

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

BERTIE N. SHARRETTS, Complainant

vs.

ARCHIE B. SHARRETTS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Answer and Waiver~~ ~~and Testimony~~ 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 Bertie N. Sharretts is forever divorced from the said Archie B. Sharretts 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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Archie B. Sharretts the respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 4th day of February, 1949.

J. Fair J. Mashburn, Jr.
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_____

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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DIVORCE DECREE

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Comes the respondent in the above styled cause and acknowledges service of the bill of complaint.

Respondent admits the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the bill of complaint.

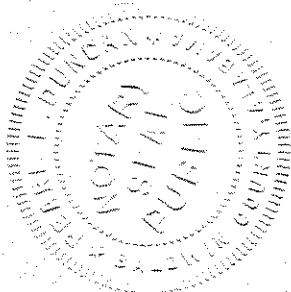
Respondent admits the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the bill of complaint.

Respondent denies the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the bill of complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Respondent waives notice of taking testimony, notice of submission to said cause and all other notices to which he is entitled by law.

Archie B. Sharrett

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, on this the 29 day of January, 1949.



Pearl L. Duncan
Notary Public, Baldwin County
State of Alabama

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IN EQUITY

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, Sitting in Equity;

Your complainant, Bertie N. Sharretts, respectfully
represents and shows unto your Honor:

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years
and is a resident of said State and County, and has been a bona fide
resident of said State for more than two years next preceding the
filing of this bill of complaint; that Archie B. Sharretts, the
respondent, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident
of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully
married on or about, to-wit, April 24, 1944.

3. That your complainant and the respondent lived to-
gether as man and wife until January 16, 1949, at which time because
of the matters and facts hereinafter complained, complainant was
compelled to live separate and apart from the respondent; that the
respondent has, after marriage, committed actual violence on her
person, attended with danger to her life or health and from his
manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he
would commit actual violence on her person attended with danger to
her life or health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that
Archie B. Sharretts be made a party defendant to this cause by the
usual process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to plead, answer
or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the
rules of this court and the statutes in such cases made and provided;
that upon a final hearing of this cause, that your complainant be
granted a divorce from said respondent. Should your complainant be

mistaken in the relief prayed for that there be granted to her such other, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.


Solicitor for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

BERTIE N. SHARRETTS

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Respondent

I, Lorna Underwood

as Register and Commissioner in chancery

have called and caused to come before me Bertie N. Sharretts and Rita Sue Lyons

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 31st day of January 1949, at the office of C. G. Chason in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Bertie N. Sharretts and Rita Sue Lyons doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF BERTIE N. SHARRETTS:

My name is Bertie N. Sharretts; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, having resided in Foley since 1944; I married Archie B. Sharretts on April 24, 1944, and we lived together as man and wife until January 16, 1949, although there have been several separations of short periods of time, it having been necessary for me to live separate and apart from him about three weeks in 1947 and about two weeks in 1948; these separations were made necessary because of his treatment of me; at the time of our separation in 1948, the first four days were spent in the Sibley Holmes Hospital in Foley, Alabama, as a result of broken ribs caused by my husband throwing me across the vanity bench and kicking me after I was on the floor; it has been necessary for me to go to a doctor on other occasions for injuries resulting from my husband beating me, the last time because of excessive bleeding after he had hit me on my nose which he had broken about two years before; I have lived in continual fear because of his beatings and his threatening me with a gun; on many occasions he has threatened to kill me, has pointed a gun at me, and on one occasion he shot the gun, although not pointing it at me when he fired it; I have had bruises and black eyes on so many occasions that I can't remember them all; many nights I have spent hiding in the yard because of being afraid to return to the house after running out to escape a beating.

Bertie N. Sharretts

TESTIMONY OF RITA SUE LYONS:

My name is Rita Sue Lyons; I am fifteen years of age and a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama; I reside with Archie B. Sharretts and Bertie N. Sharretts; Bertie Sharretts is my mother by a prior marriage; every few days for the past year or two, Archie B. Sharretts has beat and abused Bertie N. Sharretts and she almost constantly has bruises on some part of her body from the beatings; I have seen Archie B. Sharretts strike her with his fist, with whiskey bottles and with his gun and have seen him threaten her with a knife and with his gun; it has been necessary for her to go to the doctor on several occasions because of the beatings and on one occasion she was in the hospital with broken ribs after he had kicked her; they were married on April 24, 1944, and separated on January 16, 1949.

Rita Sue Lyons

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lorna Underwood, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. G. Chason

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proom 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 31st day of January, 1942.

Lorna Underwood (L.S.)

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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Oral Deposition

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Wesley Luck, Register.
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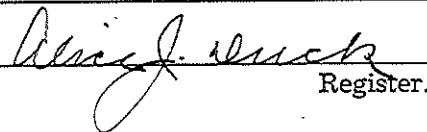
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, and
Testimony of Bertie N. Sharretts and Rita Sue Lyons

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer and waiver


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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 4th

day of Feb, 1949

Reid J. Leuchs
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Circuit Court

TO: Lorna Underwood

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do auth orize you, at such time and place as you may ap-
point, to call before you and examine Bertie N. Sharretts and Rita Sue
Lyons

as witnesses in behalf of Bertie N. Sharretts in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Bertie N. Sharretts

_____, Complainant

and Archie B. Sharretts

_____, Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon them
to take and certify the deposition s of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all
convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 31st day of January, 194 9

Alvin J. Veach
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ 5.00

Witness' Fees, \$ _____