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The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

IRENE NORRIS

Complainant

VS

DAVID C. NORRIS

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decrees Pro Confesso~~
on ~~ANSWER & 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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,
and that the said IRENE NORRIS
is forever divorced from the said

DAVID C. NORRIS

for and on account of Cruelty

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 Irene Norris and David C. Norris
be, and ~~are~~ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of
this suit.

It is further ordered that Irene Norris
the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 10th day of November, 1943.

J. M. Hare
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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The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

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Irene Norris
vs. Complainant.

.....
David O. Norris

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Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

*Filed 11-12-1943
C. J. [unclear]
Clerk*

IRENE NORRIS
COMPLAINANT

VS.

DAVID C. NORRIS
RESPONDENT

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

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and answers Complainant's complaint and each allegation therein contained and says: He admits that Complainant is over the age of eighteen years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; he admits that he is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years and is now in the armed services of the United States; he admits that he and the Complainant are husband and wife; he admits that he and the Complainant are the parents of the said children named in the complaint.

He denies that he has ever committed an act of violence on the person of the Complainant or threatened to do so and demands strict proof of the same.

Now having fully answered he prays that he may go hence with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended.

X David C. Norris
Respondent

Witnesses:

Herman J. Malster
Walter C. Clegg

The Respondent, David C. Norris, waives notice of application for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses, waives notice of time and place of taking testimony of such witnesses, waives right to cross examine the same, and consents the said cause to be set down upon final decree upon motion of Complainant's attorneys.

X David C. Norris
Respondent.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - - - GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon DAVID C. NORRIS to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery Jurisdiction within sixty days after the service of the summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by IRENE NORRIS against the said DAVID C. NORRIS, and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the 8th day of Nov, 1943.

R. S. Duck
Register.

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IRENE NORRIS
COMPLAINANT

VS

DAVID C. NORRIS
DEFENDANT

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY:

Now comes your Complainant Irene Norris, and humbly complaining against the Defendant, David C. Norris, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is over the age of eighteen years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that the Defendant David C. Norris is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama but is now serving in the armed forces of the United States Army, his exact whereabouts are unknown to Complainant.

2.

That your Complainant and the said Defendant are husband and wife having intermarried at Bay Minette, March 14, 1942.

and they lived together as husband and wife at Little River, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until their separation between three and four months after their marriage, that the cause of their separation was his cruelty to this Complainant, that shortly after their marriage the Defendant, David C. Norris, started coming home on week ends in a state of drunkenness and while in such condition cursed and abused Complainant and committed actual violence to her person attendant with danger to her life or health; that such acts of violence consisted of beating her with his belt and with a heavy leather strap, that Complainant had reasonable grounds to believe and did believe that if she continued to live with him he would execute his threats and do her bodily harm attendant with danger to her life or health.

3.

That there was born to Complainant and Defendant one child, John D. Norris who is about fifteen months old, that Defendant, because of his habits and extreme cruelty is not the proper person to have custody of the child.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your Complainant prays this Honorable Court will, by proper process, make the said David C. Norris, party Defendant, to this bill of complaint and require him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the practices of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof, your Honor will make and enter a decree granting unto her an absolute divorce from the said David C. Norris, forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them, complainant further prays that upon such final hearing of this cause, this Honorable Court will make and enter an order and decree awarding

to this complainant the care and custody of the said minor child, and complainant prays for such other further or different relief as in equity and good conscience she shall be entitled to receive in the premises.

BEEBE & HALL

By *N. C. Beebe*
Solicitors for Complainant.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To Virginia Keel

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 Irene Norris and Ida Phillips

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

Irene Norris

Complainant

and

David C. Norris

Defendant,

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

Witness _____ day of November 19 43

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$ _____

WITNESS' FEES, \$ _____

.....IRENE NORRIS.....
Complainant,
VS.
.....DAVID C. NORRIS.....
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY.
NO.....

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:.....

.....Irene Norris and Ida Phillips.....

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

Beebe & Hall
By
.....
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of Virginia Keel
as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

Beebe & Hall
By
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Solicitor for Complainant.

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vs
David Harris

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

Irene Norris.....

Complainant,

Vs.

David C. Norris.....

Respondent.

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

Filed this *8th* day of *Nov*,

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

James Harris

Complainant

VS.

David C Harris

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Virginia Paul

WITNESSES:

James Harris
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Jew Harris
Complainant
vs
David C Harris
Defendant

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Deepe Hall
Substituted for Complainant

Irene Norris

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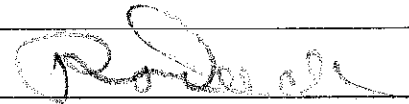
David C. Norris

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
answer and waiver, testimony of Complainant's witnesses _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

 Register.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION

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State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

} NO. _____ TERM, 194__.

Irene Norris
Complainant—.

VS.

David C. Norris
Respondent—.

TO R. S. DUCK, REGISTER:

In the above stated cause a n Answer and Waiver
having been _____ filed by _____ the Respondent—,
and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and
no defense having been interposed, the complainant—, by Beebe & Hall
Solicitor^S of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the
papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Beebe & Hall

Solicitor^S for Complainant—.

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Irene Norris
Complainant—

VS.

David C. Norris

Respondent—

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Irene Norris
VS.

David C. Norris

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 8th
day of January 194

[Signature]
Register.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity.)

Irene Norris Complainant.

VS.

David C. Norris Respondent.

I, Virginia Keel

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Irene Norris and Ida Phillips

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

19~~4~~43, at the office of Beebe & Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~es~~ to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Irene Norris

..... doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Irene Norris. I am 18 years of age. I am a resident of Little River in Baldwin County, Alabama where I have resided all of my life. I am the wife of David C. Norris, Defendant in the cause of Irene Norris versus David C. Norris pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity for Divorce. We were married in Bay Minette, March 14, 1942. We lived together only a short time thereafter. We have one child, John D. Norris whose age is 15 months. He lives with me and I take care of him. We separated within three or four months after we married. The cause of our separation was because of his cruelty. We had not been married a week or so before he started coming home drunk and when in this condition he cursed and abused me and beat me unmercifully with his belt and threatened to kill me. From his conduct I had reasonable apprehension to believe and did believe if I continued to live with him he would do me bodily harm attendant with damage to my life or health. He is 28 years of age and he is now in the armed forces of the United States, his exact whereabouts I do not know. Our separation occurred in Baldwin County, Alabama. We have not lived together since about 4 months after our marriage.....

Irene Norris

Ida Phillips, having first been duly sworn doth depose and say:.....

My name is Ida Phillips. I am over the age of 21 years. I am the sister-in-law of Irene Norris. I married her brother. I have known her and David Norris, the defendant in this suit for about three years. I knew them while they were married and lived together at Little River. He frequently came home drunk and several times beat her unmercifully. I know that at one time he beat her with a heavy army belt about three inches wide with a steel buckle. I have seen the bruises on her body. They separated because of his cruelty about three or four months after their marriage. They married in March 1942. If she had continued to live with him he would probably have permanently injured her or killed her. They have one child John D. Norris about 15 months old.....

Ida Phillips

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Virginia Keel, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ~~s~~ on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness ~~es~~ and read over to them and they signed the same in the presense of myself and W. C. Beebe at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ~~es~~ or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness ~~es~~; 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 8th day of November 1924

Virginia Keel (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Irene Norris
vs. Complainant

David C. Norris

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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