

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

Complainant

vs.

LEONARD CARLTON

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 Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton is forever divorced from the said Leonard Carlton 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 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 Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 15th day of November, 1955

7 Julius M. 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

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

No. 3632

LEONARD CARLTON

vs.

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 11th. day of

Oct. 1955

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

that the Defendant

LEONARD CARLTON

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama whose present address is unknown and Post Office address cannot be ascertained.

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant ^{ant} the Defendant LEONARD CARLTON is over the age of 21

years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the ^{THE ONLOOKER} ~~Baldwin Times~~, a newspaper pub-

lished in ^{FOLEY} ~~Bay Minette~~, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring

LEONARD CARLTON

the said DEFENDANT

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 11 Nov. 1955 day of

194, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

C. L. Thompson
Solicitor for Plaintiff

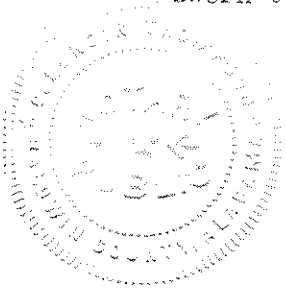
Archie J. Duck
Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama Baldwin County, personally appeared Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn according to law on oath doth depose and say that she is the Complainant in a certain cause being filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama; that the Respondent in said cause, Leonard Carlton, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and whose residence, after a search having been made with due diligence, is unknown according to the best information and belief of the Complainant and that your Complainant cannot ascertain the particular place of residence and Post Office address of the Respondent after expending a reasonable effort, which has been made; that said Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years.

Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of October, 1955.



[Signature]
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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 Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton and Mrs. Frankie McCaw

a witnesses in behalf of Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton

and Leonard Carlton, Complainant

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 27 day of October, 1955

Alice J. Duck
D.J. Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

Complainant

VS.

LEONARD CARLTON

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

LOIS HOWARD

WITNESSES:

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

MRS. FRANKIE McCAW

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

Complainant

VS.

LEONARD CARLTON

Respondent

I, Lois Howard

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton and Mrs. Frankie McCaw

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 26th day of October 1955, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton and Mrs. Frankie McCaw doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton, I am over the age of 21 and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have resided here since about 1950. The Respondent Leonard Carlton is over the age of 21 and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama living near Stockton and has resided there all his life. We were married at Lucedale, Mississippi on November 11, 1951 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until December 28, 1954. The cause of the separation was that when the Respondent could get whiskey he would get drunk and then he would beat me and the last time he beat and abused me so that I became in fear of my life or health and was forced to leave him for my safety. We have not lived together as husband and wife since that date. I know we will never live together again as husband and wife because he has continued to drink since the separation and because of the threats he has made. There are no children as fruits of this marriage and no property to be divided.

Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton

That my name is Mrs. Frankie McCaw, I know both parties to this cause they are both over the age of 21 and residents of Baldwin County and have resided here more than one year next preceeding. They were married on November 11, 1951 at Lucedale, Mississippi and lived together in Baldwin County until after Christmas in 1954. The Respondent is known to drink heavily and to become mean while drinking and at the time of the separation Rennie Pearl was abused by him and left him in fear of her life or health. There are no children as fruits of this marriage and no property to be divided. I do not believe they will ever live together again as husband and wife.

Mrs. Frankie McCaw

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lois Howard, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition^s 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 26th day of October, 1955.

Lois Howard (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LEONARD CARTER, JUNIOR COMPLAINANT

vs. Complainant

LEONARD CARTER

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed Oct. 27, 1955

Lois Howard, Register.

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RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

vs.

LEONARD CARLTON

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 Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton and Mrs. Frankie McGaw

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

Register.

Chas. H. Thompson

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

vs.

LEONARD CARLTON

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 27

day of Oct., 1945

Alice J. Dyke
Register.

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RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON
COMPLAINANT

VS

LEONARD CARLTON
RESPONDENT

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

CASE NO. _____

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.

Leonard Carlton

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, C. B. Smith, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Leonard Carlton, 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 24 day of Oct, 1955.

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

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons Leonard Carlton, 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 Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton as Complainant and against Leonard Carlton as Respondent.

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

Register.

RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON
COMPLAINANT
VS
LEONARD CARLTON
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY.
CASE NO. 3632

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

Your Complainant, Rennie Pearl Butler Carlton, respectfully represents
unto Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

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

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Lucedale, Mississippi
on November 11, 1951 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County,
Alabama until December 28, 1954.

3.

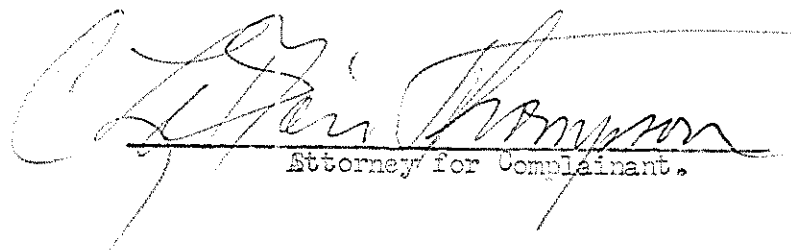
~~That on December 28, 1954, and on several occasions prior thereto the~~
Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and threatened to do actual
violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.
The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable
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 are no children as fruits of this marriage and no property to be
divided.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Leonard Carlton party respondent to this cause of action, 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 your Honor will upon a final hearing hereof award to her a decree of divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent, and that she be granted such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Attorney for Complainant.

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RENNIE PEARL BUTLER CARLTON

COMPLAINANT

VS

LEONARD CARLTON

RESPONDENT

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed 10-11-58

Wice J. H. H. H.

Res. H. H. H.