

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

-----MARY H. BISHOP-----, Complainant
vs.

-----LEON M. BISHOP-----, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on service by registered mail 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

-----MARY H. BISHOP----- is forever divorced from the
said -----LEON M. BISHOP----- for and on account of
ABANDONMENT.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the care, custody and control of the minor children of the parties hereto is hereby vested in the Complainant and the Respondent shall pay to the Complainant the sum of One Hundred Dollars per month as and for the support and maintenance of the said minor children.

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 -----Mary H. Bishop-----
the Complainant -----pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 17th day of February, 19 56.

Hubert M. Steel

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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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MARY H. BISHOP

Complainant

VS.

LEON M. BISHOP

Respondent

I, Barbara J. Thomas

as Register and Commissioner in this cause

have called and caused to come before me Mrs. Mary H. Bishop

and Mrs. Nadine W. Pizzotti

witness as named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 17th day of February,

1956, at the office of Ernest M. Bailey, Attorney at Law,

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness as to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mrs. Mary H. Bishop and

Mrs. Nadine W. Pizzotti both depose and say as follows:

My name is Mary H. Bishop. I am the Complainant in the above cause. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this cause. I am over the age of twenty-one years and the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years. To my knowledge his last known residency was 1625 East 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Respondent and I were married at Pascagoula, Mississippi on the 7th day of July, 1942, and lived together as man and wife until the 4th day of January, 1955. At that time the Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

Mary H. Bishop
Mary H. Bishop
Complainant

My name is Nadine W. Pizzotti. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

I know the Complainant in the above cause. I know that the Respondent voluntarily left the Complainant's bed and board on January 4, 1955 and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

Nadine W. Pizzotti
Nadine W. Pizzotti
Witness

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, BARBARA J. THOMAS, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition is 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 and Ernest M. Bailey, Attorney at Law,

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es 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 15th day of February, 19 56

Barbara J. Thomas (L. S.)

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No. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

MARY H. BISHOP

Complainant

Vs.

LEON M. BISHOP

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against LEON M. BISHOP

Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant....., and that said summons was duly served by Registered Mail, according to law, and that said Defendant.....has..... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 15th day of February, 1956

Solicitor.

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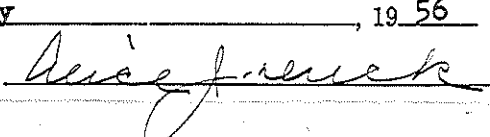
In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the ~~13th~~ 10th day of January, 19 56, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to Leon M. Bishop

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the 16th day of January, 19 56, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said him

Defendant

This the 16th day of February, 19 56

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(In Equity)

MARY H. BISHOP

Complainant

VS.

LEON M. BISHOP

Respondent

I, Barbara J. Thomas

as Register and Commissioner in this cause

have called and caused to come before me Mrs. Mary H. Bishop

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in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mrs. Mary H. Bishop and

Mrs. Nadine N. Pizzotti do hereby depose and say as follows:

My name is Mary H. Bishop. I am the Complainant in the above cause. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this cause. I am over the age of twenty-one years and the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years. To my knowledge his last known residency was 1625 East 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Respondent and I were married at Pascagoula, Mississippi on the 7th day of July, 1942, and lived together as man and wife until the 4th day of January, 1955. At that time the Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

Mary H. Bishop
Mary H. Bishop
Complainant

My name is Nadine N. Pizzotti. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

I know the Complainant in the above cause. I know that the Respondent voluntarily left the Complainant's bed and board on January 4, 1955 and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

Nadine N. Pizzotti
Nadine N. Pizzotti
Witness

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, BARBARA J. THOMAS, as ~~Register~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions 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 and Ernest M. Bailey, Attorney at Law,

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ES 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 15th day of February, 19 56

Barbara J. Thomas (L.S.)

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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,
and Oral Testimony by Mary H. Bishop and Nadine N. Pizzotti

and in behalf of Defendant upon Decree Pro Confesso after service by
Registered Mail

George J. Smith
Register.

