

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

KATIE LOIS COLEMAN

, Complainant

vs.

FRED COLEMAN, JR.,

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Answer and waiver~~ 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 Katie Lois Coleman is forever divorced from the said Fred Coleman, Jr. for and on account of Cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT that the Complainant, Katie Lois Coleman be, and she is hereby awarded the custody, care and control of the minor child, Wilmer Bernard Coleman, with the right of reasonable visitations on the part of the Respondent, Fred Coleman, Jr.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Respondent, Fred Coleman, Jr. pay into the hands of the Complainant, Katie Lois Coleman, the sum of \$20.00 per month towards the maintenance and support of the said minor child, Wilmer Bernard Coleman.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Respondent, Fred Coleman, Jr. pay to E. G. Rickarby, Jr., as Attorney for the Complainant, \$75.00, as a reasonable Attorney's fee.

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 Fred Coleman, Jr. the Respondent, pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 31st day of January, 1955.

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____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Katie Lois Colman

Complainant

vs.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

KATIE LOIS COLEMAN,
Complainant

-vs-

FRED COLEMAN, JR.,
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY
No.

To the

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

Comes KATIE LOIS COLEMAN by this her bill of complaint
presented against FRED COLEMAN, JR. and respectfully shows:

FIRST: That the Complainant and Defendant are both
over the age of twenty-one years and are now and have been for
three years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint,
bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, both living in
Fairhope, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married
in Bay Minette, Alabama, on January 15, 1952, and lived together
as husband and wife until November 28, 1954.

THIRD: That the Defendant, Fred Coleman, Jr. has com-
mitted actual violence upon the person of his wife attended with
danger to her life or health by repeatedly striking her with his
fist at their home in Fairhope, Alabama, and particularly on Thurs-
day, November 25th, he struck her with his fist and said violence
was attended with danger to her life or health and Complaint believes
that if she continues to live with him he will commit further violence
upon her person attended with further danger to her life or health
and has good reason to believe so.

FOURTH: To this marriage there has been born a son,
WILMER BERNARD COLEMAN, aged two years and said child is now in
the care and custody of his mother, this Complainant, who is
able to take care of him with the help of the Respondent in accord-
ance with the agreement made this day.

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THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that Fred Coleman, Jr. be made party defendant to this cause and by proper process required to answer this bill within the time prescribed by law. Complaint further prays that upon a hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from the said Fred Coleman, Jr. and granting to her the custody of said child subject to the right of the father visiting said child at reasonable times and places and the agreement as to support filed herewith be confirmed by this court and Complainant prays for such further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

Katie Lois Coleman
Complainant.

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

By: 

E. G. Rickarby, Jr.,
Solicitor for Complainant.

WHEREAS, KATIE LOIS COLEMAN and FRED COLEMAN, JR. were married and have a child but desire to make provisions for the support of the child, and

WHEREAS Fred Coleman, Jr. has recently returned from the service and has not yet found work, it is agreed that the said Fred Coleman, Jr. will contribute at least Five Dollars (\$5.00) per week starting not later than December 6, 1954, at which time he will pay Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for the four weeks in December and will increase this amount in accordance with his earnings but if at any time either party thinks this agreement is not fair and should be modified, that they have a right to have the Court modify this agreement.

It is further agreed that the said Fred Coleman, Jr. is to pay the Solicitor's fees and costs of court in this divorce proceeding.

It is further agreed that Fred Coleman, Jr., is making no claim to any of the furniture in the house and that Katie Lois Coleman is making no claim to the car that Fred Coleman has.

Executed in duplicate this the 29th day of November, 1954.

Katie Lois Coleman
Fred Coleman Jr.

WITNESS:

Therese C. Isbell

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ALICE J. DUCK, Registrar

LAW OFFICES
E. G. RICKARBY
BANK BUILDING
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
August 11, 1956

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Register in Chancery
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Katie Lois Coleman
Vs: Fred Coleman, Jr.
Case No. 3415
Our File: 3103

In the above mentioned case, Petition for Modifying Decree was served on Fred Coleman on September 8th, 1955.

Request Decree Pro Confesso be issued against Fred Coleman, Jr. and commission issued to Mrs. Matthews to take testimony, and oblige.

