

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

Anita L. Davis Complainant

VS

Theodore Roosevelt Davis Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decrees Pro Confesso ~~xxx 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 Anita L. Davis is forever divorced from the said

Theodore Roosevelt Davis

for and on account of cruelty.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the maiden name of complainant, namely: Anita L. Stewart, be, and the same hereby is, restored to her, the complainant.

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 complainant and respondent be, and are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Anita L. Davis the complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14th day of September, 1944.

*A. W. Hare*  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R. S. Duck, 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 September, 1944.

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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**The State Of Alabama**  
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Anita L. Davis

vs. Complainant

Theodore Roosevelt Davis

Respondent.

**DIVORCE DECREE**

ANITA L. DAVIS,  
Complainant,

vs

Theodore Roosevelt Davis,  
Respondent.

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

ANSWER OF RESPONDENT

Now comes the respondent, Theodore Roosevelt Davis, and for answer to the bill of complaint filed in this cause against him by the complainant, Anita L. Davis, he denies each and every allegation contained in said bill of complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

And he, the said respondent, hereby waives all further notice or service of process against him of the filing of said bill of complaint, the taking of testimony in said cause and of the submission of said cause for final decree.

*Theodore Roosevelt Davis*  
Theodore Roosevelt Davis,  
Respondent.

ANITA L. DAVIS )  
Complainant )  
vs )  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAVIS, )  
Respondent. )

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT.

Comes your Complainant, Anita L. Davis, and brings this her bill of complaint, against the respondent, Theodore Roosevelt Davis, and respectfully alleges and represents unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. Complainant and respondent ~~xxxxxx each over the age of twenty xxxxx years~~ and are residents of Baldwin County, Alabama. Complainant is now and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. Complainant is over 18 years of age and respondent is over 21 years of age.

2. Complainant and respondent were lawfully married to each other at Robertsdale in said State and County on January the 26th, 1944, and lived together as man and wife until April the 26th, 1944, and have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise since said last date.

3. On said last date of April 26th, 1944, complainant reasonably apprehended actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health, and was compelled for the safety of her life or health to return to her parents to live, there being reasonable apprehension of such actual violence attended with danger to her life or health on her person on the part of or by respondent. Respondent was and is a man of ungovernable temper and of extremely jealous nature and was continually threatening and abusing complainant to such extent that her nerves and health were seriously injured she lost weight and if she had not returned to her parents to live she verily believes she would have entirely lost her health. Since said last date, complainant has worked and make her own living without any support or help from respondent.

4. Complainant further alleges that her maiden name was Anita L. Stewart, and she prays the court to restore to her such maiden name.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Complainant prays the Court that the said Theodore Roosevelt Davis, be make party respondent to this bill of complaint and that due process issue for service upon him.

And Complainant further prays that upon the final hearing hereof your Honor and the Court will be pleased to give and grant to her a decree of complete divorce from the respondent Theodore Roosevelt Davis, with permission to complainant, to again marry, should she see fit, so to do, and that her maiden name of Anit L. Stewart be restored to her. And complainant further prays for all such other, further and different relief, orders and decrees as she may be entitled to, the premises considered.

J. E. Smith  
Solicitor for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

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

Anita L. Davis COMPLAINANT

vs.

Theodore Roosevelt Davis RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck

as Register and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

have called and caused to come before me Anita L. Davis and Grace A. Stewart

witness es named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 13th day of September

I, R. S. Duck as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition 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 presence of myself and H. E. Smith, Solicitor for Complainant

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness; 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 14th day of September 1944.

R. S. Duck (L. S.)

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY**

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Antta L. Davis

COMPLAINANT

vs.

Theodore Roosevelt  
Davis

RESPONDENT

**ORAL DEPOSITION**

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and was written by him. I received this letter back on April 26, 1944, and when I asked him what it meant he went into a violent rage, threatened to kill me if I did not give him the letter back, and ordered me to leave. I was afraid to stay there any longer because I knew he would hurt me, and there was nothing for me to do but leave. Before this he had, as I stated before, been extremely quarrelsome and threatening to me.

