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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

Complainant

vs.

MCLEOD CRENSHAW

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on Answer and 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 Mamie Ruth Crenshaw is forever divorced from the said McLeod Crenshaw for and on account of Cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, That the Complainant, Mamie Ruth Crenshaw, shall have the care, custody and control of the minor children, Walter Thomas Crenshaw, age 13, Barbara Jean Crenshaw, age 11, George Berkley Crenshaw, age 9, Pat O'Brien Crenshaw, age 8, Royce Dale Crenshaw, age 6 and Joyce Gayle Crenshaw, age 6.

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 payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that McLeod Crenshaw the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 21st day of September, 1955

Hubert M. Hale

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

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

Complainant

vs.

McLEOD CRENSHAW

Respondent

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

X

Complainant

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vs

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McLEOD CRENSHAW

X

Respondent

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

NO. 3612

TO: THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN
EQUITY AND TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE THEREOF:

Comes your petitioner, the undersigned, Mamie Ruth Crenshaw
and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and unto this
Honorable Court as follows:

-1-

That your complainant is over the age of 21 years and is
a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama; and the respondent
is over the age of 21 years and a resident citizen of Baldwin
County, Alabama.

-2-

That your complainant and the respondent were previously
married and that four children; presently under the age of 18,
Royce Dale, age 13 years; Joyce Gale, age 13 years, Pat O'Brine,
age 15 years and George Burkley, age 17 years, were born as
fruits of this marriage between the parties to this cause.

-3-

That on to-wit, September 21, 1955, your Honor by proper
decree divorced the parties to this cause and granted the care,
custody and control of said children to your petitioner.

-4-

That at the time the said decree was rendered by your Honor
as Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, that your petitioner
was employed and the respondent's health was bad and your petitioner
did not ask for the payment of any sum or sums by the respondent for
the maintenance and support of the said children, fruits of their
marriage.

-5-

That during the intervening time, the said respondent has
for many months paid over to your petitioner the sum of \$20.00 a
week for the support of the said children, but that during the
past month a payment of only \$10.00 has been made for said children's

support.

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That during the intervening time your petitioner remarried, but has become unemployed and the respondent is earning a large weekly wage check, the exact amount of which is unknown to your petitioner.

WHEREFOR, the premises considered, your complainant respectfully prays that upon the filing of this petition this Honorable Court will cause the respondent to be made a party hereto by the service of process upon him in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided and the rules of this Honorable Court.

Your complainant further prays that upon the filing of this petition this Honorable Court will after hearing the testimony, modify the said divorce decree rendered by your Honor on September 21, 1955, to provide that the said respondent, McLeod Crenshaw shall pay over to your petitioner, complainant in said cause, the sum of \$10.00 per week per child for the maintenance and support of said children.

Your complainant prays for such other, further and different order or decree as in the premises may be meet and proper and your petitioner ever prays, etc.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Mamie Ruth Mitchell

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, C. LeNoir Thompson, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Mamie Ruth Crenshaw who is known to me and who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn did depose and says under oath as follows:

That her name is Mamie Ruth Crenshaw, and that she signed the foregoing petition and the facts alleged therein are true and correct and those matters which are alleged on information and belief she is informed and believes are correct.

Mamie Ruth Crenshaw Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 30 day of July 1963.

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C. LeNoir Thompson
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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REGISTER

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MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

Complainant

VS

McLOED CRENSHAW

Respondent

X IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
X BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
X IN EQUITY
X CASE NO. 3617

Comes now the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to the Complainant's petition says:

-1-

He admits the allegation contained in paragraph 1 of the petition.

-2-

He admits the allegation contained in paragraph 2 except that the ages of Royce Dale and Joyce Gale are 14 years and not 13.

-3-

He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 3.

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He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4, but says further that there were six children at the time that the divorce decree was entered.

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He admits the allegation contained in paragraph 5.

-6-

He admits that the petitioner has remarried but he does not know whether she is unemployed at the time or not. He admits that he is making a larger weekly check than before and that on June 17, 1963, he broke his right arm. He, since that time, has not been able to work and on July 19, he started drawing compensation for his injury.

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The Respondent further says that since the alledged divorce, he has continuously bought clothing and other necessities of life for the children. He has bought their school books and other incidentals for their school.

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The Respondent further says that he is still in poor health and that he is limited in the amount of work that he is able to do. He also says that he has done the best he can with the children.

