

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Frances Grissette, Complainant

vs.

Rayford Grissette, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~XXXX XXXX XXXX~~ 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 Frances Grissette is forever divorced from the said Rayford Grissette for and on account of the Complainant living separate and apart from the bed and board of the Respondent for two years without support from him.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Complainant, Frances Grissette, be and she is hereby awarded the care, custody and control of her minor child, Rayford Grissette, Jr.

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 Frances Grissette the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 10 day of April, 1953.

Hubert 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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Baldwin County

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4-10-53

ALICE J. DUCK, Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Mary J. Brantley

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 Frances Grissette and C. W. Wilson

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

Complainant  
and Rayford Grissette is

Respondent

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

Witness 3rd day of April, 1953.

Archie J. ...  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Frances Grissette

Complainant—

vs.

Rayford Grissette

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

Mary J. Brantley

WITNESSES:

Frances Grissette

C. W. Wilson

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Frances Grissette

Complainant

VS.

Rayford Grissette

Respondent

I, Mary J. Brantley

as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Frances Grissette and C. W. Wilson

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 4th day of April  
1953, at the office of Wilters & Brantley

in Bay Minette, Baldwin Co., Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said

doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF FRANCES GRISSETTE. I am the Complainant in this suit and Rayford Grissette is the Respondent. We are both over the age of twenty-one years and are both bona fide resident citizens of the State of Alabama and I have resided in Baldwin County for more than two years next preceding the date of the filing of this cause. The Respondent and I were lawfully married to each other at Bay Minette, Alabama, on the 6th day of July, 1946. There was born to our union one child, Rayford Grissette, Jr., a boy now about five years old. I maintain a good Christian home and am able to support and maintain this child. I have lived separate and apart from the bed and board of my husband, Rayford Grissette, and without support from him for five years next preceding the time of the filing of this suit.

Frances Grissette  
FRANCES GRISSETTE

TESTIMONY OF C. W. WILSON. My name is C. W. Wilson. I know both the Complainant and Respondent in this cause. They are both over the age of twenty-one years. I know that they are both residents of the State of Alabama and that the Complainant is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has so resided for more than five years next preceding this date. I know that the Complainant has lived separate and apart from the Respondent for five years and that she has received no support from him for the past <sup>5</sup>5 years. I know the home life of the Complainant and know that she maintains a good Christian home and that her earnings are such that she can support and maintain her minor child, Rayford Grissette, Jr., in a suitable manner if she is granted custody and control of him.

C W Wilson  
C. W. WILSON

**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

I, Mary J. Brantley, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 4th day of April, 1953.

Mary J. Brantley (L. S.)

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

vs. Complainant

Respondent.

**Oral Deposition**

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Mrs. J. V. Vicks, Register.  
Recorded in \_\_\_\_\_

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

FRANCES GRISSETTE,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant,	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
VS.	I	IN EQUITY
RAYFORD GRISSETTE,	I	CASE NO. _____.
Respondent.	I	

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA, IN EQUITY SITTING:

Comes now the Complainant, Frances Grissette, humbly complaining of the Respondent, Rayford Grissette, in a matter of divorce and represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

F I R S T

That the Complainant is a bona fide resident citizen of the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, and has so resided for more than one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that the Respondent is a bona fide resident citizen of the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, and has so resided for more than one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that both the Complainant and Respondent are over the age of twenty-one years.

S E C O N D

That the Complainant and Respondent were married to each other at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, on, to-wit, the 6th day of July, 1946.

T H I R D

Complainant represents and shows unto Your Honor that there was born to the union of Complainant and Respondent one child, Rayford Grissette, Jr., a boy now about five years of age. That the child is now in the custody of the Complainant who lives in her home at Little River, Alabama, that the Complainant is a suitable person to be entrusted with the control and custody of the said child; that she lives in a good Christian home and is able to support and maintain the said child in a manner suitable to its station in life.

F O U R T H

The Complainant further shows unto the Court that she and Respondent were living in Baldwin County, Alabama, at the time of their separation; that she has lived separate and apart from the bed and board of Rayford Grissette, her husband, for two years and without support from him for two years next preceding the filing

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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 Frances Grissette and ~~Edward M. Varner~~ C. W. Wilson

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

*Willis E. Brantley et al*  
*by J. Wilton J.*

*W. J. ...*

Register.



No. ....

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

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

**Frances Grissette**

vs.

**Rayford Grissette**

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this ..... *10* *1913* .....

day of *April* ....., 19*13*

*Wm. Grissette*  
Register.

of this bill and during said period she has been a bona fide resident in the State.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

To the end that equity may be had in the premises, the Complainant prays that Rayford Grissette be made a party Respondent to this Bill of Complaint and that service be perfected on him and that he be required to plead, answer or demur to the within Bill of Complaint within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Premises considered Complainant prays that on a final hearing of this cause that Your Honor will make and enter a decree forever divorcing her from the said Rayford Grissette for and on account of having lived separate and apart from the bed and board of her husband for two years and that she will be awarded a full and absolute divorce. Complainant prays that in and by virtue of said decree she will be awarded the right to again contract marriage should she so desire. Complainant prays that in and by virtue of said decree she will be awarded custody of the minor child born to the union of said parties, namely, Rayford Grissette, Jr.

Complainant prays all other, further and different relief to which she may be entitled, premises considered.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

The State of Alabama, \_\_\_\_\_ County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Ragford Gussette*

to appear and answer, plead, or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to a Bill of Complaint filed in said Circuit Court, in equity, for said County of said State.

By *Frances Gussette*

against

*Ragford Gussette*

Herein fail not. Due return make of this writ as the law directs.

Witness this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of

*Sept*, 19*52*

*Wesley J. ...*

Register.

(Defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill on application to the Register.)

**The State of Alabama**

..... COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

vs.

**SUMMONS**

Returned by the Sheriff and filed in office, this  
the ..... day of ....., 19.....  
....., Register.

Received in office, this the ..... day of  
....., 19.....  
....., Sheriff.

I have executed the within by leaving a copy  
thereof with.....

defendant named herein, on this the.....  
day of....., 19.....  
....., Sheriff.

By....., Deputy.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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VS.	X	IN EQUITY
RAYFORD GRISSETTE,	X	CASE NO. _____.
Respondent.	X	

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SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

ANSWER AND WAIVER

FRANCES GRISSETTE,	O	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant,	O	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
VS.	O	IN EQUITY
RAYFORD GRISSETTE,	O	CASE NO. _____.
Respondent.	O	

Comes Respondent and for answer to the Bill of Complaint in the above styled cause denies the allegations thereof.

Respondent accepts service of the notice of the filing of the Bill of Complaint; 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 consent that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

*Rayford R. Grissette*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 RAYFORD GRISSETTE, Respondent

STATE OF ALABAMA

MOBILE COUNTY

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that Rayford Grissette whose name is signed to the foregoing answer and waiver, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the content of the answer and waiver Rayford Grissette executed the same voluntarily.

Given under my hand, this 22 day of July, 1952.

*Rose Huey*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 for Bassler Division of  
 Jefferson County

Rose

- Circuit Clerk  
 for Bassler  
 Division of Jefferson  
 County