My maiden name was Anita L. Stewart and I would like for the Court to restore it to me.

Anita L. Davis

GRACE A. STEWART, being duly sworn, says as follows:

My name is Grace A. Stewart. I am over the age of twenty-one years and reside in Robertsdale, Alabama. The complainant in this cause is my daughter. I have read over the testimony in this cause given by her and know that it is substantially true.

The respondent in this cause is a man of ~~XXXXX~~ ungovernable temper and neglected my daughter in every way. He would threaten and abuse her and lots of mornings she would come home crying. He payed a great deal of attention to other women and did not give her any support at all. We had to buy her clothes and furnish her with other necessities.

On April 26, 1944, she came home and showed us the letter attached to her testimony. She had gotten in a very rundown condition just prior to this both as to her nerves and health and I am convinced that if she had not come back home to us when she did that she would have had a nervous breakdown or that her health would have been entirely gone. ~~XXX~~

As it was her health was seriously impaired, she had lost weight and very nervous. Since she has been with us after April 26, 1944, she has recovered to a great extent and is now joining the WAVES.

She has worked and made her own living since April 26, 1944, without any help from him.

Grace A. Stewart

Anita L Davis.

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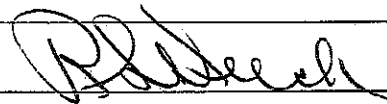
IN EQUITY

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, \_\_\_\_\_  
and Testimony of Anita L Davis. and Grace A Stewart

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_ Answer and Waiver.

 Register.



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The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Anita L Davis,


VS.

Theodore Roosevelt Davis.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 14th

day of Sept. 1944

  
Register.

I am sitting in front of the power plant writing this + it is 2 min. till ten. wish you were here. I love you, be sure + come to Adelaide Friday, I like it + I don't think that Monkey Cute at the power plant + a man just gave him some cookies.

I hear Wash. + Irene are married. I hope them Luck. I can't tell you this there is no one as sweet as the Pitman's. I've seen you dead, a few times at the Shirt Mill + R's date. I never talked to him tho. + figured he was mad at me. I wish he could have been my dead in love + like him.

I close your honey so write real soon if you will please Honey.  
 Yours Always Love  
 Ted  
 P.S. (Pitman)

I wish I could only erase 3 years of My life and live it over. I miss you + I would be happy for you and I both. 'Yes! very happy' remember just one year + four months ago yesterday the 19 we were to be united in Marriage. No Darling I haven't been in a moment of happiness since that date. Only the times I've been with you since then. Sweetheart is must be Love - True Love, that affects me to you as I am.

I do honest I do love you Darling. I only wish I could go with you again. I'd love as you to marry me just go with me and help keep me happy Honey. Ofal will you write to me after I am in the Army. I hope you do. That will make me happy.

thing sweet. About me  
 telling something some other  
 person I love them. No  
 I never told anyone that  
 but you that Darling.  
 I've never told any one that  
 except you. Why because I love  
you only. I do Honey honest  
 I do. Just like you told me  
 to, I've tried to learn to  
 love some one else, I can't  
 Darling. I just can't, I wasn't  
 to tell you all about it Friday.  
 There is something awfully  
 important I have to tell  
 you about you & my self,  
 It is the True fact and  
 Nothing else Darling, I want  
 to tell you about my self & Marriage.