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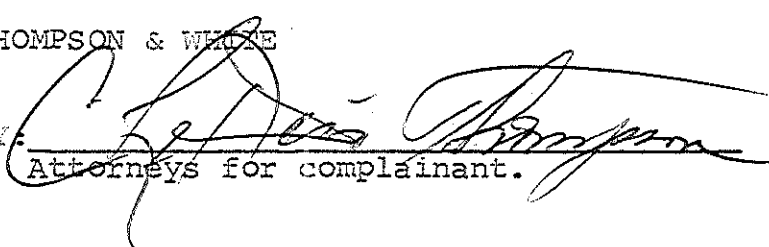
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MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW	X	
Complainant	X	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
vs	X	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
MCLEOD CRENSHAW	X	IN EQUITY NO. 3617
Respondent	X	

Comes the complainant in the above styled cause and propounds the following interrogatories to the respondent, McLeod Crenshaw:

1. State your name.
2. Are you McLeod Crenshaw, respondent in Equity Case No. 3617 in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County?
3. The month prior to the time that you broke your arm, state the amount of money you earned per week.
4. Since June 17th, state the amount each week which you have contributed to the support of your three children subject of the present petition.
5. State how much money you are prepared to provide for these three children at this time to be used in purchasing school books, incidentals and school lunches so they can enter school?
6. State, if you know, the date you expect to return to work.
7. Give the name, title or classification of the job you held before June 17th and the pay customarily paid a worker doing that job for International Paper Company.

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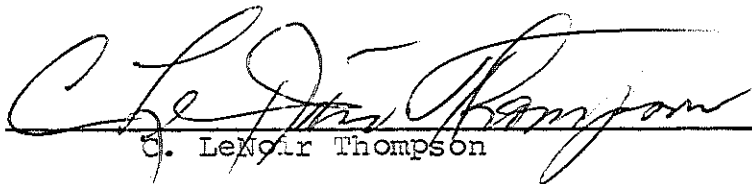
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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

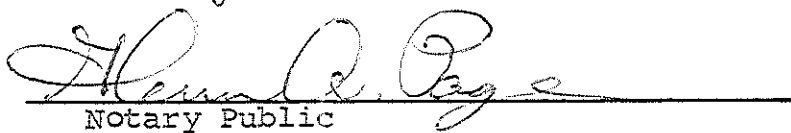
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared C. LeNoir Thompson, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes on oath and says as follows:

My name is C. LeNoir Thompson and I am one of the attorneys of record for the complainant in the above entitled cause, and as such, I am authorized to make this affidavit. I further state that the

answer of the respondent to the foregoing interrogatories will, if truthfully made, be material evidence for the complainant on the trial of said cause.


C. LeNoir Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to beforeme by the said C. LeNoir Thompson on this the 28 day of August, 1963.

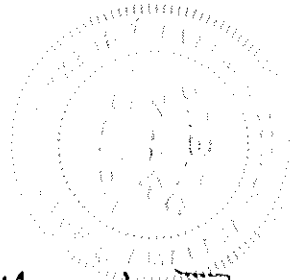

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Mamie Ruth Crenshaw

vs.

McLeod Crenshaw

Received 28 day of Aug. 1963

and on 28 day of Aug 1963

I served a copy of the within return

on Harry Wilkins

By service on _____

TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff

By W. A. Albert D. S.

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for the purpose of

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons McLeod Crenshaw, 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 Mamie Ruth Crenshaw as Complainant and against McLeod Crenshaw as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the _____ day of September, 1955.

Register.

MAmie RUTH CRENSHAW

COMPLAINANT

VS

McLEOD CRENSHAW

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA:

Your complainant, Mamie Ruth Crenshaw, respectfully represents unto Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is over the age of 21 and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been more than one year next preceeding, the Respondent is over the age of 21 and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been more than one year next preceeding.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Bay Minette, Alabama on June 15, 1942, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, the first week in May, 1955.

3.


That on to-wit the first week in May, 1955, and on several occasions prior thereto the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. 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 carry out his threats and do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

4.

There was born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent six children, Walter Thomas Crenshaw, age 13, Barbara Jean Crenshaw, age 11, George Berkley Crenshaw, age 9, Pat O'Brien Crenshaw, age 8, Royce Dale Crenshaw, age 6 and Joyce Gayle Crenshaw, age 6.

Wherefore, The premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said McLeod Crenshaw, 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, and that a decree be made awarding to the Complainant the care, custody and control of the said minor children, Walter Thomas Crenshaw, age 13, Barbara Jean Crenshaw, age 11, George Berkley Crenshaw, age 9, Pat O'Brien Crenshaw, age 8, Royce Dale Crenshaw, age 6 and Joyce Gayle Crenshaw, age 6, with the provision that said children may remain in the Methodist Children Home at Selma, Alabama as may be needed according to the financial ability of the parties to this cause; Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she maybe in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Solicitor for the Complainant.

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MAIE RUTH CRENSHAW

COMPLAINANT

VS

MOLEND CRENSHAW

RESPONDENT

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ALICE L. DUCK, Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: LOIS HOWARD

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Mamie Ruth Crenshaw and Arnie Mae Aaron

a witnesses in behalf of Mamie Ruth Crenshaw in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Mamie Ruth Crenshaw

, Complainant

and McLeod Crenshaw

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 19 day of Sept, 1955

Archie J. French
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

VS.

