

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY, Complainant

vs.

RAYFORD HADLEY, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ 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 Bernice Wilson Hadley is forever divorced from the said Rayford Hadley for and on account of Cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Complainant, Bernice Wilson Hadley, shall have the care custody and control of the minor child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Rayford Hadley, Respondent, shall pay to Bernice Wilson Hadley, Complainant, the sum of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per month for the maintenance and support of the minor child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months.

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 Bernice Wilson Hadley the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 20 day of January, 1956

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

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

Complainant

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MISS J. B. BAKER, Clerk

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY
COMPLAINANT
VS
RAYFORD HADLEY
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY
CASE NO. _____

Now comes the Respondent and accepted service of the summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, marriage and residence, but denies all other allegations contained in the bill of complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent further admits his responsibility for the support of the said child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months, and agrees to the amount of \$30.00 per month as a reasonable support for said child.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross-examine Complainant's witnesses; and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further notice.

OLLIE RAYFORD HADLEY



STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

OLLIE RAYFORD HADLEY, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Rayford Hadley, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 20 day of January 1956.

OLLIE RAYFORD HADLEY
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

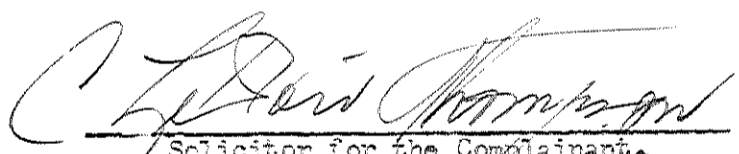
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There were born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent one child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months, and there is no property to be divided.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said Rayford Hadley party Respondent to this bill of complaint requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

That your Complainant be awarded the care, custody and control of the minor child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months; that your Honor will grant to the Complainant for maintenance and support for said child the sum of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per month.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the care, custody and control of the minor child, Shelia Ann Hadley, age about fifteen months; Your Complainant further prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Solicitor for the Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

Complainant

VS.

RAYFORD HADLEY

Respondent

I, Lois Wilson

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Bernice Wilson Hadley and Eria Lee Harville

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the _____ day of _____
1956, at the office of C. LeNoir Thomson

in Eg Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Bernice Wilson Hadley and
Eria Lee Harville doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Bernice Wilson Hadley, I am over the age of 18 and am presently a resident of Escambia County, Alabama. The Respondent Rayford Hadley is over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. We were married at Lucedale Mississippi on April 3, 1954 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until on or about February 26, 1955. The cause of the separation was the respondent failed to work and support me and our baby Shelia Ann Hadley now age 15 months and when I insisted that he do something about that he would abuse and mistreat me. The last occasion, because of his treatment and threats he placed me in fear of my life or health I was forced to leave him and take my baby going to live with my parents. We have not lived together since that separation and I know that I can never live with him again as his wife. I have had the care, custody and control of the infant Shelia Ann Hadley fruits of our marriage since birth and respectfully show unto this Honorable Court that I am a fit suitable and proper person to have her care, costody and control and ask that I be granted such. The Respondent is presently employed and able to support our daughter. I feel that a minimum of \$30.00 a month is necessary to maintain and support her and respectfully ask the court to order the Respondent to pay the sum of \$30.00 per month as maintenance and support for the said child.

Bernice Wilson Hadley

That my name is Eria Lee Harville, I know both parties to this cause, the Complainant is over the age of 18 and the Respondent is over the age of 21. They were both born in Alabama and have lived here all their lives. They were married in Lucedale, Mississippi on April 3, 1954 and lived together in Baldwin County, Alabama as husband and wife until on or about February 26, 1955 at which time the Complainant left the Respondent in fear of her life or health because of his abuse and threats. I know of no cause which she gave him for such mistreatment. I do not believe they will ever live together again as husband and wife. There were born as fruits of their marriage Shelia Ann Hadley, age now about 15 months. The Complainant Bernice Wilson Hadley has had her care, custody and control since her birth and I respectfully submit that she is a fit, suitable and proper person to have the care, custody and control of this baby girl.

Eria Lee Harville

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lois Wilson, 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 and C. LeNoir Thompson

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; that I am not of counsel or 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 20 day of January, 1956

Lois Wilson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

vs. Complainant

RAYFORD HADLEY

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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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 Bernice Wilson Hadley and Eria Lee Marville

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____ Answer and Waiver.

W. J. Black

Register.

C. Louis Thompson

No. 3703

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

vs.

RAYFORD HADLEY

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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ALICE J. OWEN Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lois Wilson

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 Bernice Wilson Hadley and Eria Lee Harville

a witnesses in behalf of Bernice Wilson Hadley in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Bernice Wilson Hadley

Complainant

and Rayford Hadley

Respondent

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

Witness 20 day of Jan, 1956

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. 3703

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

Complainant

VS.

DAVID FORD HADLEY

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

LEIS WILSON

WITNESSES:

BERNICE WILSON HADLEY

ERNA LEE HARVILLE

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