

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

FLORENCE WILLIAMS, Complainant

vs.

JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Conesso~~ on ~~answer of respondent~~ 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 FLORENCE WILLIAMS is forever divorced from the said JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS for and on account of

habitual drunkenness

It is further ordered and adjudged and decreed that the complainant may resume her maiden name, Florence Pennington

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 Complainant

do not pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 13th day of September, 1951

Jessie J. Marshall, 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_____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

FLORENCE WILLIAMS

Complainant

vs.

JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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ALICE J. CUCK, Register

ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALABAMA

Florence Williams
Complainant

-vs-

James Calvin Williams
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

TO the Honorable Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court
of Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity.

Your complainant Florence Williams, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor:

1. That your 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 James Calvin Williams is over the age
of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married
on or about, to-wit September 15, 1949 at Norfolk, Virginia.

3. Your Complainant further avers and alleges that the res-
pondent has, since her said marriage to him, become addicted to habitual
drunkenness, and that said habit has continued to the filing of this bill.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said James
Calvin Williams a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in
order that complainant may have the relief herein prayed for may it
please your Honor to cause the State's writ of subpoena to be issued,
directed to the said James Calvin Williams, commanding him to answer
plead or demur to this bill of complaint, within the time required by
law; and that on a final hearing of this cause, that your Honor will
enter a decree divorcing your complainant from said respondent, granting
the complainant the right to remarry and granting the complainant the
right to resume her maiden name Florence Pennington; and that your Honor
will grant such other, further and different relief as unto your Honor
may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.


SOLICITOR for COMPLAINANT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

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FLORENCE WILLIAMS
Complainant

-VS-

JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS
Respondent

Bill of Complaint

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FLORENCE WILLIAMS)

Complainant.)

-vs-

JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS)

Respondent.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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IN EQUITY.

Now comes the respondent James Calvin Williams and for answer to the bill of complaint herein says as follows:

1. He admits the allegations of paragraph one and two of said bill of complaint.

2. He denies each and every material allegation contained in paragraph three of said bill of complaint and demands strict proof of the same.

3. The respondent hereby waives notice of taking of testimony in this cause, notice of submitting said cause for final decree, and such other, further of different notice to which ~~he~~ might otherwise be entitled.

James C Williams
Respondent

W. Marlar
WITNESS

A. N. Cameron
WITNESS

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

FLORENCE WILLIAMS
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-VS-

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ANSWER and WAIVER

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Florence Williams

Complainant

VS.

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Respondent

I, Bobby Jackson
as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Florence Williams and
Marie Meadows

witness SS named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 13 day of September
1947, at the office of Bobby Jackson
in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness SS to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Florence Williams and
Marie Meadows doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Florence Williams, I am over the age of twenty-one years and I am and have been a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama since 1947. James Calvin Williams is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

I was married to James Calvin Williams on the 15th day of September, 1949 at Norfolk Virginia. We do not have any children.

In November, 1949 James and I had our first serious disagreement and James went out and came home drunk. From then on things became progressively worse with it taking less and less to start James into drinking to excess and now it is a habit with him. For the last six months he has been drunk at least three or four nights out of each week. I have pleaded with him to stop but it didn't and hasn't done any good. I have left him and that hasn't done any good. He continues to drink as bad if not worse than ever. I positively cannot live with him any more.

Florence Williams
Complainant

My name is Marie Meadows, I am a friend to Florence Williams. Florence and I visit each other and I see her husband quite often. I know that James began drinking pretty heavy after he and Florence had been married sometime. I never knew exactly what the cause was but now he drinks so much that most any time you see him he is drunk or almost so. I know several people who have talked to him about his drinking but he doesn't pay them any mind, he seems to be getting worse.

Marie Meadows

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Bobby Jackson, 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 ss and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself _____

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ss or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness ss; 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 13 day of September, 1941

Bobby Jackson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Florence Williams

vs. Complainant

James Calvin Williams

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALABAMA

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO:

Bobby Jackson

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 *Florence Williams*

and Marie Meadows

as witnesses in behalf of *Complainant* in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Florence Williams

_____, Complainant
and *James Calvin Williams*

_____, Respondent

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

Witness *13th* day of *Sept*, 195*1*

Wingfield Jackson
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. 2715

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Lorenzo Williams

Complainant—

vs.

James Calvin Williams

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

WITNESSES:

FLORENCE WILLIAMS
Complainant

-vs-

JAMES CALVIN WILLIAMS)
Respondent)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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IN EQUITY

This cause being submitted for final decree in behalf
of the complainant, the complainant offers the following testimony,
to-wit;

1. Bill of Complaint
2. Commission to take testimony
3. Oral deposition of Complainants witnessess
4. Answer and waiver of respondent.

Arthur C. Epperson
Solicitor for Complainant

Wm. J. Smith
Register

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RESPONDENT

Note of submission

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