

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

HELEN A. MONAHAN, Complainant

vs.

EDMUND W. MONAHAN, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ 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 Helen A. Monahan is forever divorced from the said Edmund W. Monahan for and on account of Cruelty

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the custody and control of the three minor children, Clara Monahan, Billy Monahan and Dian Monahan, be awarded to the complainant, Helen A. Monahan

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 Edmund W. Monahan the respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 24th day of January, 1950

Leclair J. Massenburg
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

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HELEN A. MONAHAN
Complainant

vs.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

HELEN A. MONAHAN

Complainant

VS.

EDMUND W. MONAHAN

Respondent

I, Lorna Underwood
as Register and Commissioner in chancery
have called and caused to come before me Helen A. Monahan and Bessie Sodoma

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 11th day of January
1945, at the office of C. G. Chason
in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Helen A. Monahan and
Bessie Sodoma doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF HELEN A. MONAHAN:

My name is Helen A. Monahan; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been a bona fide resident of said state and county for more than one year; my husband, Edmund W. Monahan is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of the State of Alabama; we were married on October 8, 1946, and have been separated for several months; during the time that we lived together as husband and wife, Edmund W. Monahan assaulted and beat me and has committed actual violence on my person attended with danger to my life and health and has made numerous threats of doing other and different physical harm and from his conduct I am convinced that he intends or intended to commit other actual violence on my person attended with danger to my life or health; we have two children, Clara Monahan, age three, Billy Monahan, age fourteen months, and Edmund W. Monahan has legally adopted my children by a former marriage, Dian Monahan, age four; these children have been in my custody and control since separation and I have requested the court to award custody and control of these children to me.

Helen A. Monahan

TESTIMONY OF BESSIE SODOMA:

My name is Bessie Sodoma; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama; I am personally acquainted with Helen A. Monahan and Edmund W. Monahan; both are residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been residents of this state and county for more than one year; I believe them to have been married on October 8, 1946, and while living together as husband and wife, to my knowledge, Edmund W. Monahan has on several occasions hit and beat Helen A. Monahan and has threatened to commit other violence on her person attended with danger to her life and health; they have three children, Clara, Billy and Dian, Dian having been adopted by Edmund W. Monahan and these children have been in the custody and control of their mother since separation.

Bessie Sodoma

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lorna Underwood, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ~~S~~ on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness ~~es~~ and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. G. Chason at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ~~es~~ or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness ~~s~~; 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 11th day of January, 1945.

Lorna Underwood (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

HELEN A. MONAHAN

vs. Complainant

EDMUND W. MONAHAN

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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HELEN A. MONAHAN,

Complainant,

-vs-

EDMUND W. MONAHAN,

Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, Sitting in Equity:

Your complainant, Helen A. Monahan, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor:-

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years
and is a resident of said State and County, and has been a bona
fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding
the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Edmund W. Monahan is
over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County,
Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully mar-
ried on or about, to-wit, October 8, 1946.

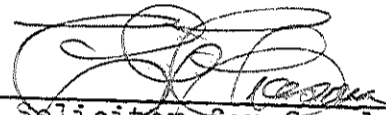
3. Your complainant avers and charges that the said res-
pondent did assault, beat, hit and strike complainant; that said
respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with
danger to her health or life; complainant avers and charges that
respondent has made numerous threats of doing her physical harm
and from his manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably con-
vinced that he will commit an actual violence upon her person,
attended with danger to her life or health.

4. Complainant shows that there were born unto your com-
plainant and respondent of this marriage two children, Clara Mona-
han, age three years, and Billy Monahan, age fourteen months, and
complainant has a child, Dian Monahan, age four years, who has been
legally adopted by the respondent, which said children are in the
custody and control of your complainant, and of which said children,
complainant desires custody and control.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that Edmund
W. Monahan be made a party defendant to this cause by the usual

process of this Honorable Court requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this cause, that your complainant be granted a divorce from said respondent and that your complainant be granted the custody and control of the three minor children hereinabove named. Should your complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such, other, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound, she will ever pray.



Solicitor for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lorna Underwood

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 Helen A. Monahan and Bessie Sodoma

as witnesses in behalf of Helen A. Monahan in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Helen A. Monahan

_____, Complainant
and Edmund W. Monahan

_____, Respondent

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

Witness 10th day of January, 19450

Alice J. White

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ 5.00

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

HELLEN A. MONAHAN

Complainant

VS.

EDMUND W. MONAHAN

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Lorna Underwood

WITNESSES:

Helen A. Monahan

Bessie Sodoma

HELEN A. MONAHAN

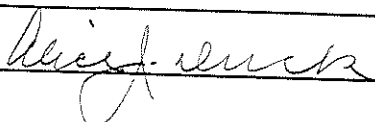

vs.

BESSIE SODOMA

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin CountyIN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,
and Testimony of Helen A. Monahan and Bessie Sodoma

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer and waiver


Register.

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

HELEN A. MONAHAN

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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Respondent.

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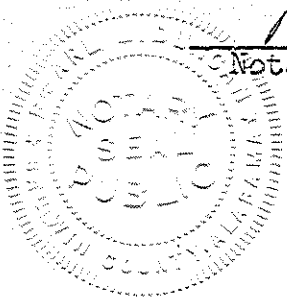
Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and accepts and acknowledges service of process and complaint and waives notice of taking testimony, notice of submission of said cause and all other notices to which he is entitled by law.

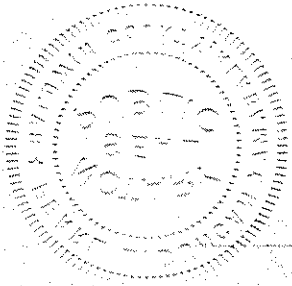
In answer to the complaint filed in said cause, Respondent admits the allegations of Paragraph I, Paragraph II, Paragraph IV and denies the allegations of Paragraph III and demands strict proof thereof.

Edmund W Monahan

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
a Notary Public, on this 11th day
of January, 1950.

Pearl L. Duncan
Notary Public, Baldwin County
~~Baldwin~~ State of Ala.





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

IN REPLY TO THE MEMORANDUM DATED [Illegible]

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE MEMORANDUM DATED [Illegible]

FOR THE REASON THAT [Illegible]

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT [Illegible]

THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE [Illegible]

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

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Registrar

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