

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI, Complainant

vs.

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI, Respondent

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It is further ordered that Margaret Katherine Pilarski the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 3 day of February, 1956

[Signature] 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

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

This AGREEMENT made and entered into on this the Fourth day of January, 1956, by and between MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI, hereinafter referred to as the party of the first part and BISHOP RAY PILARSKI, hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part:

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the parties hereto have been husband and wife for a period of Thirteen years, and as a result of such union have two children, namely: Gail Louise Pilarski, twelve years of age and Sue Tekala Pilarski, Seven years of age; and

Whereas yhe parties have definitely ^{Concluded} that under conditions now existing it is impracticable for them to live together as man and wife.

Now, therefore, in consideration thereof, and of the mutual covenants hereinafter made, they have mutually agreed to a complete separation under the following express terms and conditions:

1. The said parties shall entirely and completely separate as man and wife, live separate and apart, and neither party hereafter shall in anyway harass, threaten, intimidate, or otherwise act in any way so as to embarrass or humilate the other party.

2. The Party of the first part shall have the custody, control and support of the two children at all times and the party of the second part shall have the right at convenient times of access and visitation of the children, such access and visitation to be exercised in a proper and reasonable manner and at such times as may be convenient to and consented to by the party who has the custody, support and control of the child hereunder.

3. The party of the second part agrees to pay to the party of the first part on or before the Fifth day of each and every month for the support and maintenance of the two minor children the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each child or a total of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for both; it being understood and agreed that in considereation of the prompt payment of the same, he shall be, and he is hereby released from any further obligation of any kind of character by way of alimony, to contribute towards the support and maintenance of said children, or the party of the first part.

4. In the event ~~the~~ the party of the first part insists on her express determination to file suit for a divorce against the party of the second part, it shall be thourghly understood that the party of the second part denies and expects to deny that she is in anyway entitled to a divorce, and in the event that the Court, upon hearing, should decide that the party of the first part is entitled to a divorce, then it is understood and agreed that this agreement and all of its terms shall be submitted to the court for its approval, and shall not be executed unless and until the court does approve the same.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set thier hands and seals this the year first above written.

Arthur C. Epperson
WITNESS

Margaret Katherine Pilarski (SEAL)
Party of the First Part

[Signature]
Witness

Bishop Ray Pilarski (SEAL)
Party of the Second Part

"Exhibit A" 3713

IN THE **RECORDED** CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI

COMPLAINANT

VS

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

RESPONDENT

AGREEMENT OF PARTIES

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ALICE L. DUCK, Register

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI)
 COMPLAINANT)
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)
 VS.)
)
 BISHOP RAY PILARSKI)
 RESPONDENT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 IN EQUITY

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

Your Complainant MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI,
 respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:

1. That the Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of said State and County, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that Bishop Ray Pilarski is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit February 15, 1943 at Cocoa Florida, and that of this marriage there are two children namely: Gail Louise Pilarski, twelve years of age and Sue Tekala Pilarski, seven years of age.

3. Your complainant avers and charges that the said respondent did on or about to-wit : the fifteenth day of November, 1955, and many times subsequent thereto assault, beat, hit and strike complainant; that said respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her health or life; complainant avers and charges that respondent has made numerous threats of doing her physical harm and from his manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he will commit an actual violence upon her person, attended with danger to her life and health.

4. Your complainant further avers that she has entered into a written agreement with the respondent in reference to custody, control, support and maintenance of the two children of the marriage, a copy of which is hereto attached as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, and by the terms of which the complainant is to have the control and custody of the children with reasonable rights of visitation in the respondent and the respondent is to pay to the complainant the sum of \$100.00 per month for the support and maintenance of the two children i.e. \$50.00 each.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said Bishop Ray Pilarski a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that complainant may have the relief herein prayed may it please your Honor to cause the State's Writ of Subpoena to be issued, directed to the said Bishop Ray Pilarski, commanding him to answer, plead or demur to this bill of complaint with the time prescribed by law; and that on a final hearing of this cause, that your Honor will enter a decree divorcing your complainant from said respondent and incorporating the terms of said written agreement in reference to the custody, control and maintenance and support of the two minor children in the decree, which the complainant avers is a reasonable, just and proper agreement; and that your Honor will grant such other, further or different relief as unto your Honor may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.

Arthur C. Esperson

 Solicitor for the Complainant

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI

COMPLAINANT

-VS-

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

RESPONDENT

BILL OF COMPLAINT

FILED

MAR 3 - 1956

ALICE L. DUCK, Registrar

ARTHUR G. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLLY, ALABAMA

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI,)
 Complainant,)
 -vs-)
 BISHOP RAY PILARSKI,)
 Respondent.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 IN EQUITY

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of a Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause; waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final Decree.

And for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, Respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph one of the Bill of Complaint.
2. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph two of the Bill of Complaint.
3. He denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph three of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.
4. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph four of the Bill of Complaint.

Bishop Ray Pilarski
 Respondent

[Signature]
 Solicitor for the Respondent

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI

vs.

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI

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, _____
Respondent's answer and waiver. Appointment of Commissioner _____
to take testimony. Oral Deposition of Complainant's Witness, _____
Agreement marked exhibit A _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

Arthur C. Spencer
Solicitor for Complainant

Walter J. ...
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 3rd
day of Feb, 1956

George H. H. H.
Register.

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MARGARET KATHERINE PILARSKI Complainant

VS.

BISHOP RAY PILARSKI Respondent

I, Lola Ingram

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Margaret Katherine Pilarski

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the _____ day of February

1956, at the office of Lola Ingram

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

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Margaret Katherine Pilarski

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Margaret Katherine Pilarski, I am over the age of twenty-one years and am and have been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Ala. for the past four years. Bishop Ray Pilarski is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. I was married to Bishop Ray Pilarski in Cocoa Florida on February 15, 1943. We have two children, Gail Louise, who is twelve years of age and Sue Tekala, who is seven years of age. Bishop Ray, I always call him Ray, has a very vile temper. We have not been able to get along for the past five years but the last two years has been a night mare. There was nothing no matter how hard we tried that I or the children could do to please him. He most always stopped at a beer joint on his way home from work, then he would seem to get fanatical delight out of abusing and scaring me and the children. I tried to reason with him and when that didn't do any good I asked a friend who I thought was our friend to talk to him. The day this friend talked to him, Ray came home well filled up on beer and started right in on me and the children and when I tried to reason with him to get him to stop cursing so, he jumped on me and beat and choked me very severely. I thought he was going to choke me to death and believe that he would have if the children hadn't screamed so. This happened last November 15th. he had hit me on lots of occasions before and I have been very much afraid of him for years, but I fully believe that he would kill me in one of his rages if I continued to live with him. I left with the children as soon as I could safely get away the next morning. Later in the first part of January of this year we made a separation agreement which I think is a fair agreement and is marked "Exhibit A" and attached to my testimony and made a part of it. The agreement gives me complete custody of the children and provides for Ray to pay to me for the support and maintenance of the two children the sum of \$100.00 per month.

Margaret Katherine Pilarski

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Lola Ingram, 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... and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of myself

Lola Ingram

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness... or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness...; 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... day of February 3, 1956

Lola Ingram (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

In Circuit Court, In Equity

MARGARET KATHERINE PIARSKI

vs. Complainant

BISHOP RAY PIARSKI

Respondent

Oral Deposition

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lela Ingram

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 Margaret Katherine Pilarski

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

Margaret Katherine Pilarski, Complainant
and Bishop Ray Pilarski
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 3 day of Feb, 1956

Archie J. ...
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Complainant _____

VS.

Defendant _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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