

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

Willie Mae Williamson Horton, Complainant

vs.

Raymond Horton, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Registered Mail 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 Willie Mae Williamson Horton is forever divorced from the said Raymond Horton for and on account of Cruelty and abandonment.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the care, custody, and control of Ellen Virginia Horton, daughter of Complainant and Respondent, is hereby awarded to the Complainant, Willie Mae Williamson Horton.

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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Willie Mae Williamson Horton the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of October, 1951.

Jessie J. Marshall
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, ALICE J. 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 2nd day of October, 1951.

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Willie Mae Williamson

Horton
Complainant

vs.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed
10-2-5-1
Miss. French
Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant

VS.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

I, Betty Boan

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Willie Mae Williamson Horton and
Cortez Dunsford

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 2nd day of October
1949, at the office of Reuben F. McKinley

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Willie Mae Williamson Horton
and Cortez Dunsford doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Willie Mae Williamson Horton, the Complainant in this cause. I am over the age of 16 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been more than two years next preceding. The Respondent is over the age of 21 and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama. His residence at this time is Route 3, Jay, Florida. We were married on to wit September 5, 1948, at Lucedale, Mississippi.

We lived together as husband and wife until the date of our separation which was on to wit, December 18, 1949. ~~That on to wit October 10, 1949 and on several occasions prior there to, the Respondent threatened and abused me, threatened to do violence to my person and actually did do violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such that he gave me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I did believe that if I continued to live with him that he would carry out his threats and do violence to my person. On to wit, December 18, 1949, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned me and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time. I do not know of any reason I gave him for abandoning me. There is one child, fruits of this marriage, Ellen Virginia Horton, age about 16 months. I ask this honorable court for her care, custody and control. There is no property to be divided.~~

Witnesses:

W. V. Williamson
J. B. Flannery

Willie Mae ^{her} Williamson Horton
Mark

That my name is Cortez Dunsford. I know both parties to this cause. I know that the Complainant is over the age of 16 and that the Respondent is over the age of 21. I know that the Complainant has been a resident of Baldwin County more than two years next preceding. ~~I know of no cause she gave him for mistreating and abandoning her. They have not lived together as husband and wife since to wit, December 18, 1949 as far as I know. There is one child, fruits of this marriage, Ellen Virginia Horton, age about 16 months. I believe the Complainant to be a fit, proper, and suitable person to have the care, custody, and control of said child. I know that the Complainant and Respondent were married on to wit, September 5, 1948 and the Respondent left the Complainant on to wit, December 18, 1949.~~

Cortez Dunsford

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Betty Boon, 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 Rouben F. McKinley 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 es; 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 2nd day of October, 1945.

Betty Boon (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Willie Lee Williamson Horton

vs. Complainant

Raymond Horton

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed 10-2, 1945

Amos L. Leach Register.
Recorded in _____

Vol. _____ Page _____ Record _____

Vol. _____ Page _____, Register. _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Betty Boan

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 Willie Mae Williamson Horton And Cortez Dunsford

as witnesses in behalf of Willie Mae Williamson Horton in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

is, Complainant

and Raymond Horton

is Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Willie Mae Williamson Horton and Cortez Dunsford to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 2nd day of Oct, 1951

Alfred J. French
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant—

vs.

Raymond Horton

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

Betty Boan

WITNESSES:

Willie Mae Williamson
Horton

And

Cortez Dunsford

AFFIDAVIT OF NON RESIDENCE

State of Alabama
County Of Baldwin

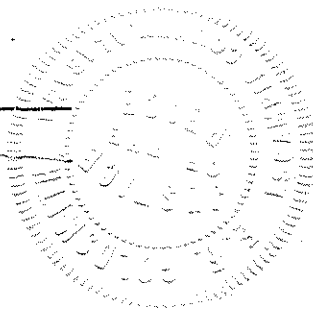
This is to certify that I, Willie Mae Williamson Horton am the Complainant in this cause, Horton Vs Horton, and that Raymond Horton was my husband until he abandoned me on or about December 18, 1949. The Respondent, Raymond Horton is a non resident of the State of Alabama.

