

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MARY ANN PILARSKI

Complainant

vs.

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confession~~ Waiver and Answer 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

MARY ANN PILARSKI

is forever divorced from the

said BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

for and on account of

"CRUELTY"

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that The Complainant, MARY ANN PILARSKI, be, and she is hereby, authorized and empowered to resume the use of her former name, MARY ANN BENENSON.

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 futher 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 MARY ANN PILARSKI the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 3rd day of July 19 57

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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Respondent.

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
Waiver and Answer, and Testimony of MARY ANN PILARSKI \_\_\_\_\_  
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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver and Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Alvin J. ...*  
Register.

*Infant J. Madalena, Jr.*

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**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

**VS.**

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

MARY ANN PILARSKI

COMPLAINANT

vs.

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

RESPONDENT

I,

DORIS BROWN

as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me MARY ANN PILARSKI

witness named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 3rd day of July

19 57, at the office of Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said MARY ANN PILARSKI

doth depose and say as follows: "My name is Mary Ann Pilarski. I am the complainant in this cause and I am over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Alabama. The respondent, BISHOP RAY PILARSKI, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at ELBERTA, ALABAMA. I was married to the respondent in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on the 22nd day of September, 1956. On Saturday Night, the 13th day of April, 1957, the respondent struck and beat me so severely that I was under the care of a doctor, Doctor W. C. Holmes of Foley, Alabama, for more than a week. He had struck me on other occasions before this one, and had threatened me on numerous occasions. I became convinced after this beating that if I continued to live with him as his wife, he would commit further violence to my person and that it would be dangerous to my life or health to continue to live with him as his wife. I have not lived with him as his wife since April, and I am sure that we will never be able to live together as husband and wife. We have no children or property to be divided." Futher Deponent says not.

*Mary Ann Pilarski*

I, DORIS BROWN as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness\_\_\_\_\_ and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of myself and Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr. 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\_\_\_\_\_; 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 3rd day of July, 1957.

Doris Anne Brown (L. S.)

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IN EQUITY

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## DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from Bay Minette, in the County of Baldwin Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit: MARY ANN PILARSKI

2. That said Complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a Commissioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

Jeffery J. Madlibury, Jr.  
Solicitor for Complainant

### NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of DORIS BROWN as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

Jeffery J. Madlibury, Jr.  
Solicitor for Complainant

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

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Filed this 3rd day of July

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: DORIS BROWN

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 MARY ANN PILARSKI

a witnesses in behalf of MARY ANN PILARSKI in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

MARY ANN PILARSKI

is the

, Complainant

and BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

Respondent

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

Witness 3rd day of July, 1957

*David J. Rush*  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MARY ANN PILARSKI

VS.

Complainant

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

MARY ANN PILARSKI,

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Respondent.

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IN EQUITY. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER AND ANSWER

Comes the respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of a copy of the bill of complaint in said cause; and waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross the same; and waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken at any time and the cause submitted without further notice to him.

And for answer to the bill of complaint in this cause, respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of said bill of complaint.
2. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of said bill of complaint.
3. He denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 3 of said bill of complaint and demands strict proof of the same.

Bishop Ray Pilarski  
RESPONDENT.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

I, WILLIAM ECKMAN, A Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that BISHOP RAY PILARSKI, whose name is signed to the foregoing Waiver and Answer and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said Waiver and Answer, he signed the same voluntarily.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 2ND day of JULY,  
1957.

William Eckman  
NOTARY PUBLIC, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1/15/59

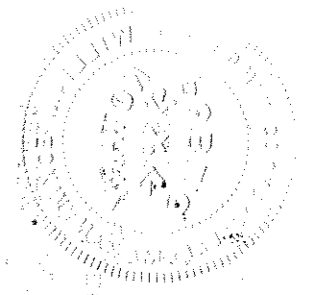
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TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA; IN EQUITY SITTING:

Complainant, MARY ANN PILARSKI, respectfully represents and shows  
unto your Honor as follows:

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is  
a resident of the State of Alabama; that BISHOP RAY PILARSKI is over  
the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Elberta, Alabama;
2. That your complainant and the respondent were lawfully married  
on or about, to-wit: September 22, 1956, in Virginia Beach, Virginia;
3. That on, to-wit: the 13th day of April, 1957, the  
respondent did assault, hit, strike and beat your complainant; that re-  
spondent has committed actual violence on the person of complainant at-  
tended with danger to her life or health; and, from his manner and con-  
duct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that, should she continue  
to live with him as his wife, he will commit further actual violence  
on her person which would necessarily endanger her life or health.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant makes the  
said BISHOP RAY PILARSKI a party respondent to this her bill of com-  
plaint, and, in order the 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 BISHOP RAY PILARSKI, commanding him to  
plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time re-  
quired by law; and your complainant prays further that, on a final  
hearing of this cause, your Honor will make and enter a decree forever  
divorcing your complainant from the respondent; that your Honor will  
grant her the right to resume the use of her former name, MARY ANN  
BENENSON; and your complainant prays for such other, further, different  
or general relief as in Equity and good conscience she may be entitled  
to receive, and, as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc.

Julian J. Maslbury, Jr.  
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT.