

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Delia Mae Davis, Complainant

vs.

Sollie Davis, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on publication _____ 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 Delia Mae Davis is forever divorced from the said Sollie Davis for and on account of cruelty

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that Complainant, Delia Mae Davis, shall have the custody and control of the children, Vaughn Davis and Sollie Davis, 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 Delia Mae Davis, the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 18th day of February, 1953

Robert M. Lane
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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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

*Filed 2-18-32
Alice J. Smith
[Signature]*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Delia Mae Davis

Complainant

VS.

Sollie Davis

Respondent

I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Delia Mae Davis and Easter Yelling

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 3rd day of February
~~1953~~ 1953, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Attorney.

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness ES to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Delia Mae Davis

doth depose and say as follows:

I am 22 years old and my husband, Sollie Davis, is 42. We were married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on January 15th 1946. At the time of our marriage, we lived in Daphne, Alabama, and I have continued to be a resident of Daphne ever since. Before our marriage, my husband seemed to be a sober and responsible man. After we married, he began to drink and it got so bad that I could not depend upon him coming home sober. Averaging about four evenings each week he would come in staggering drunk and, usually, in that condition, he would mistreat me regularly. The last few months before we separated which was on December 1st 1951, he beat me frequently, sometimes with his fists and, at other times, with anything he could lay his hands on. He hit me over the head with a chair on one occasion. I stood it as long as I could until he became so violent that I became afraid to livewith him. Finally, I went to live with my Aunt, East Yelling, at Daphne, taking our children, Vaughn, who is 5 years old, and Sollie, Jr., who is 4 years old. Shortly after that he went away. I heard that he had gone up into Ohio somewhere but have not been able to learn his whereabouts. I know that he had been earning about \$75.00 a week and, being a skilled mechanic, I expect he is making as much as that now. If I am granted a divoree, I would like to have the custody and care of the children and an allowance in reason with what his earning abilities are. I suppose that it was a mistake to have married so young and to a man who was so much older than I.

Delia Mae Davis

And the said Easter Yelling doth depose and say as follows:

I am the Aunt of Delia Mae Davis. I know that, after she married Sollie, he began to act up and started drinking heavily. I have seen him drunk often and regularly. I have seen her with bruises as if someone had beaten her. She told me that Sollie had put the marks and bruises on her. She has lived with me in Daphne, Alabama, for more than a year and, before that, she and Sollie lived in Daphne from the time of their marriage. In my opinion, Sollie is a mean bad man and did not do right by his family from a short time after they were married.

Easter Yelling

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Frances G. Crawford, 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 _____

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 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 3rd day of February, 1953, ~~1952~~

Frances G. Crawford (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY	
IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.	
Della Mae Davis	
vs.	Complainant
Sollie Davis	
Respondent.	
Oral Deposition	
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_____, Register.	

Archie L. Smith

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Delia Mae Davis

Complainant

Vs.

Sollie Davis

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against _____


Sollie Davis

Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 19th day of January 19 53.

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Solicitor.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Complainant _____

Vs.

Defendant _____

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso
on Publication

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Register.

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DELIA MAE DAVIS

vs.

SOLLIE DAVIS

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 Complainant and Witness~~

and in behalf of Defendant upon ~~Decree Pro Confesso on Publication~~

W. J. ...

Register.

E. A. Cramer
Solicitor For Complainant

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

vs.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To Frances G. Crawford

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 Delia Mae Davis and Easter Yelling

as witnesses in behalf of Delia Mae Davis in a cause pending in our

Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

said Delia Mae Davis is

Complainant

and Sollie Davis 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 21st day of January, 1953.

Delia Mae Davis

Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ NONE

Witness' Fees, \$ NONE

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Complainant _____

VS.

Defendant _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

Handwritten:
JAMES EARL BROWN
JAMES EARL BROWN

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

DELTA MAE DAVIS	}	The State of Alabama,
No. 2908		BALDWIN County.
vs.		Circuit Court, in Equity
SOLLIE DAVIS	}	This the 10th day of
		October, 1952

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of DELTA MAE DAVIS

that the Defendant SOLLIE DAVIS

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the *Fairhope Courier* published in *Fairhope* Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring

SOLLIE DAVIS the said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 10th day of November 1952, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Alice J. ...
Register.

E. A. CRAMER,
Solicitor For Complainant

THE FAIRHOPE COURIER

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This is to certify that the attached legal notice appeared in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Fairhope, Baldwin County on the dates of Oct. 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 1952.

