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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

WILLIAM W. MUNNERLYN, Complainant and Cross-Respondent

vs.

VELMA L. MUNNERLYN, Respondent and Cross-Complainant

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Answer and Cross-Bill and Answer to Cross-Bill, taken orally before the Court

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 Velma L. Munnerlyn is forever divorced from the said William W. Munnerlyn for and on account of

abandonment. Velma L. Munnerlyn is hereby awarded the care, custody and control of George Edward Munnerlyn and Lucille Munnerlyn, minors, and the said William W. Munnerlyn is ordered to pay Velma L. Munnerlyn the sum of \$50.00 a month for her support and the support of said minors, the first payment to be made August 1 and a like payment on the same day of each month thereafter, until further order of this Court. William W. Munnerlyn is also ordered to pay Hybart and Chason, Solicitors for Velma L. Munnerlyn the sum of \$150.00 as their Solicitors fee.

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 William W. Munnerlyn the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14th day of July, 1947

F. W. HARE 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 21 day of April, 1951

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

for defending this suit, and your Respondent further prays that she be awarded the care, custody and control of said minor children.


Solicitors for Respondent.

WILLIAM W. MUNNERLYN,
Complainant

vs.

VELMA L. MUNNERLYN,
Respondent.

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

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN COURT BEFORE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID
COURT. Present, Hon. H. Emory Smith, representing the Complainant,
and Messrs. Hybart & Chason, representing the Respondent.

VELMA L. MUNNERLYN, ~~THE~~ RESPONDENT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED
AS FOLLOWS:

QUE: Is this Velma L. Munnerlyn?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Velma, are you and William W. Munnerlyn residents of Baldwin
County, Alabama?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: And both over the age of 21 ?

ANS: I am 21 and he is over 21.

QUE: You both live in Baldwin County, Alabama?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You are the Respondent in the suit which was filed against you
by your husband, in which he claimed that you had committed
adultery in July, 1943, was it not?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You filed a cross bill in which you claimed that he had abandon-
you - left you?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Left you with two minor children?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: The last time that you all lived together as man and wife,
where were you living?

ANS: Magazine point.

QUE: Mobile County, Alabama?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: At that time you came back to Baldwin County to your mother's?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: After you came to your mother's, did he refuse to ever allow you and the children to go back and live with him?

ANS: He promised to come and get us and never would.

QUE: Since about October of 1942, have you and the children been living in this County with your parents?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Where do you live?

ANS: At Tensaw.

QUE: Who is supporting you and your children?

ANS: My mother helps me out - she helped me out until I got the allotment while he was in service.

QUE: How long has he been out of service?

ANS: Nearly two years, if not two.

QUE: Has he supported you and the children since he got out of service?

ANS: No, sir, He only gave us \$10.00 all together.

QUE: In the past year?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: How old are the children?

ANS: George Edward is 6 and Lucille is 4.

QUE: Where is the father, William W. Munnerlyn working?

ANS: For the Gulf Lumber Company?

QUE: Baldwin County?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Do you know how much he earns a week?

ANS: \$32.00 or \$35.00 a week.

QUE: Working regularly?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: That would be about \$125.00 a month?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You say either \$32. or \$35. a week?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: How much money does it take for you and these two children to live on?

ANS: I don't know exactly, but every month I don't have to buy clothing for them - it will take \$25.00 or probably more for us.

QUE: Who is feeding you and these children now?

ANS: I help buy the groceries; we all buy them together. We all live together.

QUE: Are you working?

ANS: No, sir.

QUE: You all are living in the house with your parents?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Are they charging you any board?

ANS: No, sir.

QUE: Do you own any property in your own name that you are getting any income from?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: What property do you own and what do you get?

ANS: I own a house and lot in Crichton, Alabama, and I get \$16.00 a month rent from it.

QUE: Did you buy that house and lot?

ANS: Yes, sir, I bought them in my name.

QUE: Out of the allotment money he gave you while he was in service?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You get \$16.00 a month from that?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Do you have to pay the tax and insurance out of that?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Is that the money you say that you contribute from towards feeding your children and yourself?

ANS: Yes, sir, as far as it goes.

QUE: After that your parents furnish the rest?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Did you hire Mr. Hybart & Mr. Chason as your Attorneys

to represent you in this action?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: To get your divorce for you?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: And trying to get alimony and custody of the children?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Are you a fit person - do you give these children a good home - are you raising them like they should be?

ANS: I try to raise them as respectable as I can

QUE: Do you attend Church?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Take them with you?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You say one is 4 and one is 6?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Do they go to any Sunday School?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Not old enough to go to school?

ANS: George will enter school this season.

QUE: How close is the nearest Church to you?

ANS: My church is about 3 blocks from where we live.

QUE: What about the school

ANS: Same place.

QUE: When they get old enough you expect to send them to school?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: You say you have not lived with your husband since 1942?

ANS: That is right. I haven't lived with him since then.

QUE: Now if you had to pay for a place to live and buy clothes for yourself and your children and food for yourself and these two children, how much over and above that \$16.00 a month would it take?

