

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILLA DEAN REID

Complainant

vs.

JAMES REID

Respondent

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

WILLA DEAN REID

is forever divorced from the

said JAMES REID for and on account of

cruelty. This cause coming to be heard was submitted upon an agreement dated August 1, 1957, entered into between the parties and acknowledged by the respective solicitors of record as notaries public, and the same being considered and understood and the Court is of the opinion that the agreement should be ratified.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the respondent pay to the complainant the sum of ONE HUNDRED & 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100.00) per month for the support of the two children namely: JERRY BART, age 4, and WILLIAM DAVID, age 2½; that complainant shall have custody of the said JERRY BART and WILLIAM DAVID REID, with the right of the respondent to visit them at reasonable times.

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 payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that JAMES REID

the respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 30th day of August 1957.

Robert M. Hall
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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WILLA DEAN REID

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTYIN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
 Agreement between the parties, and testimony as noted _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____ Answer and Waiver and Agreement between _____
 the parties _____

July 14th 1914
Subscribed for
Complainant. *Arthur E. [unclear]* *Register.*
attorney for Defendant *Archie [unclear]*

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ALICE A. DECK, Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Kathryn Sute

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 Willa Dean Reid
Gladys Peterson

a witness in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein the Complainant

WILLA DEAN REID

, Complainant

and

JAMES REID

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 9th day of August

, 1957

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

Register.

AGREEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

This agreement made and entered into on this the 1st day of August 1957, by and between JAMES REID, hereinafter referred to as the party of the first part, and WILLA DEAN REID, hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part:

Witnesseth:

Whereas, said parties hereto have been husband and wife for a period of four years, and as a result of such union have two children, JERRY BART, age 4, and WILLIAM DAVID, age 2½, and whereas said parties have definitely concluded that under conditions now existing it is impracticable for them to live together as man and wife,

Now, therefore, in consideration thereof, and of the mutual agreements hereinafter made, they have mutually agreed to a complete separation under the following express terms and conditions:

1. The said parties shall entirely and completely separate as man and wife, live separate and apart, and neither party hereafter shall in any way harass, threaten, intimidate, or otherwise act in any way so as to embarrass or humiliate the other party.

2. The party of the second part shall have the custody and control of the two children named above with the right of the party of the first part to visit said children at all reasonable times.

3. That the party of the first part agrees to furnish support for the said two children of not less than \$100.00 per month.

It is further understood and agreed that under such conditions, the court thereafter shall reserve and maintain its right in the interest of the welfare of the children to make such changes in reference to the custody, control and support of the children as the court may determine, after proper hearing with due notice, is in the best interests of the children.

This agreement has been made and executed by the parties hereto on the day and date hereinabove first set forth, in good faith, with full understanding of all of its provisions, and with the mutual promise on the part of each to comply therewith faithfully and completely.

James Reid
Willa Dean Reid

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that James Reid, whose name is signed to the foregoing agreement, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the agreement, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the 1st day of August, 1957.

Affix Seal:

Arthur C. Epperson
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Willa Dean Reid, whose name is signed to the foregoing agreement, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the agreement, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the 1st day of August, 1957.

Paula C. McClary
Notary Public

Affix Seal:

AGREEMENT

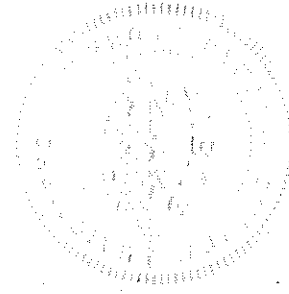
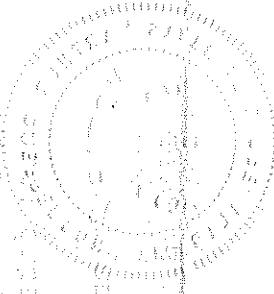
WILLA DEAN REID

AND

JAMES REID

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ANSWER AND WAIVER

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
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IN EQUITY

Comes the respondent in the above-styled cause and accepts service of a bill of complaint heretofore filed in said cause; waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

And for answer to the bill of complaint theretofore filed 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 thereof.

4. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of said bill of complaint.

James Reid
~~William Dean R.~~
Respondent

Arthur C. Johnson.
Solicitor for Respondent

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: [illegible]
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Willa Dean Reid

Complainant

VS.

James Reid

Respondent

I, Kathryn Sute

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Willa Dean Reid and
Gladys Petersen

witness^{es} named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 9th day of August
194 57, at the office of Forest A. Christian
in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness^{es} to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Willa Dean Reid
doth depose and say as follows:

I married James Reid on March 14, 1953, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. We moved to Baldwin County and have lived at Lillian, Alabama for over twenty months. On June 19th, and again on Saturday, July 20, 1957, my husband had been drinking, and he flew into a rage and beat me up so that I had black and blue marks all over my body. My husband has committed actual violence on my person, and because of his violent rage and the numerous times that he has struck and beat me, I fear for danger to my life and health.

Willa Dean Reid

GLADYS PETERSEN, FIRST BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS AS FOLLOWS:

My name is Gladys Petersen. I live near Lillian, Alabama. Willa Dean Reid and James Reid rent a house from us, which is about 150 feet from our house. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have lived in our house since Christmas of 1955. On several occasions I know Mr. Reid would get into a fight with his wife. Since they lived so nearby I knew that her husband was hitting her on the body and face. He admitted this to me later. Also, Mrs. Reid came to my house for protection. She was black and blue on her arms, shoulder and face. He also said that he was trying to "Knock some sense into her". Mrs. Reid was afraid to be home at night because she feared her husband.

Gladys Petersen

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Kathryn Sute, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ^Son 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 Forest A. Christian 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 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 9th day of August, 194 57.

Kathryn Sute (L. S.)

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
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BALDWIN COUNTY.)

WILLA DEAN REID,)
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 Complainant)
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v.)
)
JAMES REID,)
 Respondent)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

To the Honorable H. M. HALL, Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin
County,

Sitting in Equity:

Your complainant, Willa Dean Reid, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor:

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and
is a resident citizen of said State and County, and has been a
bona fide resident citizen of said State and County for more than
one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that
James Reid is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in
Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That you complainant and respondent were lawfully married
on or about, to-wit, March 14, 1953, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

3. Your complainant avers and charges that the said respondent
did on or about the 19th day of June, 1957, and many times subsequent
thereto assault, beat, hit and strike complainant; that said respondent
has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to
her health or life; complainant avers and charges that respondent
has made numerous threats of doing her physical harm and from his
manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he
will commit an actual violence upon her person, attended with danger
to her life or health.

4. There were born to said marriage two children, JERRY BART, age 4, and WILLIAM DAVID, age 2½; That your complainant is a person of good moral character, and is capable of keeping custody of said children; and that it will be to the best interest and welfare of the children to be in the custody of your complainant, their mother.

5. The parties have entered into an agreement for the maintenance, care, custody and support of the children, which agreement is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said James Reid 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 Reid, 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; 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, etc.


Solicitor for Petitioner