

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
Baldwin County }

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
(In Equity)

Rachel Vines Adams COMPLAINANT

VS.

J. C. Adams, Jr. RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Rachel Vines Adams and ~~Mrs. H. L. Gilbert~~
~~Mrs. H. L. Gilbert.~~

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 8th day of October
1942, at the office of the Register in Chancery

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness^{es} to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Rachel Vines Adams

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Rachel Vines Adams, and I am the complainant in this cause for divorce against J. C. Adams, Jr. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am and have been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than one year next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint in this cause. The said J. C. Adams Jr. is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in Bainbridge, Georgia.

I and the said J. C. Adams Jr were lawfully married to each other on the 17th day of January, 1942 and lived together as man and wife until the 16th day of February, 1942.

On this last date of February, 1942, the said J. C. Adams Jr. committed actual violence on my person attended with danger to my life or health by striking me with his hand and threatening and abusing me. There was reasonable apprehension of further such acts of violence, and for my safety and health, I refused to live further with him as his wife. He had threatened and abused me on other occasions, had shaken me, and he being a man of ungovernable temper, I feared for my life or health. Since February, 16, 1942, I and the said respondent have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise, but I have had to work and make my own living without any help from him. At the time of our separation, I had gotten in a nervous, rundown condition, and was afraid to keep on living with him.

Rachel Vines Adams

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. Deuch, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition— on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness— and read over to them and They signed the same in the presence of myself H. G. Smith at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness— or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness—; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 20th day of Oct, 1942
R. Deuch (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Adams

Complainant

Vs. Adams

Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed Oct 8, 1942

R. Deuch, Register

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. H. L. GILBERT.

Mrs. H. L. Gilbert, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My Name is Mrs. H. L. Gilbert. I am over the age of twenty-one years and reside in Bay Minette, Alabama. I knew J. C. Adams Jr., the husband of Rachel Vines Adams, while he was here and before ~~his death~~ their separation. I have known Rachel Vines Adams for more than the last ten years and have been well acquainted with her and her family.

I know that she has been working and taking care of herself since their separation. I am convinced that she did her part in their married life and know that she acted toward him as a wife should.

Mrs. H. L. Gilbert

The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Rachel Vines Adams Complainant

VS

J. G. Adams Jr. Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Hac Vice~~ on answer and waiver of notice and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said Rachel Vines Adams is forever divorced from the said

J. C. Adams, Jr.

for and on account of cruelty.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that the said Rachel Vines Adams & J. C. Adams, Jr. be, and are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that J. C. Adams, Jr. the respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 9th day of October, 1942.

J. W. Hale Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, _____, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 19____

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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

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vs. Complainant.

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Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

Rachel Vines Adams,
Complainant,

vs

J. C. Adams, Jr.,
Respondent.

No. _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

ANSWER OF RESPONDENT.

Now comes the respondent, J. C. Adams, Jr., and for answer to the bill of complaint filed herein against him by the complainant, Rachel Vines Adams, denies each and every allegation thereof and demands strict proof thereof.

He, the said respondent, hereby accepts service of notice of the filing of said bill of complaint and waives all further notice. Respondent further waives all notice of the taking of testimony in said cause and agrees that the said cause may be submitted for final decree without further notice to him the said respondent.

WITNESSES:

Joseph G. Anderson
Robert J. Coleman

J. C. Adams Jr.
Respondent.

Rachel Vines Adams)	
Complainant,)	
)	
vs)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
)	IN EQUITY.
J. C. Adams, Jr.,)	
Respondent.)	

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes your complainant, Rachel Vines Adams, and respectfully alleges unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such bona fide resident for more than one year next preceding the filing of this her bill of complaint. The respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Bainbridge, Georgia.

2. Complainant and respondent were lawfully married to each other at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 17th day of January, 1942, and lived together as man and wife until the 16th day of February, 1942, when they separated for the reasons hereinafter set out.

3. On said last date of to-wit: the 16th day of February, 1942, the respondent committed actual violence on the person of complainant attended with danger to her life or health by striking her with his hand and threatening and abusing her, and there being reasonable apprehension of further acts of such violence, complainant for her safety refused to live further with him. Several other acts of such violence had previously occurred and the respondent being a man of ungovernable temper complainant feared for her life or health. Complainant and respondent have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise since said last date.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, complainant prays that proper process issue for service upon the said respondent. Complainant further prays that upon the hearing hereof your Honor and the Court will be pleased to give and grant to her a decree of absolute divorce from the said respondent, with permission to complainant to again marry, should she see fit so to do. And complainant further prays for such other, further and different relief as she may be entitled to receive, the premises considered.

H. E. Smith

Solicitor for Complainant.

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ORIGINAL BILL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

Rachel Vines Adams,
Complainant,

vs

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BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
answer and waiver of notice by respondent, testimony of the
witnesses, Mrs. H. L. Gilbert and Rachel Vines Adams

and in behalf of Defendant upon none

R. A. Duck

Register.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Rachel Vines Adams

VS.

J. C. Adams Jr.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 22nd

day of Oct 1948

[Signature]

Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. _____ Term, 194 _____

Rachel Vines Adams _____, Complainant

Vs.

J. C. Adams Jr _____, Defendant

To Hon. R. S. Duck _____, Register

In the above stated cause ~~a Decree Pro Confesso~~ having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by H. E. Smith, her solicitor

~~XXXXXXXX~~
Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vaca-

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**REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
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