There is something you should  
 know. It is your business  
 to know, I wouldn't say  
 this if I didn't love you.  
 Listen Dear you aren't the  
 class of that breaking up,  
 it was me too. I shouldn't  
 want to have married you  
 just then. But anyway I  
 loved you then & always  
 will. Never will I change  
 my mind. I do only wish  
 I had waited for you Darling.  
 Is it too late? I pray is it?  
~~Thursday~~ <sup>April 20</sup> Honey I was to the school house  
 this morning. There was a girl that  
 looked for you and couldn't find  
 you. Her name was Mrs. Bennett but  
 she was gone after some kids.  
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It looks like I'll not get  
to see you today. I will still  
be at the Bus station  
Friday, but an over to Dr  
Jordan office with my Dad  
he has been getting sick.

What are you doing this  
morning my love. I hope  
you are having a good time  
what are you doing (partly studying  
like every thing. How is school  
now. I only wish I could go to  
school with you Darling. How  
about it can I go + finish the  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade with you. No  
matter where it is. Oh I think  
more of you now than ever.  
I've learned a lot since  
Christmas too much. I wish  
I was dead. Life isn't worth  
live ~~now~~ without you ~~love~~

Robertsdale, Fla.  
April 19, 1944

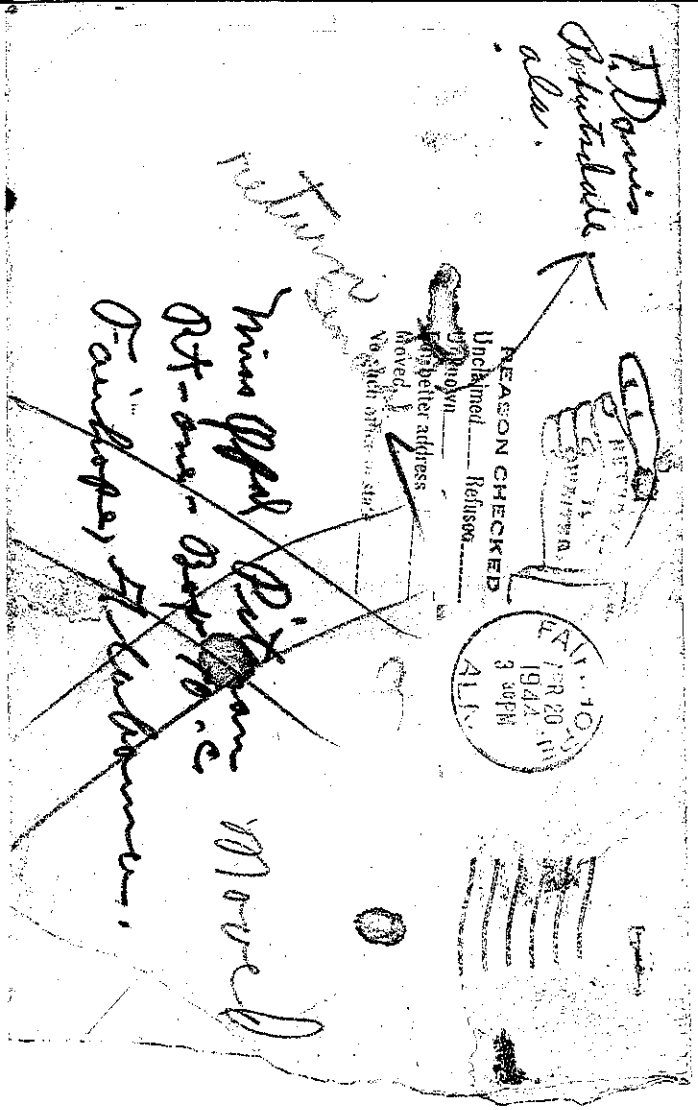
His Love;

You are right about your sis-  
ter O. But I never met her. In  
fact I don't know her, I've never  
seen her. I know she is a sweet  
girl tho.

You are right on lots of other  
things too.

Later Red I've got something  
to tell you Friday I just got  
to tell you. Also something  
to ask you. This Dear means  
all the world to you only.  
Please be at the Bus station  
I will be positively be  
there.

You are wrong on one other



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DAVIS  
Complainant,

VS

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Respondent

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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