

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

HARLOW C. MAURER

Complainant

vs.

ULA MAE MAURER

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Commission, Note of evidence 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

HARLOW C. MAURER

is forever divorced from the

said

ULA MAE MAURER

for and on account of

Habitual Drunkenness - and the Complainant is hereby

given the custody of the minor children born to this marriage.

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 HARLOW C. MAURER

the Complainant

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

This 27 day of

June 1958

Hubert M. Hae

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

HARLOW C. MAURER

Complainant

vs.

ULA MAE MAURER

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

E. G. RICKARBY,
Attorney for
Complainant.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Clerk

no. 4256 -

Dear Sir,

I would like a
certified copy of divorce
from my husband
Harlow E. Maurer
supposed to have registered
in your county in the
year of 1958 or 1959 from
Lula Mae Maurer. Your
prompt reply will be
appreciated.

Thank You kindly
Lula Mae Maurer

Please send reply to
Lula Mae Maurer
c/o Mrs. Del Ferris
320 Bellair Rd
Tice, Fla. 33905
= over =

Case No. 4256

Note:

A certified copy of
your divorce decree
will be mailed to
you upon receipt
of \$1.50

yours truly
(Mrs.) Alice Duck
Register

Box 239

Bay Minette, Ala

36507

Mrs. Duck:

Enclosed find money
order in the amount of
\$1.50 to cover your charges.
Thank you for your prompt
reply.

Eula Mae Maurer

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No.

..... TERM, 19

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon Eula Mae Murren

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint filed in

the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against

Eula Mae Murren, Defendant

by Harlow C. Murren

....., Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 5th day of April 19 58

Alice J. Murren Clerk

HARLOW C. MAURER,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant	I	
-VS-	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
EULA MAE MAURER,	I	IN EQUITY.
Respondent.	I	
	I	

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

Comes your Complainant, HARLOW C. MAURER, and by this
his Bill of Complaint against EULA MAE MAURER shows:

FIRST: That the Complainant is a bona fide resident
of Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years,
and has been such for over one year next preceding the filing
of this his Bill of Complaint. The Respondent, Eula Mae Maurer,
is over the age of twenty-one years and her exact residence is
unknown, and cannot be ascertained by diligent search and in-
quiry, but the last known post office address was 1548-14th
Street, Port Arthur, Texas.

SECOND: Complainant and Respondent were married on,
or about the 13th day of March, 1938, and lived together as
husband and wife in various places until they came to Fairhope,
Baldwin County, Alabama, on or about the last of October, 1956,
and lived together as husband and wife in Fairhope, Baldwin
County, Alabama, until or about the 14th day of September, 1957.

THIRD: Complainant further shows that the Respondent
became addicted, after marriage, to habitual drunkenness.

FOURTH: ~~Tom~~ This marriage there has been born two
children whose names are Paula Elizabeth Maurer, age 11 and
Ronnie Clifford Maurer, age 19 and these children are now resid-
ing with the Complainant who is furnishing them a good home after
they had been abandoned by their mother.

FIFTH: Complainant further shows that he is a fit,
suitable and proper person to have the care, custody, and con-
trol of said minor children and that the Respondent is not a

fit, suitable and proper person to have the care, custody, and control of said children and that he desired to have the care, custody, and control of such children.

THE PRIMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that due notice be given to Respondent by registered mail and publication as required by law, requiring her to plead, answer or demur to this Bill of Complaint.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this bill, the Court will grant the Complainant the care, custody, and control of said minor children, subject to the right of the Respondent to visit them at reasonable times and places. That the Court will render an absolute divorce, forever divorcing him from the Respondent and grant the Complainant such other special or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

E. G. Rickarby,
Attorney for Complainant.

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HARLOW C. MAURER

Complainant

-VS-

EULA MAE MAURER

Respondent

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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ALICE L. DICK, Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 4256

Term, 19

HARLOW C. MAURER

Complainant

ULA MAE MAURER

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register Alice J. Duck that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 5th day of April, 19 58, in the Fairhope Courier a newspaper published in Fairhope, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 5th day of April 19 58, and

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

Ula Mae Maurer

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 Ula Mae Maurer

This 12 day of June 19 58

Alice J. Duck

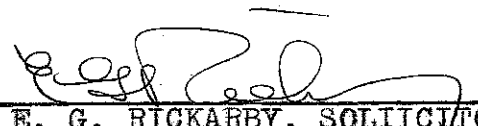
Register.

HARLOW C. MAURER,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
-VS-	I	IN EQUITY
ULA MAE MAURER	I	
Respondent	I	

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Comes the complainant in the above styled cause and shows unto the register that an order of publication was made on to-wit; the fifth day of April, 1958, which was duly published in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, once a week for four consecutive weeks commencing on the fourth day of April and which was directed to ULA MAE MAURER, the Respondent, and which required said respondent to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the fourth day of June, 1958, which the said respondent has to this day failed to do.

Wherefore the complainant moves that the Court grant a decree pro confesso against said respondent this the 9th day of June, 1958.


