

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

MARY ELIZABETH ODOM

, Complainant

vs.

MORGAN J. ODOM

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ or 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 Mary Elizabeth Odom is forever divorced from the said Morgan J. Odom for and on account of

Cruelty

It is further Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that Complainant be, and she is hereby Authorized and empowered to resume the use of her maiden name, Mary Elizabeth Hellmick.

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 Mary Elizabeth Odom the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 15th day of February, 1950

Jeffrey G. Masbury Jr.
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Alice J. Duck 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 15th day of _____, 1950

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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ALICE J. DICK, Register

MARY ELIZABETH ODOM
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE TELLER J. MASHURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA: SITTING IN EQUITY.
Comes your complainant, Mary Elizabeth Odom, and respectfully

represents and shows unto your Honor:

1. That she is a resident of said county and State, and has been
a bona fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding
the filing of this bill of complaint and that she is over the age of
eighteen years: that the respondent resides in Baldwin County, Alabama
and is over twenty-one years of age.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married
on or about to-wit, December 28, 1947, at Lucedale, Mississippi.

3. Your Complainant avers and charges that the said respondent
did on or about the 29th day of December 1949, and many times before,
assault, beat, hit, and strike complainant; that the 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 con-
duct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he will commit an act-

ual violence on her person, attended with danger to her life or health.

The premises considered the complainant makes the said Morgan J.

Odum a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that the

complainant may have the relief herein prayed for, may it please your

Honor to cause the State's writ of subpoena to be issued, directed to

the said Morgan J. Odum, commanding him to answer, plead or demur to

this bill of complaint, within the time required by law; and that on a

final hearing of this cause, that your Honor will enter a decree divorcing

your complainant from the said respondent, granting the complainant the

right to remarry, and the right to resume her maiden name; and that your

Honor will grant such other further and different relief as unto your

Honor may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.

Solicitor for complainant

Arthur C. Spencer

RECEIPT

No. 1550

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Equity Division, Circuit Court.

Case No. 2430

Date 2-15, 1957

RECEIVED OF A. Epperson (Plaintiff) vs. O. Jones
the sum of Twelve

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Benjamin J. Epperson
As Register, Baldwin County, Ala.

TOTAL \$ 12.00

By _____

MARY ELIZABETH ODOM

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

I, Catherine Mason as Register and commissioner have caused to come before me Mary Elizabeth Odom and Catherine Edwards, Witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, On the 14th day of February, 1956, at the office of Catherine Mason, Foley, Alabama and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mary Elizabeth Odom and Catherine Edwards doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Mary Elizabeth Odom, I am eighteen years of age and have lived in Foley, Alabama all of my life. My husband Morgan J. Odom is over twenty-one years of age and he lives in Foley, Alabama.

I was married to Morgan on December the twenty-eighth, 1947 at Lucedale, Mississippi.

The day that I left Morgan, which was on the twenty-ninth of December 1949, I had to work late because one of the girls was sick and I had to stay at the switchboard. Morgan was very angry when I got home as he usually is if everything doesn't go just to suit him. He said that he had told his Mother that we would come and eat supper with her that night. I told him that I was sorry but that I couldn't help it and went on up stairs, but he followed me and said that he didn't believe I had worked that late or even that day or I would have known that the girl was sick that morning and told him. I didn't say anything because he had slapped me so much and beat me up bad once whenever we got into any kind of a dispute and was scared of him. He kept saying things and getting madder so I got up and said I was going down stairs where Catherine my sister lived. He said that I wasn't going any place until he got good and ready to let me, that he wanted to know who I was slipping around with and that he was going to put a stop to it. I said that I hadn't been slipping around with anybody and started to go by him out of the door. He called me a liar and said he was going to teach me once and for all not to try to put any thing over on him and then he slapped me in the face. I pushed him out of my way as hard as I could and ran down stairs to my sister. Her husband was there and he and Morgan argued awhile and then the both went to town. I was never so scared in my life as I was then. I didn't know what he might have done to me if it hadn't been for Catherine and Earl living down stairs. After that I wouldn't have any thing to do with him and slept down stairs in my sisters room until he packed his clothes and went to his mothers house. I wouldn't live with him again for any thing in the world, I am to afraid of him, I would be a nervous wreck or beat to death a one.

Mary Elizabeth Odom

My name is Catherine Edwards. I live in Foley, Alabama. Mary Elizabeth Odom is my sister. She and her husband have lived upstairs in my house for over a year here in Foley. Since then Mary and Morgan have had frequent quarrels and once he beat her up pretty bad. He seems to get mad over the least little thing. I have told Mary to leave him before but I think she was afraid to. When Mary did finally leave him right after this last Christmas she came running down stairs scared to death, crying and sobbing and the print of Morgan's hand was on her face where he had slapped her. He came down behind her and said she had lied to him and he was going to teach her a lesson but Earl, my husband got a hold of him and they argued a while and he got Morgan quieted down a little and they both went to town, Mary slept with me that night and the rest of the week until Morgan took his clothes and went to his mother's. She refused to have any thing to do with Morgan since and is still scared to death of him.

Catherine Edwards

I, Catherine Mason, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify

that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was taken down by

me in writing in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and

they signed the same in the presence of myself Catherine Mason at the

time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of per-

sonal identity of said witnesses; that I am not of counsel or of kin

to any of the parties to said cause, or in any manner interested in the

results thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register

of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of February, 1950.

Catherine Mason
(L.S.)

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ORAL DEPOSITION

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AUDIE J. BRICK, Register

ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALABAMA

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This cause being submitted for final decree in behalf of the complainant, the complainant offers the following testimony, to-wit;

1st. Original bill of complaint

2nd. Answer and waiver of respondent

3rd. Commission to take testimony

4th. Oral deposition of complainant's witnesses

Arthur C. Epperson
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

Wm. J. Neuch
Regester

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NOTE OF SUBMISSION

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Now comes the respondent, Morgan J. Odom, and for answer to the bill of complainant herin says as follows:

He admits the allegations of paragraphs one and two of the said bill of complaint.

He denies each and every material allegation contained in paragraph three of the said bill of complaint and demands strict proof of same.

The respondent hereby waives notice of taking of testimony in this cause, notice of submitting said cause for final decree, and such other, further, or different notice to which he might otherwise be entitled.

Morgan J. Odom
RESPONDENT

W. R. Morgan
WITNESS

James B. Bagley Jr.
WITNESS

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TO: Catherine Mason, Foley, Alabama.

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 Mary Elizabeth Odom and Catherine Edwards as witnesses in behalf of Mary Elizabeth Odom in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Mary Elizabeth Odom is Complainant and Morgan J. Odom is Respondent, on oath, to be by you administered; upon them, to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness this 14th day of February, 1950.

Alvin J. Jones
REGISTER

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COMMISSIONER TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

Catherine Edwards
Complainant

MARY ELIZABETH ODOM
Respondent

Catherine Edwards
Complainant

ALVIN J. JONES
REGISTER

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COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

Catherine Mason
Commissioner

Mary Elizabeth Odom
Witness

Catherine Edwards
Witness

ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALABAMA