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

GERALDINE RAY

Complainant

VS

ROY RAY

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decrees Pro Confesso on ~~answer and waiver of Respondent~~ 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 GERALDINE RAY is forever divorced from the said

ROY RAY

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 Geraldine Ray and Roy Ray be, and ~~they are~~ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Roy Ray the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 12th day of May, 1944
J. W. 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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The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

GERALDINE RAY

vs. Complainant

FOY RAY

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

GERALDINE RAY
COMPLAINANT

VS

FOY RAY
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

And now comes the Respondent in his own proper person and accepts service of the summons and complaint in the above styled cause, and denies each and every allegation contained in the Bill of Complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking testimony on behalf of the Complainant, the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses, and agrees that this cause be submitted forthwith for final decree without further notice.

Foy Ray
Respondent

WITNESSES:

Woodrow Kirkland
Grady Wilson

.....GERALDINE RAY.....
Complainant,
VS. FOY RAY
.....
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:.....

.....Geraldine Ray.....
.....Bessie Fafek.....

2. That said complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a com-

missioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

BEEBE & HALL

BY *[Signature]*

Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of.....Bernice F. Reid.....

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

BEEBE & HALL

BY *[Signature]*

Solicitor for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA 2- GREETINGS:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon FOY RAY 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 summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a bill of complaint, lately exhibited by GERALDINE RAY against the said FOY RAY, and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your execution thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the _____ day of May, 1944.

Register.

GERALDINE RAY
COMPLAINANT
VS
FOY RAY
RESPONDENT

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

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

Now comes your Complainant, Geraldine Ray and humbly complaining against the Respondent, Foy Ray, respectfully represents and shows 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, over twenty one years of age;

2.

That they were married in Robertsedale, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on, to-wit, February 27th, 1943, and lived together as husband and wife until the 15th day of March, 1943;

3.

That the Respondent, during the time they lived together as husband and wife, threatened and abused the Complainant, and often threatened to do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable apprehension

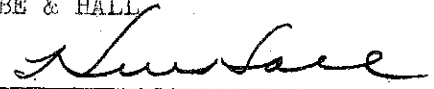
to believe, and she did actually believe, that the Respondent would carry out his threats and do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said FOY RAY, 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.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof, your Honor will give and grant unto her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent, and that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different and general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

BEEBE & HALL

BY


Solicitors for Complainant.

GERALDINE FAY
COMPLAINANT

VS

FOY FAY
RESPONDENT

ANSWER AND WAIVER.

Received
10/19/44
J. H. Beck
Esq.

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

.....Geraldine Ray.....
Complainant,

Vs.

.....Foy Ray.....
Respondent.

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

Filed this 10th day of May.....

1944

[Signature]
.....
Register.

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GERALDINE RAY,
COMPLAINANT

VS

FOY RAY,
RESPONDENT

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

Received 10/19/44
Robert [unclear]

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

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

GERALDINE RAY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

FOY RAY

RESPONDENT

I, Bernice F. Reid

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Geraldine Ray and Bessie Fafek

witness^{es} named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 9th day of May

19⁴⁴, 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 Geraldine Ray

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Geraldine Ray. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over twenty one years of age. The Respondent Foy Ray is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty one years of age.

The Respondent and I were married in Robertsdale, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on February 27th, 1943. We lived together as husband and wife until the 15th day of March, 1943.

I learned immediately after our marriage that the Respondent was a man of such nature and temperament that I could not live with him and he often cursed, threatened and abused me, and threatened to do violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health. This condition grew worse from time to time until it got to the point where it was absolutely impossible for me to live with him, and we separated. I have made my own way, and he has contributed nothing toward my support and maintenance. I know that it is absolutely impossible that he and I ever shall be able to live together as husband and wife.

Geraldine Vera Ray

Bessie Fafek, a witness for the complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: My name is Bessie Fafek. I live at Robertsdale, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with the complainant and the Respondent in the above styled cause. The complainant is now and has been for some time living with me. I remember when they complainant and respondent married, at Robertsdale, in February, 1943. They lived together only for a short while when the complainant learned that she could no longer live with the Respondent. The Respondent often threatened and abused the complainant, and his conduct toward her was such as to give her every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually believe, that if she continued to live with him, he would do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. The complainant and Respondent have no children, and it is, under the circumstances, to the best interests of society that they be granted a divorce and the right to remarry.

Bessie Fafek

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Bernice F. Reid, 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~~s~~ and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and of E. M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness~~s~~ or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness~~s~~; 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 5th day of May, 1944.

Bernice F. Reid (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GERALDINE RAY

Complainant

Vs.

ROY RAY

Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed May 10, 1944

B. F. Reid, Register

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GERALDINE RAY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

FOY RAY

RESPONDENT

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 of Respondent, and testimony of complainant's witnesses _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

B. L. Decker Register.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

GERALDINE RAY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

FOY RAY

RESPONDENT

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 10th

day of May 1944

R. S. Duck
Register.