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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lois Merritt, Complainant

vs.

Charles L. Merritt, 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 Lois Merritt is forever divorced from the said Charles L. Merritt 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 Lois Merritt the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 19th day of August, 1952.

J. J. Madlock, 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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LOIS MERRITT,

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-vs-

CHARLES L. MERRITT,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

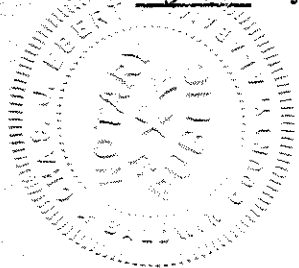
Comes the Respondent in the above-styled cause and accepts service of a Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause; waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be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

And for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore 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.

Charles L. Merritt
Respondent.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public on this the 9th day of August, 1952.



John J. Ebert
Notary Public, Baldwin County
State of Alabama

 Lois Merritt

 vs.

 Charles L. Merritt

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, _____
 Testimony of Lois Merritt and Mrs. W. L. Brannon

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____ answer and waiver _____

Chas. J. ...
Solicitor for Complainant

Alice J. Duck
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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Frances Saffold

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 Lois Merritt and Mrs. W. L. Brannon

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

Complainant

and Charles L. Merritt is

Respondent

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

Witness 16th day of August, 1952

Alice J. Duke
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Lois Merritt

Complainant—

vs.

Charles L. Merritt

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

Frances Saffold

WITNESSES:

Lois Merritt

Mrs. W. L. Brannon

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Lois Merritt

Complainant

VS.

Charles E. Merritt

Respondent

I, Frances Saffold

as Register and Commissioner in Chancery

have called and caused to come before me Lois Merritt and Mrs. W. L. Brannon,

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the day of August
1952, at the office of C. G. Chason

in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Lois Merritt and
Mrs. W. L. Brannon doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lois Merritt. I am a bona fide resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, having lived there all of my life. My husband, Charles E. Merritt is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Elberta. We were married on May 13, 1951 and have not lived together as husband and wife since June 6, 1952. For most of our married life, my husband would beat me nearly every Saturday night while he was drinking. On one instance he hit me so hard in the mouth with his fist that my lips were busst. It was impossible for me to live with him as husband and wife any longer due to his violence committed on my person. There are no children of this marriage.

Lois Merritt

My name is Mrs. W. L. Brannon. I am a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama and am personally acquainted with Lois Merritt and Charles E. Merritt. They were married on May 13, 1951 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until June of 1952. Almost ever since their marriage he has on many occasions, to my knowledge, beat or struck Lois Merritt and for the last few months, almost every time he would get to drinking, he would hit her or beat her. He has on many occasions committed actual violence on her person, attended with danger to her life or health.

Mrs. W. L. Brannon

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ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Frances Saffold, 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and each other

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 18th day of August, 1952

Frances Saffold (L. S.)

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BALDWIN COUNTY
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Respondent.

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