

ETHEL RUT	A ATCHISON,	Ĭ	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
	COMPLAINANT	X	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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WILLIAM W	. ATCHISON,	Ø	
	RESPONDENT	Q	

NOTE OF EVIDENCE

This cause is submitted on final decree on Complainant's bill, answering waiver filed by Respondent, depositions of Complainant and Elizabeth Carnley.

E. G. Rickarby Solicitor for Complainant

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STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

TESTIMONY OF ELIZABETH CARNLEY

My name is ELIZABETH CARNLEY, and I know ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON, who is bringing a suit for divorce against WILLIAM W. ATCHISON and I have known her all my life; she is my mother.

She is over twenty-one years old and has lived here in Baldwin County for the, practically all my life and she is still a resident of Baldwin County and working in Foley, Alabama.

Mr. WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, the defendant in this case, was born in Bay Minette, Alabama and was raised there. He lived over in Mobile four or five months when my mother was working over there and came back here with her within the last four or five months. At the time they were living in Mobile they still had their home here in Baldwin County and regarded it as their home, they were just working over in Mobile.

My mother and Mr. Atchison were married in July, 1957, over in Lucedale, Mississippi, and lived together as husband and wife until sunday a week ago, that is the 24th of January, 1959, when my mother started this divorce case.

I knew that Mr. Atchison was drinking six or seven months ago but during the last four or five months he has been worse about his drinking. I would see him about once every two weeks when he would be noticeably drinking. Since he and my mother have been married he has been twice arrested for drunkenness there in Bay Minette and has been drunk many times. At the time my mother and he were married he was not so abdicted to drinking and it did not become a problem to later on.

Strabeth Carnley (

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 3/5+, day of Annuary, 1959.

COMMISSIONER

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ALICE J. DUCK, REGISTER

TESTIMONY OF ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON

My name is ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON and I am bringing this suit for divorce against my husband, WILLIAM W. ATCHISON. I have been a resident of Baldwin County since 1924 and am still living here in Baldwin County. I own my home and live outside of Fairhope and am living just outside of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, now.

My husband, WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, lived in Bay Minette, Alabama, before we were married and after we were married, we came down here to Fairhope and lived together as just and wife until we were separated as hereinafter mentioned.

We were married on the 6th day of July, 1957, at Lucedale, Mississippi and lived together as husband and wife until the 24th day of January, 1959.

When we were married my husband did not drink heavily but after we were married, he started drinking in May, 1958, and would make a habit of getting drunk about once a month and the condition has gone from bad to worse.

On the 24th of January my husband, WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, was arrested from being drunk in Bay Minette, Alabama, and put in jail there and I decided to bring this suit for divorce. We have arranged a settlement of our property and there are no children born to this marriage, and I am asking for this divorce to be granted forever divorcing me from my husband, WILLIAM W. ATCHISON.

Ethel Ruth Stehnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 30 7 day of Gamean, 1959.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, SUE S. LYNN, Commissioner acting under stipulation of parties in the divorce suit of ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON versus WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, 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, ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON and ELIZABETH CARNLEY who were 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, 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 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 this cause, nor any wise interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner on this the $31^{\frac{5}{2}}$ day of 5

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Commissioner

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ELHEP KOL	H ATCHISON	, Complainant
	VS.	
WILLIAM W	• ATCHISON	, Respondent
This cause coming on to be hea	rd was submitted upon B	ill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on
Waiver	and Testimo	ny as noted by the Register, and upon con-
sideration thereof, the Court is of the said bill.	opinion that the Complain	ant is entitled to the relief prayed for in
	•	rt that the bonds of matrimony heretofore ame are hereby dissolved, and that the said
ETHEL-RUTH-ATCHISON-		is forever divorced from the
saidWILLIAM W. ATCHISC)N	for and on account of
Habitual Drun	ikenness	
It is further ordered	, adjudged and d	ecreed that the Com-
plainant is given the	right to resume	her former name.
to each other until sixty days after the days, neither party shall again marry It is futher ordered that the Congain contract marriage upon payment the futher ordered that ETI the Complainant.	e rendition of this decree, except to each other during mplainant and Respondent of the cost of this suit. IEL RUTH ATCHISON pay the cost herein	to be taxed, for which executed may issue.
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		Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON

Complainant

VS

WILLIAM W. ATCHISON

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE



P. O. BOX 71

E. G. RICKARBY

FAIRHOPE ALABAMA
January 31, 1959

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Enclosed please find Bill of Divorce of Atchison versus Atchison, Waiver, Testimony, of Mrs. Atchison and her witness, Note of Evidence, decree in triplicate, check for costs and please get this on the Judge's desk as quickly as possible so that these people can go their seperate ways.

Yours very truly,

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

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

Comes ETHEL RUTH ATCHISON and by this her Bill of Complaint presented against WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That the Complainant and Respondent are both over the age of twenty-one years and both are now and have been for over three years residents of the state of Alabama, and the Respondent has been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, for over three years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint and the Complainant is now a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Fairhope Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND: Complainant and Respondent were married on or about the 6th day of July, 1957, at Lucedale, Mississippi, and have lived together as husband and wife until the 24th day of January, 1959, when they separated because of the Respondent's conduct, hereinafter set down.

THIRD: That the Respondent has become abdicted to habitual drunkenness after marriage.

FOURTH: There are no children born to this marriage.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, be made party defendant to this cause, by proper process requiring him to plead, answer or demur in accordance with the rules and practices of this Honorable Court.

And the Complainant further prays that upon a hearing of this cause, a decree of divorce be rendered forever divorcing the Complainant from the Respondent, and granting to the Complainant the right to remarry should she so desire, and such other further different relief as to equity may seem meet.

E. G. RICKARBY
Solicitor for Complainant

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ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the Respondent, WITEIAM W. ATCHISON, in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause, and to each and every paragraph thereof, says:

He denies each and every allegation contained therein and demands strict proof thereof.

Respondent hereby submits himself to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court and waives notice of the time and place for taking testimony in said cause, waives the issuance of a formal commissioner to take testimony in said cause and consents that testimony may be taken without further notice to him and further waives notice of the time and place of submission of said cause and consents that said cause may be submitted for final decree at any time or place without further notice to him of such submission.

WILLIAM W. ATCHISON, RESPONDENT

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, do hereby certify that WILLIAM W. ATCHISON whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of said instrument he executed the same, voluntarily, on the day the same bears, date.

Witness my hand and official seal the

day of

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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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