Yours very truly,



EGR/ts
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

NO. 3415

COMPLAINANT

DEFENDANT

KATIE LOIS COLEMAN

VS

FRED COLEMAN, JR.

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER

Comes your complainant, KATIE LOIS COLEMAN, and shows to the court

that both she and the defendant are bona fide residents of Baldwin County,

Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years.

One. That on the 31st day of January, 1955, in accordance with an

agreement made in said cause, and filed in court, this Honorable Court

ordered that the respondent, FRED COLEMAN, JR., pay into the hands of

complainant, KATIE LOIS COLEMAN, the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per

month for the maintenance and support of said minor child, WILMER RICHARD

WARD COLEMAN.

Two. Complainant further shows that the defendant FRED COLEMAN, JR.,

has not paid said money as agreed and is able to do so.

Three. Complainant further shows that this order of Court was made in

accordance with an agreement of the parties and was subject to modification

in accordance with changes of conditions of the parties.

Four. Complainant further shows that conditions of parties has

changed, now that the defendant, FRED COLEMAN, JR., has found a regular

job and is a construction worker with M. Dyson in Falthope, Baldwin County,

Alabama, earning good wages and is further drawing Veterans on the job

Training benefits from the Veterans Administration and the amount of bene-

fits received from the Veterans Administration is increased by the reason

of said Fred Coleman, Jr. claims said minor child as his dependant.

Wherefore, Complainant prays that notice of this petition be given

the defendant, FRED COLEMAN, JR., requiring him to plead, answer or demur

as required by law.

And Complainant further prays that on a final hearing of this cause,

the court ascertain the need of said child and the defendants ability to

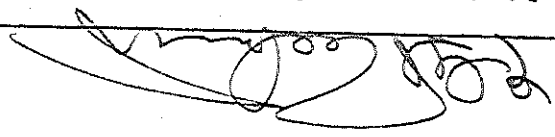
pay for proper support for said child and he be ordered to pay the same,

together with the payments now due under the orders of the court and

complainant prays for such other further or different relief as to equity

may seem meet.

Solicitor for Complainant



CIRCUIT COURT COMPLAINT

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KATIE LOIS COLEMAN
Complainant,
Vs.
FRED COLEMAN, JR.
Respondent.

In the Circuit Court.
In Equity No. 3415.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the Respondent
FRED COLEMAN, JR.

by the Sheriff of BALDWIN County, on the 8th. day of Sept.
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And it further appears to the Register, that that the said
FRED COLEMAN, JR.

the Respondent, having to the date hereof,
failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore,
on motion of E.G. RICKARBY Solicitors
for 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
FRED COLEMAN, JR.

This 14th. day of August, 1945


Register.

No. 3415

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

KATIE LOIS COLEMAN

Complainant,

Vs.

FRED COLEMAN, JR.

Respondent.

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.**

Issued this 14th day of ~~(14th)~~ August
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Alice J. Duck

Register.

THE BALDWIN TIMES

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My name is ISOALA McCANTS and I live at Point Clear, Alabama, and I have known KATIE LOIS COLEMAN all my life as she is my older sister. She has lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, all her life and so has her husband, FRED COLEMAN, JR., with the exception of the time he was in the Army.

They were married on 15 January, 1952, in Bay Minette, Alabama, and they have one child; she is a good mother to that child and she is taking care of it.

Although I have never seen her husband, Fred Coleman, Jr., strike her she has told me about it and I have seen the knot on her head where he did strike her and I know that she and her husband do not get along together and I feel that if they continue to live together he would probably beat her more and it would be dangerous to her life and bad for her health.

Both she and her husband have been bona fide residents of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, for over three years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint.

Isoala McCants
Isoala McCants

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of December, 1954.

Shannon C. Ickel
Commissioner.

Katie Lois Coleman,
Complainant:

-VS-

Fred Coleman, Jr.,
Respondent

Testimony of Isoala McCants,
Witness for Complainant

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

I, Florence C. Isbell, acting as Commissioner by agreement of parties, do hereby certify that in a case pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein KATIE LOIS COLEMAN is Complainant and FRED COLEMAN, JR., is Defendant, I caused the witnesses; namely, Katie Lois Coleman and Iscala McCants, who were made known to me, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Alabama, where the said witnesses after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination by E. G. Rickarby, Jr., Esq., of Counsel for Complainant, testified as hereinbefore written;

And that their testimony was by me reduced to writing as given by them, as near as might be in their identical language and after being reduced to writing, was read over by the said witnesses, who assented to and signed the same in my presence.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or kin to either of the parties to the cause, or in anywise interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal as commissioner, this the 1st day of December, 1954.