 E. G. RICKARBY, SOLICITOR FOR
 COMPLAINANT.

HARLOW C. MAURER,
Complainant

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER
Respondent

DECREE PRO CONFESSO

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ALICE I. DUCK, Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

E. G. RICKARBY

BANK BUILDING

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

April 2, 1958

Mrs. Alice Duck
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama

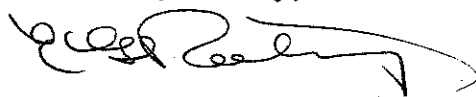
Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Maurer vs. Maurer
Our File: 4418

In this case, I am handing you the original Bill of Complaint, Affidavit for Publication, and Order of Publication Against Nonresident, please process. You will notice we swore what her address last was, as known. We don't think that is any good but send notice by registered mail to that address and maybe we can get set.

I am also including check for \$25.00 to cover cost and publication. Don't know whether that is enough, let me know.

Yours very truly,



EGR/sl

cc: Mr. Harlow C. Maurer

4/12/58

4-5-58
Note:
Check was not inclosed

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The Fairhope Courier

E. B. GASTON ESTATE, PUBLISHER

P. O. BOX 268

Telephone WA8-9188 Established 1894

JOB PRINTING

Fairhope, Alabama May 3, 1958

Mrs. Alice J. Duck,
Register

Bay Minette, Alabama

Legal notice
Re: Harlow C. Maurer vs
Eula Mae Maurer
April 10-17-24-May 1
168 words - 4X

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

"On Mobile Bay"

This is to certify that the
attached legal notice appeared
in The Fairhope Courier, a weekly
newspaper published in the City of
Fairhope, County of Baldwin, State
of Alabama on the dates of April 10-
17 - 24 - May 1, 1958.

Francis H. Crawford
Editor

State of Alabama
County of Baldwin

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd

day of May A.D. 1958, before me.

Alice J. Duck
Notary Public, Baldwin County

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama in Equity. No. 4256.

Harlow C. Maurer, Complainant
vs. Eula Mae Maurer, Respondent.
Order of Publication Against Non-Resident

In this cause it is made to appear to the Court, by the affidavit of Harlow C. Maurer, that Eula Mae Maurer is a nonresident of the State of Alabama; and further, that in the belief of said defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, State of Alabama, for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Eula Mae Maurer to appear and plead to, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in said cause by the 5th day of May, 1958 or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be rendered against Eula Mae Maurer.

Witness my hand this 5 day of April 1958.

Alice J. Duck
Register in Chancery
E. G. [redacted]
Solicitor [redacted] 9-4t

LAW OFFICES
E. G. RICKARBY
BANK BUILDING
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
June 9, 1958

Mrs. Alice Duck
Clerk of Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Maurer vs. Maurer
Our File: 4418

Here is a motion for a decree pro confesso. Please
would you enter it up front?

Did you post a copy of the notice at the Court House
door? I think rule six says something about that,
and if you did can you say so in your decree pro
confesso?

Also request permission to take testimony of Complainant
and his witness.

Thanks.

Yours very truly,



EGR/sl
Enclosure

Please
date the
commission
after the case is pro conf
& before testimony
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LAW OFFICES
E. G. RICKARBY
BANK BUILDING
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

June 18, 1958

Mrs. Alice Duck
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Maurer vs. Maurer
Our File: 4418

Here is this Maurer testimony, Note of Evidence and Decree.

Will you please get it on Judge Hall's desk and as soon as he signs the Decree, telephone me and if we owe any costs I will get them up for you.

Yours very truly,



EGR/ts
Encl.

HARLOW C. MAURER,

COMPLAINANT,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

RESPONDENT.

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

TESTIMONY OF HARLOW C. MAURER, COMPLAINANT:

HARLOW C. MAURER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, as follows, to-wit:

My name is HARLOW C. MAURER, and I am bringing this divorce action against my wife, ULA MAE MAURER. I am over twenty-one years old, and have been living here in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, since October, 1953.

My wife, ULA MAE MAURER, lived here with me until about September 14th, 1957, when she left me. Since she has been gone, I have not been able to find out where she is. I thought that when she left me, she went back to her mother who lives in Port Arthur, Texas, but letters addressed to her there, have not been delivered.

My wife and I were married on the 13th day of March, 1938, and we lived together as husband and wife in various places and came to Alabama in 1953.

At that time we came to Point Clear, Baldwin County, Alabama, and later moved to Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, and lived together there until the 14th day of September, 1957. When we were married, my wife and I, both, drank to some extent, but neither of us was addicted to drunkenness, but after we got married, my wife started drinking more and more, and I would say that her drinking to excess started shortly after we were married and grew continually worse, and was causing constant disagreements between us all the time.

She and I separated five different times, most of them were just short periodic separations, lasting none over two days, but back in August and September, her drinking became very heavy, mostly whiskey and vodka, and she would be out drinking when I would get home and would not get back until four or five o'clock in the morning, and would then come in, change clothes and go to

work.

She did not work until after she came down here. All of her earnings evidently were spent on her drinking and running around, because none of it went for the support of the house or children.