James H. Crawford

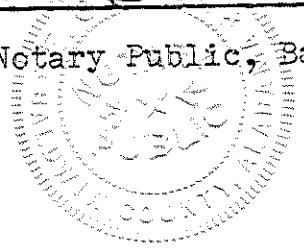
Editor

State of Alabama
Baldwin County

Subscribed and sworn to this eighth day of November, A. D. 1952, before me.

E. A. Cramer

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.



Notice to Non-Residents

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County,
Circuit Court, in Equity.

This the 10th day of October 1952
Della Mae Davis No. 2908
vs. Sollie Davis.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Della Mae Davis that the Defendant Sollie Davis is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore ordered that publication be made in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring Sollie Davis the said Respondent to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 10th day of November 1952, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

Alice J. Duck, Register
E. A. Cramer 13-44
Solicitor for Complainant

Delia Mae Davis

Complainant

vs.

Sollie Davis

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

No.

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

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

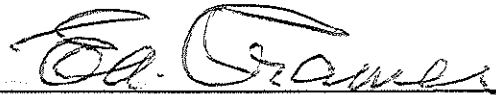
1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from
Bay Minette, in the County of Baldwin

Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit:

Delia Mae Davis

Easter Yelling

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



Solicitor for Complainant

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of Frances G. Crawford

as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.



Solicitor for Complainant

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY**

Filed this _____ day of _____

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Delia Mae Davis

Complainant

Vs.

Sollie Davis

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register _____ that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 16th day of October, 1952, in the Fairhope Courier a newspaper published in Fairhope, Alabama, ~~that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door~~ in _____ County, on the _____ day of _____ 194____ and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register _____ that the said

Sollie Davis

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant _____, ordered and decreed by the Register _____

that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Sollie Davis

This 21st day of January, 1953

W. J. French

Register.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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Alice J. Hester
Register.

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DELLIA MAE DAVIS
Complainant

vs

SOLLIE DAVIS
Respondent

Circuit Court
Baldwin County
Alabama
In Equity

To The Honorable Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr., Judge of said Court, sitting
in Equity;

Comes Della Mae Davis and exhibits this, her Bill of Complaint against
Sollie Davis, and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: Complainant, whose age is 22 years, and Respondent, whose age is
42 years, intermarried at Bay Minette, Alabama, on January 15th 1946.

Second: The parties hereto resided in Daphne, Baldwin County, Alabama,
as husband and wife from the date of said marriage until the acts herein-
after complained of at which time they separated and Complainant has con-
tinued her residence in said Daphne, to the present date.

Third: To said marriage were born two children, to wit: Vaughn Davis, now
aged 5 years, and Sollie Davis, Jr., now aged 4 years.

Fourth: After said marriage, said Sollie Davis, the Respondent, became ad-
dicted to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors and, as a result, was
habitually intoxicated.

Fifth: On several occasions prior to December 1st 1951, Respondent did com-
mit acts of physical violence upon the person of Complainant so as to put
her in fear of her life, health and limbs and, from his conduct there existed
reasonable apprehension that he would continue so to do, and, because of said
acts, Complainant did cease living with Respondent.

The premises considered, Complainant prays that said Sollie Davis be, by all
due and appropriate process, made party Defendat to the within suit, that he
be compelled to plead, demur or answer to the several paragraphs hereof within
the time prescribed by law and that he be compelled to abide and obey all orders
and decrees made in the premises.

Further, upon a hearing of the within cause, Complainant prays that a decree be
rendered and entered divorcing her forever from said Sollie Davis, granting her
the custody and care of said minor children and granting her such amounts as
support and maintenance as may seem meet and proper to Your Honor and granting
her such other, further and different relief as, in Equity, may appear meet and
proper.

EA. Cramer, for Complainant

Dellia Mae Davis
Complainant

State of Alabama

Baldwin County

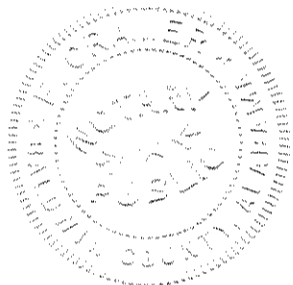
Personally appeared Delia Mae Davis, who, being duly sworn according to the law, deposes and says that she is the Complainant in the foregoing Bill of Complaint; that Sollie Davis is of the age of 42 years and that he is a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

Delia Mae Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, 1952.

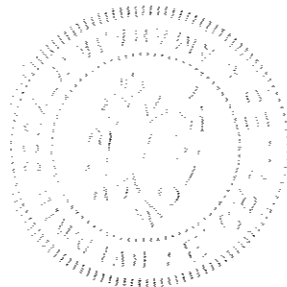
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