

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

Doris A. Shiver, Complainant  
vs.

John W. Shiver, 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 Doris A. Shiver is forever divorced from the said John W. Shiver for and on account of Cruelty

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, by the court, that the Complainant be and she is hereby awarded the care, custody and control of the minor, child, John Anthony Shiver.

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 Doris A. Shiver the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 7th day of May, 1951.

Jessie J. Moschinsky, 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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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Doris A. Shiver

Complainant

vs.

John W. Shiver

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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ALICE J. BUCK, Registrar

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Doris A. Shiver

Complainant

VS.

John W. Shiver

Respondent

I, Evelyn Watts

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Doris A. Shiver and Mrs. Gertrude Duck

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25 day of April  
1945, at the office of Hubert M. Hall  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Doris A. Shiver and Mrs.  
Gertrude Duck doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Doris A. Shiver. I am over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent, John W. Shiver, and I married at Gulfport, Mississippi, on February 22, 1947. We lived together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until December 8, 1950. The Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, being presently somewhere in California. The Respondent is a man who drinks to excess and while under the influence of strong drinks, and on various other occasions threatened and abused me and committed actual violence to my person which would endanger my life and health. On December 8, 1950, due to the cruel treatment of the Respondent I was forced to abandoned trying to live with him. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I did actually believe that if I lived with him he would carry out his threats and do further violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

The Respondent and I have one child, John Anthony Shiver, who is now six months old. I am the suitable, fit and proper person to have his care, custody and control. The Respondent, as, at the present time, no permanent home and is not a suitable person to have the care and control of a child of such tender age.

Doris A. Shiver

Mrs. Gertrude Duck, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says.

I am acquainted with the Complainant and the Respondent in this case. I know of my own personal knowledge that the conduct of the Respondent toward the Complainant was such as to render it absolutely impossible for her to live with him. The Respondent is a man who drinks to excess and I know that he often threatened and abused the Complainant and committed actual violence to her person. The complainant lives in the home with me, her mother, where we have a suitable place for the minor child.

I know that it is to the best interest of all that the Complainant be granted a divorce from the Respondent.

Mrs. Gertrude Duck

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Evelyn Watts, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition 3 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 Hubert M. Hall

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\_\_\_\_; 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 2 day of April, 194 51

Evelyn Watts (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Doris A. Shiver

vs. Complainant

John H. Shiver

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed 5.2, 194 1

W. F. Shiver, Register.

Recorded in

Record

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Register.

HUBERT M. HALL  
LAWYER  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

February 20, 1951

Mrs. Alice J. Duck  
Register, Circuit Court  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

RE: Shiver vs Shiver (Divorce)

I have recently learned that Mr. Shiver's address is:  
John W. Shiver, Opera Hotel, 145 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.  
You will please mail a copy of the bill of complaint to him there.

Yours very truly,



H. M. Hall

HMH/ew

CC: Mrs. John W. Shiver  
P.O. Box 203  
Loxley, Ala.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Evelyn Watts

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 Doris A. Shiver and Mrs. Gertrude Duck

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

and John W. Shiver, Complainant

Respondent

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

Witness 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1947

Henry J. French

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Doris A. Shiver

Complainant

vs.

John W. Shiver

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONER:**

Evelyn Watts

**WITNESSES:**

Doris A. Shiver

Mrs. Gertrude Duck

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons JOHN W. SHIVER, 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 DORIS A. SHIVER as Complainant and against JOHN W. SHIVER as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 28th day of December, 1950.

Doris A. Shiver  
Register

DORIS A. SHIVER

COMPLAINANT

VS

JOHN W. SHIVER

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY

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

Your Complainant, Doris A. Shiver, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant and the Respondent are both bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Gulfport, Mississippi, on February 22, 1947, and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on December 6, 1950.

3.

That the Respondent is a man who drinks to excess, and while under the influence of strong drink and on other occasions the Respondent has threatened and abused your Complainant and committed actual violence to her person which necessarily endangered her life and health; That on December 8, 1950, due to the cruel treatment of the Respondent your Complainant was forced to abandoned her effort to live with him; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give your 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.

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That there was born to the marriage between your Complainant and the Respondent one child John Anthony Shiver now seven weeks old; that your Complainant is the proper person to have the care, custody and control of the said minor child; ~~that the Respondent is not a suitable, fit or proper person to have the care and control of the said child.~~

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said John W. Shiver 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.

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, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the custody, care and control of the minor child, John Anthony Shiver; Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for the Complainant

Discharge from Hospital  
Back at Loxley -  
m. Buntle, clerk  
Mobile.

Received in Sheriff's Office  
this 28 Dec 1950  
1950

RECORDED 87-285

1-4-51

JOHN A. SHIVER

COMPLAINANT

VS

JOHN W. SHIVER

RESPONDENT

RECEIVED 1-4-51

RETURNED 1-11-51

Not found in my search after diligent search  
and inquiry:

W. H. HOLCOMBE, Sheriff

By W. E. Corbett D.S.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

The Respondent is presently at  
the Marine Hospital, Mobile, Ala.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

Doris A. Shiver

Vs.

John W. ShiverCIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 21st  
day of February, 1945, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was  
sent to John W. Shiver

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  
8th day of March, 1945, 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 John W. Shiver

Defendant

This the 30 day of April, 1945Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Equity.

Doris A. Shiver

Vs.

John W. Shiver

DECREE PRO CONFESSO AFTER  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL

Filed in office this 30<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 1947

W. J. Shiver Register

Entered in O. B. \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Ala.

Doris A. Shiver

vs.

John W. Shiver

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, \_\_\_\_\_

Decree pro confesso on Registered mail

*Testimony of Doris A. Shiver & Gertrude Day*

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

*W. H. Hall*

*Gertrude Day*

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Doris A. Shiver

vs.

John W. Shiver

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 2nd

day of May, 1947

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Register.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

No. .... CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Doris A. Shiver

Complainant.....

Vs.

John W. Shiver

Defendant.....

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against .....

John W. Shiver

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... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This... 27 ... day of ... April ..., 1951

....., Solicitor.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

Doris A. Shiver

**Vs.**

John W. Shiver

**MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO**  
**AFTER NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL**

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# RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Deliver to Addressee Only

1 John W. Shiver  
(Signature or name of addressee)

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

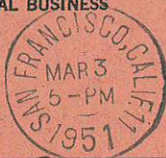
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ALICE J. DICK, Registrar  
MAR 8 1951  
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(GPO)



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
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(NAME OF SENDER)

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No.

INSURED PARCEL

No.

Post Office

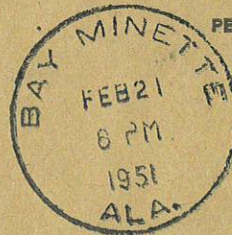
Bay Minette, Ala

State

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
POST OFFICE Bay Minette, Ala

OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
(No. 4)



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300  
(PMGC)

Mrs Alice J. Duck  
Atty Genl  
Bay Minette Ala



RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 826

Fee paid 25

2-21, 1951

(Date)

Class postage paid 1

Return receipt fee 05

Special delivery fee

Declared value, \$ Papers

Restricted delivery  
(Accepting employee will place initials in proper space)

in person 20

or order

Surcharge paid, \$

Fee paid

From Alice J. Duck, Clerk

(Sender)

(Street and number)

(Post office and State)

Addressed to Mr. John W. Shiner

(Addressee)

Opera Hotel 45 7th St San Francisco Calif

(Street and number)

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(Post office and State)

Postmaster, per Ar

