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DIVORCE DECREE

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

DOROTHY E. GRAHAM, Complainant

vs.

BENJAMIN GRAHAM, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Answer and Motion 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

Dorothy E. Graham is forever divorced from the said Benjamin Graham for and on account of Cruelty

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant is hereby awarded the care, custody and control of Suckle Grace, age 7 years and Jean Jean Graham, age 1 year.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Respondent shall have reasonable visitation of the children named herein.

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 Dorothy E. Graham the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 20 day of April, 1954

Hubert M. Hance
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

JOHN D. DUCK, JR.

Complainant

vs.

BEATRICE D. DUCK

Respondent

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

DOROTHY PIPKINS GRAY

vs.

EDITH GRAY

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

oral deposition of witnesses, Dorothy Pipkins Gray and Edith A. Gray

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

Chas. J. Thompson

Alvise J. Rensick
Register.

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No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

DOUGLAS J. JONES (Plaintiff)

vs.

MONROE A. GORDON (Defendant)

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 19th
day of April, 1954

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Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Lurleane Nixon

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 Dorothy Pickins Graham and Carrie A. Bishop

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

Dorothy Pickins Graham

Complainant

and

Benjamin Graham

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 19th day of April, 1954

Carrie J. Bishop
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

DOROTHY PIPKINS GRAHAM

Complainant

VS.

BENJAMIN GRAHAM

Respondent

I, Lyndean Nixon

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Dorothy Pipkins Graham and Carrie A. Bishop

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 19th day of April

1954, at the office of C. LeRoy Thompson

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

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Dorothy Pipkins Graham and

Carrie A. Bishop doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Dorothy Pipkins Graham, I am over the age of 21 and the respondent, Benjamin Graham is also over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, we have both lived here more than two years next preceding we were married at Bay Minette on December 30, 1944, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about the 25 of November, 1953, at which time he did not want to support us and also because he had on a number of occasion threatened my life and health going so far as to try to take a knife and cut my clothes off on one occasion, I have not lived with the Respondent as his wife since November 25, 1953, the cause for the separation being his failure to support our children and me and as a matter of fact he had not supported us for more than two years. On April 6, 1954, he came down to the house and without fault on my part assaulted and beat me, striking me about the head and face and about the body leaving bruises and swollen places. I know that I can never live with him as his wife any more for I am afraid for my life and health. There were born as fruits of our marriage two children, Sheila Graham, age about 7 years and Donna Jean Graham, age about 1 year. The petitioner has had the care, custody and control of these children since birth and respectfully represents unto this Honorable Court that she is a fit, suitable and proper person to have the permanent care, custody and control of these children and respectfully ask this Honorable Court to so order and also to grant to me my divorce.

Dorothy Pipkins Graham

That my name is Carrie A. Bishop, I know both parties to this cause, they are both over the age of 21 and resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been for more than two years next preceding. They were married at Bay Minette in December of 1944, and lived together as husband and wife until the latter part of November, 1953, at which time separation occurred so far as I know the separation was not caused on the part of Dorothy Graham on or about Tuesday April 6, 1954, Benjamin Graham assaulted and beat Dorothy leaving bruises about her temple and her face and other places on her body I do not know of any cause she gave Benjamin Graham for assaulting and beating her. There were born as fruits of this marriage two children, Sheila Graham, age about 7 years and Donna Jean Graham, age about one year, these children have been in the care, custody and control of their mother, Dorothy Graham, since they were born and I respectfully represent unto this Honorable Court that Dorothy Graham is a fit, suitable and proper person to have the care, custody and control of these children. I do not believe these parties will ever live together again as husband and wife because the Respondent placed Dorothy Graham in fear of her life and health by the beating he gave her and the other treatments she has had since living with him.

Carrie A. Bishop

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Lylene Mipon, 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 as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. Le-Voir Thompson

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness as or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness as; 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 19 day of April, 1951

Lylene Mipon (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

In Circuit Court, In Equity

DEBORAH PIPKINS GRANT

vs. Complainant

RELIANT GRANT

Respondent

Oral Deposition

Filed 4-19, 1951

Alfred J. Smith Register
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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

You are hereby commanded to summons BENJAMIN GRAHAM to appear and plead answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by Dorothy Fipkins Graham, as Complainant and against Benjamin Graham, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the _____ day of April, 1954.

Register.

DOROTHY FIPKINS GRAHAM,
COMPLAINANT,
VS
BENJAMIN GRAHAM,
RESPONDENT.

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

(TO MICHAEL) HUBERT H. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Dorothy Fipkins Graham, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant and the Respondent are both bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, on December 20, 1944, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, November 25, 1953.

3.

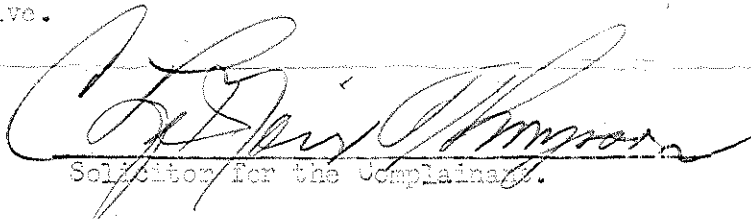
~~That~~, to-wit, November 25, 1953, and subsequently April 6, 1954, the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person and did assault and beat her, which necessarily endangered her life and health, and that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually believe that if she continued to live with him he would do further violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

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There were born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent two children: Sheila Graham, age 7 years and Donna Jean Graham, age 1 year, that the mother of said children is a suitable fit and proper person to have the care, custody and contr l of these children.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said Benjamin Graham, party Respondent to this bill of complaint requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the custody, care and control of the minor children, Sheila Graham, age 7 years and Donna Joan Graham, age 1 year. Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Solicitor for the Complainant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

DOROTHY PIERCE ORMAN,
COMPLAINANT,

VS

LEONARD ORMAN,
RESPONDENT.

Bill of Complaint

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ALICE J. BUCK, Register

G. J. H. Thompson
Attorney At Law
Bay Minette, Alabama

DOROTHY PIPKIN GRAHAM,
Complainant,
VS.
BENJAMIN GRAHAM,
Respondent.

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

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Now comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause and consents and agrees that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree without further notice to him.

And for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, Respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4.

2. He denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 3 of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Benjamin Graham
Respondent.

WITNESS:

James R. [Signature]

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