*General in Bail
Attorney for Complainant*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

MARY H. BISHOP

vs.

LEON M. BISHOP

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 16th

day of Feb., 1946

Archie J. Hubert
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: BARBARA J. THOMAS
Fairhope, Alabama

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 Mary H. Bishop and

Nadine N. Pizzotti

as witnesses in behalf of Mary H. Bishop in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Mary H. Bishop, Complainant

and

Leon M. Bishop Respondent

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

Witness 16th day of February, 1956

Beicy J. Black
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MARY H. BISHOP

Complainant

VS.

LEON M. BISHOP

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Barbara J. Thomas

WITNESSES:

Mary H. Bishop

Nadine N. Pizzotti

STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

Before me, Ernest M. Bailey, Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Mary H. Bishop, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is the Complainant in that certain action pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein Mary H. Bishop is the Complainant and Leon M. Bishop is the Respondent; that the last known residency of the said Respondent, Leon M. Bishop, was, to the best of her knowledge and belief, 1625 East 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that the residency of the Respondent, Leon M. Bishop, is otherwise unknown to her and cannot be ascertained by reasonable effort; that the Respondent, Leon M. Bishop, is over the age of twenty-one years.

Mary H. Bishop
Mary H. Bishop

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 6th day of January, 1956.

Ernest M. Bailey
Notary Public

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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

MARY H. BISHOP,
Complainant,
vs.
LEON M. BISHOP,
Respondent,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

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TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA :

You are hereby commanded to summon Leon M. Bishop to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Bill of Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, by Mary H. Bishop, as Complainant, against Leon M. Bishop, as Respondent.

Witness my hand this ____ day of January, 1956.

Register

MARY H. BISHOP,	:	
Complainant	:	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
vs.	:	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
	:	IN EQUITY
LEON M. BISHOP,	:	
Respondent	:	

Comes your Complainant, Mary H. Bishop, and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leon M. Bishop, and shows unto Your Honor and unto this Honorable Court as follows:

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are over the age of twenty-one years, and that your Complainant is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, and that the Respondent's last known residency to the best of her knowledge and belief was 1625 East 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and the Respondent's residency is otherwise unknown to her and cannot be ascertained by reasonable effort.

SECOND:

That the Complainant and the Respondent were married on the 7th day of July, 1942 at Pascagoula, Mississippi, and lived together as man and wife until on, to-wit, the 4th day of January, 1955, when on account of matters hereinafter complained of, your Complainant lived separate and apart from the Respondent. Complainant further

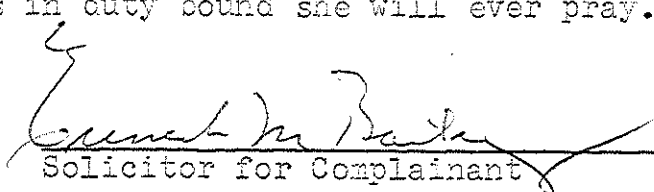
avers that said Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of Complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, since which time Complainant and Respondent have not lived together nor in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.

THIRD:

That there were born of this marriage between your Complainant and the Respondent the following named children, viz: Elizabeth Pauline Bishop, age four years and Janice Kay Bishop, age two and one-half years. That your Complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of such children. That your Complainant has no money or property with which to properly support and educate such minor children and that the Respondent is able to pay your Complainant such sufficient amounts to properly support and educate such children.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

The premises considered, your Complainant prays that the above named Leon M. Bishop be made a party Defendant to this cause by the usual writ or process of this Honorable Court requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of the Court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this cause that Your Honor will award your Complainant custody and control of her minor children herein named and will order and decree that said Respondent shall pay your Complainant the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a month as support for such children; that Your Honor will also grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said Respondent and will decree that the parties be allowed to remarry if they see fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other, further and different relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.


Solicitor for Complainant