

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS, Complainant
vs.

WILLIS STEVENS, JR., Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confession~~
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 DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS is forever divorced from the
said WILLIS STEVENS, JR. for and on account of
"ABANDONMENT"

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Complainant
have custody and control of the minor child, WANDA DIANNE STEVENS,
with the right of visitation at all reasonable times in the
Respondent, WILLIS STEVENS, JR.

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

This 22 day of December, 1953

Hubert 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____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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Alice A. Ruck, Registrar

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: JAMES R. OWEN

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 DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

as witnesses in behalf of DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS is the _____, Complainant
and _____

WILLIS STEVENS, JR. is the _____ Respondent

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

Witness 22nd day of December, 1953.

Wing J. Luck
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from
Bay Minette, in the County of Baldwin

Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit: DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

2. That said complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a commissioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

Jeffrey A. Mallberry Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of JAMES R. OWEN

as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

Jeffrey A. Mallberry Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant.

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TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY SITTING:

Your complainant, DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor as follows:

1. That your complainant is over the age of 18 years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than two years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause; that WILLIS STEVENS, JR., is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama.
2. That your complainant and the respondent were lawfully married on, or about, to-wit: July 18, 1951, at Lucedale, Mississippi.
3. Complainant further avers that said respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, since which time complainant and respondent have not lived together nor in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.
4. That there was born of this marriage one child, WANDA DIANNE STEVENS, age ten months; that the respondent is not a fit and proper person to have the custody and control of this child; and that your complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of this little girl.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant makes the said WILLIS STEVENS, JR., a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that 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 WILLIS STEVENS, JR., 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, your Honor will make and enter a decree divorcing your complainant from said respondent, and

grating to your complainant permanent custody and control of the said minor child, WANDA DIANNE STEVENS; and granting both parties the right to remarry.; and that your Honor will grant such other, further, and different relief as unto your Honor may seem just and proper, and, as in duty bound, your complainant will ever pray, etc.

John A. Middlebury, Jr.
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT. U

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Comes the respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of a bill of complaint heretofore filed in said cause, and waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same be taken and the cause submitted for final decree at any time.

And for answer to the bill of complaint heretofore filed in this cause, respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of said bill of complaint.
2. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of said bill of complaint.
3. He denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 3 of said bill of complaint.
4. He admits that the complainant is a fit and proper person to have the custody and control of their infant daughter, but says that he should be granted rights of reasonable visitation.

Willis Stevens, Jr.
RESPONDENT.

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, HENRY A. RIDINGER, 1st Lt, MSC, hereby certify that WILLIS STEVENS, JR., whose name is signed to the foregoing answer and waiver and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of the said answer and waiver, he signed the same as his free and voluntary act.

Given under my hand seal this 9TH day of ~~November~~ ^{DECEMBER}, 1953.

Henry A. Ridinger, 1st Lt, MSC

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

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Respondent

I, JAMES R. OWEN

as ~~Notary Public~~ Commissioner heretofore appointed in this cause

have called and caused to come before me DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the _____ day of DECEMBER

1953, at the office of Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

doth depose and say as follows: "My name ~~is~~ DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Bay Minette. I have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, continuously for more than two years before the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause. WILLIS STEVENS, JR., is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, although presently serving in the United States Army. I was married to WILLIS STEVENS, JR., at Lucedale, Mississippi, on the 18th day of July, 1951. My husband did not like it when I became pregnant, and, more than one year ago, before the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause, he left me and has since refused to live with me as my husband. I did nothing to cause my husband to act as he has. We have one child, WANDA DIANNE STEVENS, who is now nearly one year of age. The respondent, WILLIS STEVENS, JR., is not a fit and proper person to have the custody and control of this little girl. I am a fit and proper person to have the custody and control of this little girl." Further, deponent says not.

Donnie Elnora Stevens

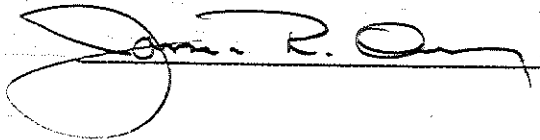
ORAL EXAMINATION

I, JAMES R. OWEN, 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.....and.....signed the same in the presence of myself and Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness.... or had proofs 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 22nd day of December, 1953.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,
Answer and Waiver and testimony of DONNIE ELNORA STEVENS

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

Solicitor for Complainant.

George J. Smith

Register.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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ALICE J. DICK, Register
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