

**The State of Alabama** }  
 Baldwin County

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

LILLIAN LAVALLEY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

CLARENCE R. LAVALLEY

RESPONDENT

I, ROBERT S. DUCK,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Mrs. Lillian LaValley, Mrs. L. Bonine,  
and Mrs. Leo Mellon,

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 2nd day of November,  
 1935, at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,  
 in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the  
 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mrs. Lillian LaValley,

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lillian LaValley. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent, Clarence R. LaValley is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. We are both over twenty-one years of age. The Respondent and I were married at Chicago, Illinois, on June 27, 1931, and lived together as husband and wife until May 17, 1935. We were living in Baldwin County, Alabama, at the time we separated. On May 17, 1935, and various times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed, abused and threatened me, and also threatened to do violence to my person, and, in fact, did on several occasions do actual violence by striking me; that his conduct grew worse from time to time, until it became impossible for me to longer live with him, and I had to leave him in order to protect my life and health. I tried hard to live with him, but on account of his conduct, his threats and abuses, I could not live with him.

*Mrs. Lillian LaValley*

MRS. LESTER BONINE, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Mrs. Lester Bonine. I am personally acquainted with Lillian LaValley and Clarence LaValley, who are husband and wife. I know that while they were living together, the Respondent, Clarence LaValley, often cursed, abused and threatened her, and often did actual violence to her person, by striking her.

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IN EQUITY.

And now comes the Respondent, CLARENCE R. LAVALLEY,  
in his own proper person and waives notice of the time of taking  
testimony on behalf of the Complainant, the right to cross-examine  
witnesses of the Complainant, and consents that the cause may be  
submitted for final decree forthwith without any further notice.

Clarence R. Lavalley

WITNESSES:

Arthur E. Relf

Miss J. Relf

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And now comes the Respondent in his own proper person and for answer to the Complainant's Bill of Complaint, and to each count thereof, separately and severally, says:

ONE:

That he admits the allegations contained in paragraphs First and Second.

TWO:

That he denies the allegation contained in paragraph Third and demands strict proof of the same.

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

Comes your Complainant, LILLIAN LAVALLEY, and humbly  
complaining against the Respondent, CLARENCE R. LAVALLEY, respect-  
fully represents and shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST:

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

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are husband and  
wife, having intermarried at Chicago, Illinois on June 27th, 1931.

THIRD:

That your Complainant and the Respondent lived together as  
husband and wife until, on to-wit, May 17th, 1935; that on said date,  
and various times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed, abused and  
threatened your Complainant, and often threatened to do actual viol-  
ence to her person; that the conduct of the Respondent was such that  
your Complainant had every reasonable apprehension to believe, and  
did believe, that the Respondent would carry out his threats and do  
actual violence to her person, which would endanger her life and  
health should she continue to live with him.

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

LAVALLEY party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, requiring him to answer, plead 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 final hearing of this cause your Honor will give and grant unto her a decree of absolute divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between the Complainant and the Respondent; that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Lillian La Valley  
Complainant.  
Beebe & Haec  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the Bill of Complaint, in paragraphs FIRST to THIRD, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby waived.

Lillian La Valley  
Complainant.  
Beebe & Haec  
Solicitors for Complainant.

The State of Alabama, { Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity  
Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Clarence Lavelley,

of Baldwin, County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

Lillian Lavelley,

against said Clarence R Lavelley

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant 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, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 26 day

of October 1935



Register

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original Bill of Complaint, on behalf of the Complainant, Answer and Waiver of the Respondent, and Testimony as noted by the Register, and the Court, after understanding and considering the matter, is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court, that the Bonds of Matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and the Respondent be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the ground of cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Complainant be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the costs in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Lillian LaValley shall not again marry, except to the said Clarence R. LaValley until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days, she shall not again marry, except to the said Clarence R. LaValley, during the pendency of the appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Clarence R. LaValley may again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs in this cause.

Dated at Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the  
9th day of November, 1935.

W. H. Hare  
Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Baldwin County, Alabama.