Witness:
J. H. Smith
J. J. Davis

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 23 day of August 1951.

J. H. Smith
Notary Public
Just in case



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POLYMER LETTERS

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

From the law office of
 Jonathan P. Robinson
 Bay View, Ala.

FILED
AUG 27 1961
ALICE J. DUCK, Registrar

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant

vs.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

CIRCUIT COURT OF
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the _____ day of _____ 192____, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to Raymond Horton

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the _____ day of _____ 192____, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Raymond Horton

Defendant

This the 1st day of Oct 1937W. J. Smith Register.

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALA.**

In Equity.

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant

vs.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

**Decree Pro Confesso After
Notice By Registered Mail.**

Filed in office this 1st day of

Oct 1927.

Alfred J. Leach Register

Entered in O. B. _____ Page _____

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

No. 2709 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant.....

Vs.

Raymond Horton

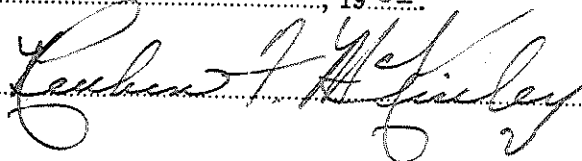
Defendant.....

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Raymond Horton

Defendant.....

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant....., and that said summons was duly served by Registered Mail, according to law, and that said Defendant.....ha.S.... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This.....20th day of October....., 1951.

 Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant

Vs.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO
AFTER NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL

Filed 10-1, 1957

Arice J. Leach
Register.

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Register.

Willie Mae Williamson HortonComplainant

vs.

Raymond C. HortonRespondent

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, _____

Affadavit of non-residence, and motion for Decree Pro Confesso

Decree Pro Confesso and testimony of the
Complainant and Carter Dunsford.

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

Herbert T. McFinley
Solicitor for the Complainant

Wm. J. Rouse

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Willie Mae Williamson Horton

Complainant

vs.

Raymond Horton

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 2nd

day of Oct, 1947

W. C. H. H. H.
Register.

Printed By The Baldwin Times

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon RAYMOND HORTON 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 WILLIE MAE WILLIAMSON HORTON, as Complainant and against RAYMOND HORTON, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 27th day of Aug, 1951

Alvin J. Gault
Register

WILLIE MAE WILLIAMSON HORTON *
COMPLAINANT *
VS * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
* BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
RAYMOND HORTON * IN EQUITY
RESPONDENT *

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. WASHBURN JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Willie Mae Williamson Horton respect fully represents unto Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows;

I.

That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of sixteen; that the Respondent is over the age of twenty one and a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married ^{at Lucedale Mississippi} on to-wit September 5, 1948 and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit December 18, 1949.

3. That

That on to-wit December 18, 1949, while your Complainant and the Respondent were living together, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time

4.

That on to-wit October 10, 1949 and on several occasions prior thereto, the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant, threatened to do violence to her person and actually did do violence to her person which would neccessarily 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

live with him that he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

5.

That there was born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent, one child, Ellen Virginia Horton, age about sixteen months; that your Complainant is the suitable, fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said child.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said RAYMOND HORTON 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 final hearing hereof, your Honor will grant to her an absolute divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent.

That the care, custody and control of the child be awarded to the Complainant and your Complainant prays for such other further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

Carben F. McFuley
Solicitor for the Complainant

770 2909

CHIEF MAGISTRATE

COMPLAINANT

VS.

RAYMOND MCGONN

RESPONDENT

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From the Jay Office of
Reuben J. Corbin
Raymond McGon, Alabama

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AUG 27 1951

ALICE J. DICK, Register

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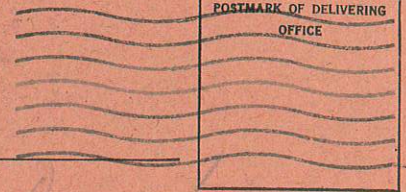
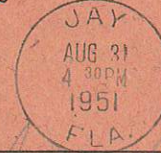
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RICE I. BECK, Registrar

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