Complainant _____

McLEOD CRENSHAW

Defendant _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

LOIS HOWARD

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WITNESSES:

MATTHEW J. HARRIS

ANNIE MAE AARON

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

Complainant

VS.

MCLEOD CRENSHAW

Respondent

I, Lois Howard

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Mamie Ruth Crenshaw and Annie Mae Aaronwitnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 19th day of September
1955, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompsonin Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mamie Ruth Crenshaw and Annie
Mae Aaron doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Mamie Ruth Crenshaw, I am over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been more than one year next preceeding. The respondent McLeod Crenshaw is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been more than one year next preceeding. We were married June 15, 1942 at Bay Minette, Alabama and lived together as husband and wife until during the first week in May, 1955. About this time the Respondent became angry at me through no fault of my own and he jumped on me and beat me striking me about the head and body so that it was necessary for a member of my family to intervene and stop him in order to put an end to the beating. Because of this attack and the threats he made I became in fear of my life or health and have not lived with him since as his wife. There are six children born as fruits of this marriage, Walter Thomas Crenshaw, age 13, Barbara Jean Crenshaw, age 11, George Berkley Crenshaw, age 9, Pat O'Brien Crenshaw, age 8, Royce Dale Crenshaw, age 6 and Joyce Gayle Crenshaw, age 6, and I have had the care, custody and control of these children since birth. Because of financial difficulty and because the respondent would not furnish support for them since the separation I placed them in the Methodist Children Home at Selma, Alabama, where they are at present. However I respectfully submit to this Honorable Court that I am a fit, suitable and proper person to have their care, custody and control and ask this Honorable Court to grant the care, custody and control of these children to me. The respondent and I have a small parcel of land, about one acre on which there is a three room frame house, I wish to keep possession of this house during the minority of these children so that I may have the place for them to come during the summer months to visit me and the respondent's family. The respondent was unable to work for about two years and since he got a job he has not supported me or the children. I do not know what he has done with his money. It is my plan to leave my children in the Methodist Children Home for the time being but I wish to bring them back to live with me as soon as I can possibly arrange it.

Mamie Ruth Crenshaw

That my name is Annie Mae Aaron, I know both parties to this cause, they are both over the age of 21 and are residents of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been more than one year next preceeding. They were married in June 1942 at Bay Minette, Alabama and were separated the first week in May, 1955. The respondent became angry at the complainant through no fault on her part so far as I know and started striking her about the head and body until a member of her family was able to put a stop to the beating, because of the beating and threats made by the respondent, McLeod Crenshaw, Mamie Ruth Crenshaw, the complainant became in fear of her life or health and has not lived with the respondent as husband and wife since the first week of May in this year. There are six children born as fruits of this marriage, Walter Thomas Crenshaw, age 13, Barbara Jean Crenshaw, age 11, George Berkley Crenshaw, age 9, Pat O'Brien Crenshaw, age 8, Royce Dale Crenshaw, age 6 and Joyce Gayle Crenshaw, age 6, and the complainant has had the care, custody and control of these children since birth until during this summer she placed them in the Methodist Children Home at Selma, Alabama so she could earn a living. I respectfully represent that the

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lois Howard, 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. LeNoir Thompson at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es, that I am not of counsel or 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 19th day of September, 1955.

Lois Howard (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

vs. Complainant

Respondent.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

Complainant

VS.

MCLEOD CRENSHAW

Respondent

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Mae Aaron doth depose and say as follows:

Complainant is a fit, suitable and proper person to have their permanent care
custody and control so far as I know the respondent has not supported either
the complainant or the children since the separation.

Annie Mae Aaron

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lois Howard, 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. LeNoir Thompson

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I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 19th day of September, 1955

Lois Howard, (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MAITE RUTH CRENSHAW

vs. Complainant

LEONARD CRENSHAW

Respondent.

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MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW

vs.

MCLEOD CRENSHAW

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, _____

Testimony of Mamie Ruth Crenshaw and Annie Mae Aaron

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

W. J. Duck

Register.

C. L. G. in Thompson

No. 3617

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

MAHIE RUTH CRENSHAW

vs.

MCLEOD CRENSHAW

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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MAMIE RUTH CRENSHAW
COMPLAINANT
VS
MCLEOD CRENSHAW
RESPONDENT

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

Now comes the Respondent and accepted service of the summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, marriage and residence, but denies all other allegations contained in the bill of complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

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

McLeod Crenshaw

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, C. B. Thompson, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that McLeod Crenshaw, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 17 day of Sept, 1955.

C. B. Thompson
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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VS

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RESPONDENT

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