

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

, Complainant

vs.

GEORGE L. ASKEW

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on answer and waiver 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 Sarah Frances Askew is forever divorced from the said George L. Askew for and on account of

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 Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 21st day of December, 1949.

J. Fair P. Mashburn Jr.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

Complainant

vs.

GEORGE L. ASKEW

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

*Filed 12-21-49  
A. J. [Signature]*

SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

COMPLAINANT

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RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Now comes the Respondent and waives service of summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, residences and marriage, but denies all allegations as to cruelty and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses, and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further notice.

George L. Askew

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lauderdale

I, Mrs. Elsa Thomas, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that George L. Askew, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and seal on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1949.

My Commission Expires February 17, 1952

Mrs. Elsa Thomas  
Notary Public, Lauderdale County,  
Mississippi.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

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

SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

COMPLAINANT

vs.

GEORGE T. ASKEW

RESPONDENT

I, LOUISE MORRIS

as Register and Commissioner in the above styled cause

have called and caused to come before me Sarah Frances Askew and Elizabeth Gates

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 12 day of December

1949, at the office of H. M. Hall

in Baldwin County, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Sarah Frances Askew and

Elizabeth Gates doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Sara Frances Asken. I am over twenty-one years of age, and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Robertsdale.

The Respondent is over twenty-one years of age, and living at Meridian, Mississippi.

The Respondent and I married at Hyattville, Maryland on October 16, 1947. we lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit July 9, 1949.

The Respondent during the last months we lived together, often threatened and abused me, and often threatened to do actual violence to my person which would necessary endanger my life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe, and I did actually believe that if I continued to live with him he would carry out his threats and do further violence to me which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

I know that conditions were such that the Respondent and I can never live together as husband and wife. It is absolutely impossible.

We have been separated before and I made an effort to make a go of it but it was impossible.

*Sarah Frances Askew*

Elizabeth Gates, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says; my name is Elizabeth Gates. I live at Robertsdale, Alabama. The Complainant is now and has since August 29, 1949 lived in the home with me and my husband.

I have known the Complainant practically all her life. I have known the Respondent practically all of his life.

The conditions existing between the Complainant and the Respondent made it absolutely impossible for the Complainant to live with him as his wife.

I know for my own personally knowledge and from information obtained that it is impossible for the Complainant and the Respondent to live together as husband and wife.

Mrs Elizabeth Gates

I, Louise Morris 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and H. M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness es; 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 12 day of December 194 9.

Louise Morris (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GEORGE I. ASKEW

COMPLAINANT

vs.

GEORGE I. ASKEW

RESPONDENT

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STATE OF ALABAMA §  
BALDWIN COUNTY §

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon George L. Askew, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint, filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity by Sarah Frances Askew, as Complainant and against George L. Askew, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this 12 day of <sup>Dec</sup> November, 1949.

Deirdre L. ...  
Register

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SARAH FRANCES ASKEW	§	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COMPLAINANT	§	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.	§	IN EQUITY
GEORGE L. ASKEW,	§	
RESPONDENT	§	

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TO HON. TELFAIR J. MASHBURN JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant Sarah Frances Askew, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age, a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been fore more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age, a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama, his address being Meridian, Mississippi.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Hyattsville, Maryland, on October 16, 1947, and lived together as husband and wife, until July 9, 1949.

3.

That on to-wit, July 9, 1949, the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person which

would necessarily endanger her life and health; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she does actually believe that if she continued to live with the Respondent he would carry out his threats and do further violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE the premises considered your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said George L. Askew party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof your Honor will make and enter a decree forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent; that your Complainant be granted such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

J. M. Lee  
Solicitor for Complainant



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: LOUISE MORRIS

KNOW YE: that we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

as witnesses in behalf of SARAH FRANCES ASKEW in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein SARAH FRANCES ASKEW

and GEORGE L. ASKEW, Complainant.

Respondent on oath, to be by you administered, upon SARAH FRANCES ASKEW to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 12 day of December, 194 9

*Wm J. Aske*

Register.

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**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

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Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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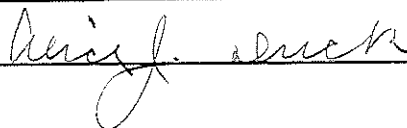
IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, \_\_\_\_\_

Answer and waiver of Respondent and Testimony of Complainant.

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_



Register.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

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**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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