The reason why I say my wife became addicted to habitual drunkenness is because, first, whenever I would have liquor around the house she would drink it up and would not stop drinking until all the liquor was gone. Several times I came in when there had been liquor in the house and found it all gone and she was passed out. Furthermore, she would often come in under the influence of liquor, be quarrelsome, and take her spite out on the children and would neglect the children, and she would often put my daughter in the picture show when she would go out on one of her sprees and leave the child there until I would come by and pick her up when I would get off work at about eleven o'clock.

I further know that just before we separated, my wife would go to her work at Dafer's Restaurant while she was under the influence of liquor, and she lost her job there, and when she did, she left and I have not heard from her since then.

There are two children born to this marriage, Paula Elizabeth Maurer, age eleven, and Ronnie Clifford Maurer, age nineteen. Both of these children are with me, I am taking care of them, and it is to their best interest that I continue to take care of them as she went off and left them and they have no desire to go back to her.

I have been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County for one year next preceding the filing of this my Bill of Complaint.

Harlow C. Maurer
HARLOW C. MAURER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25th day of June, 1958.

Lillian B. Stephens
COMMISSIONER

HARLOW C. MAURER,

COMPLAINANT,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

RESPONDENT.

TESTIMONY

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ALICE J. DICK, Register

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

I, TILLIE K. STEPHENS, Commissioner, acting under commission in the divorce suit of HARLOW C. MAURER vs. ULA MAE MAURER, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby certify that I have caused the witnesses in this cause, namely, HARLOW C. MAURER and NELL F. DAVIDSON, who were made known to me and known to be the identical witnesses called by the parties, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, where said witnesses, after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination of E. G. Rickarby, Esquire, Solicitor for the Complainant, did testify as shown by the attached testimony, 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 so 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, nor anyway interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner on this the 25th day of June, 1958.


COMMISSIONER

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Mrs. Tillie K. Stephens

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 Complainant, HARLOW C. MAURER,

a witness in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein HARLOW C. MAURER is

, Complainant
and EULA MAE MAURER is

Respondent

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

Witness 25 day of

June

, 1958

Alice J. Duck
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Harlow C. Maurer

VS.

Complainant

Eula Mae Maurer

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

HARLOW C. MAURER

Complainant

-VS-

EULA MAE MAURER

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AGAINST NONRESIDENT

In this cause it is made to appear to the Court, by the affidavit of Harlow C. Maurer, that Eula Mae Maurer is a nonresident of the State of Alabama; and further, that in the belief of said affiant, said defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, State of Alabama, for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Eula Mae Maurer to appear and plead to, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in said cause by the 5 day of May, 1958 or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be rendered against Eula Mae Maurer.

Witness my hand this 5 day of Apr 1958.

F. G. Rickaby
Solicitor For Complainant.

Archie L. Llewellyn
REGISTER IN CHANCERY

Copy
mailed courier
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

HARLOW C. MAURER,

COMPLAINANT,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

RESPONDENT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

TESTIMONY OF NELL F. DAVIDSON, A WITNESS ON BEHALF OF THE
COMPLAINANT.

NELL F. DAVIDSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says
as follows, to-wit:

My name is NELL F. DAVIDSON, and I am a resident of
Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama.

I know Harlow C. Maurer and his wife, Ula Mae Maurer.
Mrs. Maurer worked for me in Dafer's Restaurant from about June,
last year, until about September. I do not remember the exact
dates. While she was working for me, it was evident that she
was drinking and I had to let her go as an employee of the restaur-
ant because of her drinking. I further know that she left Fair-
hope and left her husband and the children here.

I further know that Mr. Maurer is a resident of Baldwin
County, Alabama, and was a resident at the time that Mrs. Maurer
was working for us.

Nell F. Davidson
NELL F. DAVIDSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th day of June,
1958.

Julie B. Stephens
COMMISSIONER

HARLOW C. MAURER,

Complainant,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

Respondent.

TESTIMONY

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ALICE J. BECK, Register

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HARLOW C. MAURER,

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Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

AFFIDAVIT FOR PUBLICATION

State of Alabama
Baldwin County

Before me, Tillie K. Stephens, a notary public, personally appeared Harlow C. Maurer, who being duly sworn deposes and says:

Eula Mae Maurer, the defendant in this cause is a non resident of the State of Alabama and that her last known address is, "c/o Marie Jetter, 1548 14th Street, Port Arthur, Texas," and that a better address cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort.

Affiant further states that he believes Eula Mae Maurer is over the age of twenty-one years.

Harlow C. Maurer
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this the 2nd
day of April, 1958.

Tillie K. Stephens
Notary Public

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HARLOW C. MAURER,

Complainant

-VS-

EULA MAE MAURER,

Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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HARLOW C. MAURER,

Complainant,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

NOTE OF EVIDENCE

This cause is submitted for final decree on Complainant's bill, Decree Pro Confesso, Commission to take Depositions, and depositions of Complainant and Nell F. Davidson.

E. G. RICKABY,
Solicitor for Complainant.

HARLOW C. MAURER,

Complainant,

-VS-

ULA MAE MAURER,

Respondent.

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*Nell F. Davidson
Respondent*

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