The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

DAHLIA M	. CHILDRESS	, Complainant	t ·
	vs.		
CHARLES .	A. CHILDRESS	, Respondent	, , , , ;
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DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS, Complainant

EQUITY

VS

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, Respondent CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

DEPOSITIONS OF DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS AND LULA G. RUSH, WITNESSES FOR COMPLAINANT.

The above named appeared before me at the time and place hereinafter stated and upon examination by counsel for Complainant, after being sworn, testified as follows:

DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS

My name is Dahlia M. Childress, and I am the Complainant filing this suit for divorce against Charles A. Childress. I am nineteen years old and have lived in Baldwin County almost all my life, except for six years prior to my marriage. After we were married on the 31st day of July, 1948, in Lucedale, Mississippi, we came to Fairhope, Alabama, where we always lived as man and wife. While we were married, I had a son, who was born on August 24, 1950, and his name is Charles A. "Chuck Childress, Jr.

While we were living together my husband struck me repeatedly. One time just about a week before my child was born, he struck me with his fist. For the last year we have been having more trouble. He has been striking me or threatening to "knock my teeth down my throat". He continued this conduct of being cruel, striking me up until we were separated when I left him on March 20, 1951, and went over to Mobile to get work. I am now living at 207 North Conception Street, Mobile, Ala.

Our home is broken up and he has our son over here in Fairhope I feel it would be better if my husband had charge of the child. We have agreed to the care and custody of this child and I do not want any support from him because I am able to support myself.

Dahlia M. Childressi Complainant

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN

COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS

Respondent

Deposition of LULA RUSH

The above named appeared before me at the time and place hereinafter stated and upon examination by counsel for Complainant, after being sworn, testified as follows:

LULA RUSH

My name is Lela Rush. I live in Fairhope, Alabama. I have known Mr. & Mrs. Charles Childress for about a year. They are bona fide residents of Fairhope, Alabama. She is now living in Mobile, Alabama and has since they were separated. I was thrown in close contact with them from about the Ist. day of July until two months ago. While they were living at our house I knew they were having friction because I could hear them fussing and fighting. I know from what I heard that he had struck her because I heard the blows and saw her with a black eye. They certainly did get along very poorly. They did not seem to be able to stay together at all without fighting. I have noticed the father with the little child, Charles Childress Jr., and it is my opinion he would be the better person to have custody of this child and I understand that she has agreed to this.

July J. Rush.

CERTIFICATE

I, Martha W. McReavy, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties, hereby certify that in the case of DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS vs CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS and LULA G. RUSH, witnesses for the Complainant, to appear before me at my office in the Bank Building, Fairhope, Alabama, where, after being duly sworn, upon examination by the solicitors for the Complainant, they testified as is above written, and their testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by them.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner this the day of May, 1951.

Commissioner

NO. 2646 E Q U I T Y CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS,

Complainant

-VS-

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS,

Respondent

DEPOSITIONS OF DAHLIA M.
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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

15 May 1951

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Register, Circuit Court, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

RE: CHILDRESS VS CHILDRESS

Dear With this we are handing you original Bill, Answer and Waiver, Note of Testimony and Decree in the Childress divorce case.

Please have this case presented and let me have the decrees as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

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JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:
IN EQUITY:

Comes DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS and by this her Bill of Complaint presented against CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant is nineteen years of age and CHARIES A. CHILDRESS, Defendant, is over the age of twenty-one years; that complainant has lived in Baldwin County almost all of her life, except for six years prior to their marriage; that both are now and have been for more than five years next preceeding the filing of this bill bona fide residents of the State of Alabama, and residents of Fairhope, Alabama, getting their mail at Fairhope, Alabama.

SECOND: That complainant and defendant were married on the 31st day of July, 1948, and lived together as husband and wife until about the 30th day of March, 1951, but have not since lived together.

THIRD: That to this marriage there has been born one child, a son on the 24th of August, 1950, named Charles A. Childress, Jr., and that it is to the best interest of this child that he remain in the care and custody of the defendant, his father.

FOURTH: That the defendant has committed actual violence upon the person of his wife attended with danger to her life or health by striking her with his fist. One particular time he struck her was on the fourteenth day of August, 1950, just ten days before her son was born. Defendant has repeatedly struck her and threatened to strike her, and threatened to "knock her teeth down her throat." From defendant's conduct she has reasonable grounds to believe that

he will commit actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health until she left him on the 30th of March, 1951, and moved to Mobile, Alabama, where she is now residing at 207 North Conception Street.

FIFTH: Parties to this action have agreed and think it is to the best interest of said child, CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, JR., to be with its father and are filing an agreement, marked "Exhibit 'A'", to this effect with the filing of this bill.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that CHARIES A. CHILDRESS be made party defendant to this cause, and by proper process required to answer this Bill within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this bill the Court will take into consideration the agreement of the parties allowing the defendant to have full custody of the minor child, Charles A. Childress, Jr.; and that the Court will upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from said CHARIES A. CHILDRESS, granting her the right to marry again should she so desire, and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem met, and the right to resume her maiden name.

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E. G. Rickarby, Jr. SOLICITORS FOR COMPLARNANT

Complainant.

Complainant's mail address is 207 North Conception Street Mobile, Alabama

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS,

Complainant

Respondent

RICKARBY & RICKARBY Solicitors for Complainant

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-VS-

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS

Respondent

ANSWER and WAIVER

Comes CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, respondent in the above Styled cause, and for answer to the bill of complaint says he denies each allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives notice of deman for oral examination of complainant's witnesses, of the issue of commission to take testimony, of the time and place set for taking same, and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf. He further agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.

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Respondent.

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared CHARLES A. CHILD-BESS, who is known to me to be the respondent above named and who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the / (of April, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-one.

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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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NO. 2 646 E Q U I T Y CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS

Complainant

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS

Respondent

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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

THIS AGREEMENT made by and between DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS and CHARLES A. CHILDRESS:

WHEREAS the abovenamed parties are husband and wife; and WHEREAS the abovenamed parties are not able to live together; and

WHEREAS DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS is filing suit for a divorce; and WHEREAS there was born to this marriage a son by the name of CHARIES A. CHILDRESS, JR.; and

WHEREAS CHARLES A. CHILDRESS is able to and wants to rear said child; it is

AGREED between the parties hereto to now ask the Court to let the said CHARIES A. CHILDRESS have the care of and custody of said child, giving its mother, DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS, the right to see said child and vitis with him or have the child visit her at all reasonable times and places; and that DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS is able to support herself.

Done this the 16 th day of April, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-one.

Charles a. Childress

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I, WILLIAM R. LAUTEN , a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that CHARLES A. CHILDRESS, whose name is signed to the foregoing agreements, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of this agreement, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the / C

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA

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Public in and for said state and County, hereby certify that DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS, whose name is signed to the foregoing agreement, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of this agreement, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the day of April, 1951.

Notary Public, Sala County, Alabama

NO. EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DAHLIA M. CHILDRESS,

Complainant

-VS-

CHARLES A. CHILDRESS,

Respondent

EXHIBIT "A"
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