs. Pointers his sister a good deal of the time and Mrs. Pointers house was about one mile from Spring Hill and I frequently saw him as he was going to or from Mrs. Pointers house, until Tuesday 2nd day of January 1894 ~~he~~ Mr. Brown had never made love to me in any way but he had helped me out of the carriage at church and his manner towards me led me to think that he was in love with me, after the time I had agreed to marry him and after my return from Nashville, from the visit referred to he always helped me out of the carriage at church and some time gave me wax and bananas although the subject of our marriage was never mentioned between us after the Sunday that Mrs. Pointer and Mr. John S. Brown and the defendnat were at our house, as before related, but Mr. Brown was always very attentive to me, whenever he met me at church or on the public road, and he kept this up until about the time of his marriage with Miss Dora Bunch, ~~he never~~

Next witness for plaintiff F.K.Odill--tetified as follows,

I am the father of the plaintiff and she lives with me ,we liv about two miles from Spring Hill,I have known the defendant W.

Hugh Brown for about forty years he has lived in the Spring Hill neighborhood nearly all of his life, I am sorter of a farmer, and s

some time engage in the butchers business, on Tuesday 2nd day of January 1894 the defendnat came to my house at about nine oclock

in the morning, and took dinner ~~there~~ there and left at about four oclock in the evening, before he left he sent for me and I went

into the parlor to see him and he told me that he and my daughter Alberta had agreed to marry on the 18th day of the month and he ask

ed my consent to their marriage which I gave but told him that they *that his people would raise objections, that I did not want him to hurt my daughters heart* ought not to be hasty about the matter (I told him he was a great

deal older than my daughter but he said my old man made a better husband than a young one) on the following Sunday Mrs. Pointer

and John S. Brown defendants sister and brother came to my house in the morning and called for Alberta and her mother, my wife and

daughter went into the parlor where they were, I was at the well drawing water when they came and I did not go into the parlor at al

not a great while after they came Mr. John S. Brown went out and got in their buggy and drove off towards Spring Hill, and not long

after that I drove into Spring Hill to church and on my way I met the defendant driving out to my house-- On the next day my daughter

went to Nashville to visit her brother and she remained there nearly a week *X* about two weeks after her return from Nashville, I

had a convecration with the defendant over my sons store in Spring Hill, upon the subject of his marriage with my daughter, I told him

that I had letters from two Presbyterian preachers in Nashville in which they stated that they did not think it was a sin for a

man who had a living wife from whom he was divorced to marry again Mr. Brown said he and my daughter had settled that and that they

had agreed to postpone their marriage until after the death of his divorced wife-- Mr. Brown is genarily reputed to be worth