Florence C. Isbell
Commissioner.

Commissioner's Fee: \$3.00

Katie Lois Coleman,
Complainant

-vs-

Fred Coleman, Jr.,
Respondent

Commission to Take
Testimony

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ALICE J. GUCK, Clerk

KATIE LOIS COLEMAN,
Complainant

-vs-

FRED COLEMAN, JR.,
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

No.

Comes FRED COLEMAN, JR., Respondent in the above
styled cause, and for answer to the bill of complaint says he
denies each allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives notice of demand for oral
examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commis-
sion to take testimony; of the time and place set for taking same
and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf.

Respondent further agrees that this cause may be sub-
mitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complain-
ant's evidence as noted by the Register.

Fred Coleman, Jr.
Respondent.

STATE OF ALABAMA:
COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally
appeared Fred Coleman, Jr., who is known to me to be the Resp-
ondent above named and who acknowledged that he executed the
foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 29 day
of November, 1954.

E. E. Perkins
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.



LAW OFFICES
RICKARBY & RICKARBY
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

20 January 1955

Mrs. Alice J. Duck
Clerk Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Ala.


Dear Mrs. Duck:

Re: Katie Lois Coleman
Vs: Fred Coleman, Jr.

I got a divorce case in which I think all the testimony and everything is before you and ready to submit.

I thought the parties were going back together but I guess they are not. Please get the Judge to give me a ruling on this. Thanks.

Yours very truly,



E. G. Rickarby, Jr.

R/i
3103

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY
(DECEASED)

LAW OFFICES

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

29 November 1954

Mrs. Alice J. Duck
Clerk Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Re: Katie Lois Coleman
Vs: Fred Coleman, Jr.

With this we are handing you bill of complaint, answer
and waiver and agreement as to support together with
check for costs in the sum of \$15.00.

Hope testimony will come up shortly. Please process
and oblige.

Yours very truly,


E. G. Rickarby, Jr.

R/i
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Katie Louis Coleman

Fred Coleman, Jr

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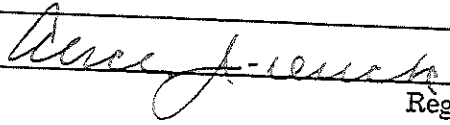
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
Testimony of Complainant and Witness Isoala McCants _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver _____

Rickarby & Rickarby
Solicitors For Complainant


Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

vs.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this

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Register.

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My name is KATIE LOIS COLEMAN and I am filing this bill for divorce against my husband, FRED COLEMAN, JR. Both my husband and I are over the age of twenty-one years and we have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, all of our lives except when he was in the Army. We lived out in Houstinville just outside of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, and we are both living here in Baldwin County now.

He is living with his mother at Battles Wharf, Alabama, and I am living in Houstinville, Baldwin County, Alabama.

We were married in Bay Minette, Alabama, on 15 January, 1952, and lived together until a few days ago, and he beat me and the last time he struck me was Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25, 1954, when we were living at our home in Houstinville. At that time he came mad because I objected to his taking our savings and drinking it up and he struck me with his fist. He was drinking at the time. He is a big able-bodied man and when he struck me it made me feel sick and it was dangerous to my life and health and because he has struck me before like this I feel that if I continue to live with him he will beat me more and it will be more dangerous to my life or health.

Since we have been married we have one son, Wilmer Bernard Coleman, who is two years old and I am taking care of him and it is to the best interest of the child that he remain in my care. We have further agreed on what would be a reasonable amount for him to pay for the support of our child and I am putting a copy of this agreement which was signed by my husband and myself on 29 November, 1954, with this testimony and ask that this agreement be confirmed and that he be made to pay \$5.00 per week in accordance with this agreement.

Katie Lois Coleman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of December, 1954.

Flarence C. Isbell
Commissioner.

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Respondent

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Katie Lois Coleman
Fred Coleman Jr.

WITNESS:

Therese C. Deane