ANS: If I had to pay for a place to live, it is according to what I would have to pay.

QUE: Do you think around \$25.00 to \$50.00 a month would be a

reasonable amount?

ANS: Yes, sir.

ANS: Yes, sir, I guess so. Of course, George is coming school age and I will have to have lunch money and things to start him off.

QUE: You say when they get a little older it will take more money?

ANS: Yes, sir.

NO CROSS EXAMINATION.

HON. J. B. BLACKBURN, ATTORNEY, TESTIFIED:

QUE: Mr. Blackburn, you are a practicing Attorney at the Baldwin Bar?

ANS: Yes, sir.

QUE: Mr. Blackburn, this is a suit filed by William W. Munnerlyn against Velma L. Munnerlyn charging her with adultery and we filed a cross bill charging abandonment and asking for custody of a child 4 years of age and one 6 years of age and asking for support and maintenance for the two children and alimony for the wife, and alleging that she has employed us to represent her, and that the husband is earning about \$150.00 a month, and she says she needs from \$25.00 to \$50.00 a month for her support and the support and maintenance of said two children. What would you say would be a reasonable Attorney's fee for filing this cross bill and representing her in this proceeding?

ANS: \$150.00

Louise Deereburg
Court Reporter

WILLIAM W. MUNNERLYN

Complainant

VS.

VELMA MUNNERLYN,

Respondent.

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

Comes the Complainant and Cross Respondent and denies the allegations of the answer and cross bill filed by the Respondent and demands strict proof thereof.

H. E. Smith
Solicitor for Complainant and
Cross Respondent

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, complainant prays that the said Velma L. Munnerlyn be made a party respondent to this his bill of complaint and that due process of law forthwith issue for service upon her, the said Velma L. Munnerlyn.

And Complainant further prays that upon the hearing hereof your Honor and the Court will give and grant to him, the said William W. Munnerlyn, a decree of absolute divorce, from the said Velma L. Munnerlyn, dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between them, and will further give and grant to complainant the right to again marry, if he should see fit so to do. And complainant prays for all such other relief, orders and decrees as he may be entitled to, the premises considered.

J. E. Smith
Solicitor for Complainant.

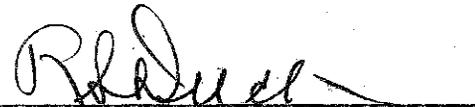
STATE OF ALABAMA,) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID
BALDWIN COUNTY.) STATE AND COUNTY. IN EQUITY.

TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Velma L. Munnerlyn to appear and plead, answer or demur, within the time allowed by law, to the amended bill of complaint filed in this court, and hereinafter set out, by William W. Munnerlyn against you.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and make due return, as the law directs.

WITNESS my hand this 14 day of May, 1945.



Register

Comes the Complainant, William W. Munnerlyn, and amends the original bill of complaint filed herein as follows:

William W. Munnerlyn,) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
Complainant,) COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.
Velma L. Munnerlyn,) Respondent.)

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

Your complainant, William W. Munnerlyn, respectfully alleges and represents unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. That he brings this his bill of complaint against Velma L. Munnerlyn, who is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years.
2. Complainant is now, and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of the original bill of complaint, herein a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years.
3. Complainant and the respondent, Velma L. Munnerlyn, were lawfully married on, to-wit; the 8th day of March, 1941, by a justice of the peace at the Courthouse in Bay Minette, Alabama, Complainant and respondent lived together until, to-wit the 8th day of May, 1942 and they have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise since said last date.

4. On said last date of, to-wit: the 8th day of May, 1942, the respondent committed adultery with a man or men whose name or names is or are unknown to complainant. Complainant further avers and alleges that the respondent, since said last date has committed other acts of adultery with a man or men whose name or names is or are unknown to complainant. Complainant has not condoned the said acts of adultery.

WHEREOF, the premises considered, complainant prays that the said Velma L. Mannerlyn be made a party respondent to this his bill of complaint and that due process of law forthwith issue for service upon her, the said Velma L. Mannerlyn.

And complainant further prays that upon the hearing hereof your Honor and the Court will give and grant to him the said William W. Mannerlyn, a decree of absolute divorce from the said Velma L. Mannerlyn, dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between them, and will further give and grant to complainant the right to again marry if he should see fit to do so. And complainant prays for all such other relief, orders and decrees as he may be entitled to, the premises considered.

J. E. Smith

Solicitor for Complainant.

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ANSWER TO AMENDED CROSS-MOTION
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Respondent

WILLIAM MONNELLY,

vs.

Complainant

WILLIAM W. MONNELLY

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W. R. Stuart Sheriff
By _____ Deputy Sheriff

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William W. Muncy
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
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IN EQUITY.

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John Chason

C.E. Garrett

By Fred Walters Deputy Sheriff

William W. Mannerlyn,
Complainant

vs.

Velma L. Mannerlyn,
Respondent.

AMENDED BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed this 14 day of May, 1945.

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Register.