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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Mary McCoy Bishop

, Complainant

vs.

Arthur Clyde Bishop

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on Respondents' 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 McCoy Bishop is forever divorced from the

said Arthur Clyde Bishop for and on account of

Cruelty

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that Complainant may resume the use of her maiden name, Mary McCoy;

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 Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 19 day of November, 1953.

J. Luther M. Hall  
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\_\_\_\_

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Mary McCoy Bishop

Complainant

VS.

Arthur Clyde Bishop

Respondent

I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Mary McCoy Bishop and William Fred Peacock

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 16th day of November  
1953, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Fairhope, Alabama.

in \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mary McCoy Bishop

doth depose and say as follows:

I am 19 years of age and my husband, Arthur Clyde Bishop, is 25. We married January 20th 1951 at Lucedale, Mississippi. We lived in Fairhope, Alabama, from our marriage, together as husband and wife, until October 1st 1953 at which time we separated. We have both continued to live in Fairhope. The reason for our separation was because my husband, who had a vicious temper of which I was not aware until after we married, beat me several times, usually punching me in the face. On October 1st 1953, he beat me so severely, discoloring my face and bruising one of my breasts, that I felt I could not safely continue to live with him and I was afraid that he might injure me permanently. His tantrums were so childish and based upon the most simple happenings which he would fan into a frenzy and brutality on his part. I cannot understand why he became so impossible. If I am granted a divorce, I would like the right to resume the use of my maiden name, Mary McCoy. We have no children nor property which might have complicated matters. All I want is to be free of him and let him go his own way without molesting me hereafter.

Mary McCoy Bishop

And the said William Fred Peacock doth depose and say as follows;

I am married to Mary's sister. I know that she and Clyde lived in Fairhope, Alabama, after they married and both still live in Fairhope. I know that they separated on October 1st 1953. I know that they married in January of 1951. I also know that they appeared not to be getting along. I have seen Mary bruised about the face and she has told me that Clyde beat her. I feel that he had no justification for doing this and that Mary worked steadily and more than kept up her end financially.

William Fred Peacock

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Frances G. Crawford, 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 them and                      signed the same in the presence of myself

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness and or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness and; 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 16th day of November, 19 53.

Frances G. Crawford (L.S.)

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IN EQUITY

To the Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court, sitting in  
Equity;

Comes Mary McCoy Bishop and respectfully exhibits this, her Bill of  
Complaint against Arthur Clyde Bishop, and shows unto Your Honor as  
follows;

First: Complainant, whose age is 19 years, and Respondent, whose age  
is 25 years, intermarried January 20th 1950 at Lucedale, Mississippi.

Second: From the date of said marriage, the parties hereto lived to-  
gether as husband and wife within Baldwin County, Alabama, until Oct-  
ober 1st 1953 at which, because of the acts hereinafter complained of,  
Complainant separated from Respondent, and both parties hereto have  
continued residents of said Baldwin County ever since to the date of the  
filing of this bill.

Third: On several occasions prior to said separation, Respondent did  
commit acts of physical violence upon the person of Complainant so as  
to put her in fear of her life, health and limbs and, from his conduct,  
there is reasonable apprehension that he might continue to so do.

The premises considered, Complainant prays that said Arthur Clyde Bishop  
be, by all due and appropriate process, made party defendant to this suit,  
that he be compelled to plead, answer or demur to the several paragraphs  
hereof within the time prescribed by law and that he be compelled to abide  
and obey all orders and decrees made in the premises.

Complainant further prays, upon a hearing of the within cause, that a de-  
cree be ordered and entered forever divorcing her from said Arthur Clyde  
Bishop and granting her such other, further, different and general relief  
as, in Equity, may seem and appear to be meet and proper.

E. A. Cramer  
Solicitor for Complainant.

Mary McCoy Bishop  
Mary McCoy Bishop, Complainant

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

Testimony of Complainant and  
witness, I William Fred Seacrest

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

Ans. & Waiver

E. A. Cramer  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 19<sup>th</sup> .....

day of Nov, 1943

*Henry J. ...*  
Register.

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Arthur Clyde Bishop  
Respondent

In Equity

Comes Arthur Clyde Bishop, Respondent in the above titled cause, and, for answer to the Bill of Complaint, states that he denies each and every allegation therein contained.

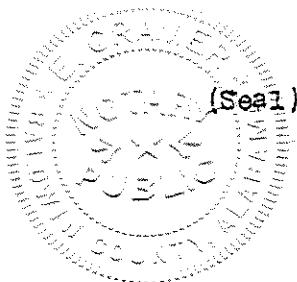
Respondent waives the right to demand for and the issuance of formal commission to take testimony, the right to cross examine Complainants' witnesses or to introduce evidence in his own behalf and he agrees that the within cause may be submitted for final decree at any time without further notice to him upon Complainants' pleadings and evidence as noted by the Register.

Arthur Clyde Bishop  
Arthur Clyde Bishop

State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

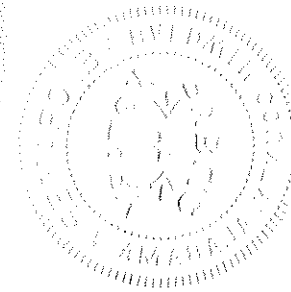
Personally appeared Arthur Clyde Bishop, known to me, and he acknowledged that he signed the foregoing answer and waiver voluntarily and with full knowledge of the contents and purposes thereof.

Given under my hand and official seal this <sup>10th</sup> ~~21st~~ <sup>November</sup> day of ~~October~~, 1953.



E. C. Cramer  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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ALICE L. DICK, Register

Miss Alice:

There will be an answer waiver filed in this case.

Best wishes to you.

Nick Gramer