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

DOROTHY MC DONALD

Complainant

VS

WILLIAM C. MC DONALD

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 heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said DOROTHY MC DONALD is forever divorced from the said

WILLIAM C. MC DONALD

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 Dorothy McDonald and William C McDonald, they ARE hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of July

1944

*F. W. 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.



STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon WILLIAM C. MC DONALD 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 plead, answer or demur without oath to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by DOROTHY MC DONALD, Complainant, against the said WILLIAM C. MC DONALD 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 endorsement thereon, to our said court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the 18 day of July, 1944.

R. S. Duck  
Register

DOROTHY MC DONALD, by Zena Greer, her  
Mother and next friend, Complainant.  
VS

WILLIAM C. MC DONALD, 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,  
IN EQUITY:

Now comes the Complainant, Dorothy McDonald, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, William C. McDonald, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

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

2.

That the Complainant and the Respondent were married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on December 25, 1942, and lived together as husband and wife until to-wit, the 25th day of December, 1943.

3.

That on, to-wit, December 25, 1943, and on various occasions the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused the Complainant and often threatened to do

violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. The conduct of the Respondent upon such occasions gave the Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually believe that if she continued to live with the Respondent he 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 William C. McDonald 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 of this cause an order and decree be made granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that your complainant pray for such other, further different and general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

BEEBT & HALL

BY: *Shirley*  
Solicitors for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County }

CIRCUIT COURT

TO Helen A. McGowan

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 McDonald and Zena Greer

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

Complainant  
and William C. McDonald

Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon \_\_\_\_\_  
to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all Convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 18th day of July 1944



REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

DOROTHY McDONALD

**Complainant**

**VS.**

WILLIAM G. McDONALD

**Defendant**

**Commission To Take Deposition**

**COMMISSIONER:**

**Witnesses:**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

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

DOROTHY MC DONALD COMPLAINANT

VS.

WILLIAM C. MC DONALD RESPONDENT

I, Helen A. McGowan

~~as Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Helen A. McGowan

witness<sup>es</sup> named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 17 day of July

19 44, at the office of BEEBE & HALL

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness<sup>es</sup> to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Dorothy McDonald

doth depose and say as follows:

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Helen A. McGowan, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition<sup>s</sup> on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness<sup>e</sup>s and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself Helen A. McGowan at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness<sup>e</sup>s or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness<sup>e</sup>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 17 day of July, 1944.

Helen A. McGowan (L. S.)

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

DOROTHY MC DONALD, by Zena Greer,

her Mother and next friend Complainant

Vs.

William C. McDonald Respondent

**ORAL DEPOSITION**

Filed July 18, 1944

R. S. Wicks, Register

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~~DOROTHY McDONALD.~~

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VS.

Wm C Mc DONALD.

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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,  
and testimony of Dorothy McDonald, and Zena Greer.

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and in behalf of Defendant upon ~~answer and waiver.~~

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*R. Schuch* Register.

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Dorothy McDonald.

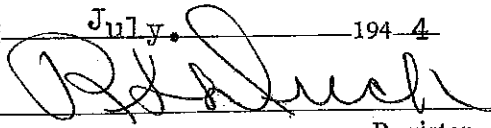
VS.

Wm C McDonald.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 19th.

day of July, 1944



Register.

My name is Dorothy McDonald. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been all my life. I am now sixteen years old.

The Respondent, William C. McDonald is over twenty one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent and I married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on December 25th, 1942. We lived together as husband and wife until, to-wit, December 25th, 1943. The Respondent on various and many occasions, while we lived together as husband and wife, threatened and abused me and often threatened to do violence to my person, which would necessarily endanger my life and health. His conduct grew worse from time to time until it became necessary for me to leave him.

The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe, and I did acutally believe, that if I continued to live with him he would carry out his threats and do violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

*Miss Dorothy McDonald*

Zena Greer, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Zena Greer. I live at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and am over twenty one years of age.

I am the mother of Dorothy McDonald. My daughter, Dorothy McDonald and the Respondent, William C. McDonald, married at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama, on December 25th, 1942, and lived together as husband and wife until, to-wit, December 25th, 1943.

The Complainant and the Respondent made their home at my house. The Respondent, on various occasions, threatened and abused my daughter and often threatened to do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give my daughter every reasonable apprehension to believe and I know she did believe, that if she continued to live with him he would carry out his threats and do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

I know from my own observation that it was absolutely impossible for my daughter to live with the Respondent as his wife, any longer.

*Miss Zena Greer*