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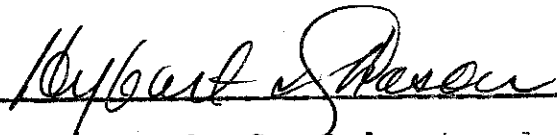
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Complainant,
VS.
CLAUDE ADAMS,
Respondent.

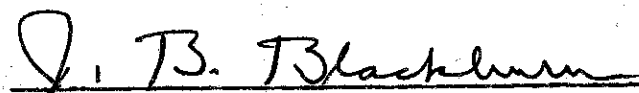
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NUMBER 952.

STIPULATION

It is understood and agreed by and between Hybart and Chason, Solicitors for the Complainant and Cross Respondent, and J. B. Blackburn, Solicitor for the Respondent and Cross Complainant that the testimony of the said Respondent and Cross Complainant be taken before Ora S. Nelson, acting as Commissioner, that the issuance of a commission to her is waived and the signature of the witness to the said testimony is waived.

It is further agreed that the said testimony so taken shall be taken and treated in all respects as though taken in strict compliance with law.


Solicitors for the Complainant and Cross Respondent.


Solicitor for Respondent and Cross Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

CLARA ADAMS, Complainant

VS.

CLAUDE ADAMS, Respondent

I, Ora S. Nelson,

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Claude Adams

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 1st day of November
1944, at the office of J. B. Blackburn
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Claude Adams

doth depose and say as follows:

Testimony of Claude Adams

My name is Claude Adams. I am over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama where I have resided for the past three years.

I was lawfully married to the Complainant and Cross Respondent, Clara Adams, on May 18, 1940 and we lived together as man and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until we separated. The Complainant and Cross Respondent voluntarily abandoned me without fault on my part more than one year next preceding the filing of this Cross Bill and I have not lived with her since the said date.

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Comes the Complainant, Clara Adams and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for Divorce against Claude Adams and shows unto your Honor and unto this Court as follows:-

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are both over the age of twenty-one years and are both resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, your Complainant residing at Summerdale, Alabama, and the Respondent residing at Bay Minette, Alabama; that your Complainant has been such a resident of Baldwin County for more than two years last past.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on heretofore to-wit May 18, 1940 and lived together as man and wife until on account of the matters hereinafter complained of your Complainant was compelled to leave the Respondent and live separate and apart from him; that on to-wit, January 23, 1943, the Respondent struck your Complainant with his fist and threatened to commit further violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health, and your Complainant had reasonable apprehension that if she continued to live with the Respondent that he would committ such further violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS & RELIEF.

The premises considered, your Complainant prays that the above named Claude Adams be made a party defendant to this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court requiring him to appear and 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 the cause that your Honor will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said Respondent and that your Honor will also decree that your Complainant be allowed to remarry if she sees fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted unto her such other, further, and different relief as she may be entitled to and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Clara Adams
Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, John J. Garms a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared Clara Adams, who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, says:-

That she executed the foregoing Bill of Complaint and that all of the matters and facts stated therein are true.

John J. Garms

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, whose seal is hereto affixed by me this

29 day of May, 1943.

John J. Garms
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

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DECREE

This cause is submitted for Final Decree on behalf of the Respondent and Cross Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, Answer and Cross Bill, Answer to Cross Bill and Testimony as noted by the Register, upon consideration of all of which the Court is of the opinion that the Respondent and Cross Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for by him in his said Cross Bill, WHEREUPON IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court as follows:

1. That the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Respondent and Cross Complainant, Claude Adams, and the Complainant and Cross Respondent, Clara Adams, be and they are hereby dissolved and the said Respondent and Cross Complainant be and he is hereby divorced from the said Complainant and Cross Respondent on the ground of abandonment.

2. That the said parties shall be and they are each hereby permitted to again contract marriage but they shall not marry again except to each other within sixty days after the date of this Decree and if an appeal is taken within sixty days, they shall not marry again except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

3. The costs of this proceeding are hereby taxed against the Complainant and Cross Respondent, for which execution may issue.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 8th day of November, 1944.

J. W. Hare

Judge.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

This cause is submitted on behalf of the Respondent and
Cross-Complainant upon the following:

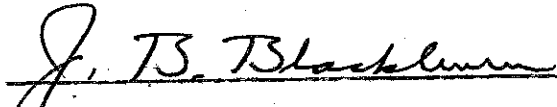
1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Answer and Cross Bill.
3. Answer to Cross Bill.
4. Stipulation of parties and testimony of Claude Adams

taken before Ora S. Nelson, acting as Commissioner.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1944.



Register.



Solicitor for Respondent and Cross-
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ANSWER AND CROSS BILL

Now comes the Respondent and for answer to the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause and for this his cross bill says:

1. He admits the allegations of paragraph First of the Bill of Complaint.
2. He admits that the Complainant, Clara Adams, and he were lawfully married on May 18, 1940 and lived together as man and wife until they separated, but denies each and all of the other allegations of paragraph Second of the said Bill of Complaint.
3. Respondent further alleges that the Complainant, Clara Adams, voluntarily abandoned this Respondent without fault on his part more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint and further alleges that he has not lived with her since the said date.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

This Respondent and Cross Complainant prays that this answer be taken and treated in all respects as a cross bill and that the said Complainant, Clara Adams, be required by the usual process of this Honorable Court to appear and plead, answer or demur to the said Cross Bill within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Respondent and Cross Complainant respectfully prays for the following relief:

1. That the bonds of matrimony now existing between him and the Complainant, Clara Adams, be dissolved; that he be divorced from her on the ground of abandonment and granted authority to marry again. Respondent and Cross Complainant further prays for

such other, further and general relief as he may be equitably entitled to the premises considered.

J. B. Blackburn

Solicitor for Respondent and Cross-Complainant.

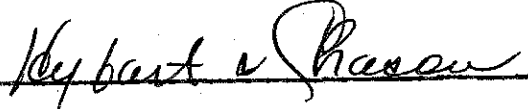
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ANSWER TO CROSS BILL

Now comes the Complainant and Cross Respondent by her Solicitors and for answer to the Cross Bill filed in this cause says:

1. She denies each and all of the allegations thereof and demands strict proof of same.


Solicitors for Complainant and Cross Respondent.

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Ora S. Nelson, Acting, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness—and read over to him ~~XXXXXXX signed the same in the presence of XXXX~~

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness—or had proom 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 1st day of November, 1944.

Ora S. Nelson (L. S.)
Acting as Commissioner.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
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Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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Entered in the Public Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, this 1st day of January, 1944.