# The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

# CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

	ISSAC PAYNE	, Complainant
	vs.	
ne A	RY PAYNE	
PA	HI FALVE	, Respondent
This cause coming on to be heard	was submitted up	oon Bill of Complaint, Decree Provides on
		imony as noted by the Register, and upon con-
		plainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in
said bill.		
It is therefore ordered, adjudged a	and decreed by the	e Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore
existing between the Complainant and Defe	endant be, and th	e same are hereby dissolved, and that the said
ISSAC PAYNE		is forever divorced from the
saidsaid		for and on account of
98 - Carlotte (1997)		:
ABANDONMENT		
***************************************		
	and the second s	
`		
	,	
		AND
		either party to this suit shall again marry except
to each other until sixty days after the ren days, neither party shall again marry excep		cree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty
again contract marriage upon payment of t		pondent be, and they are hereby permitted to
It is further ordered thatI COMPLAINANT		
the Corrections	pay the cost he	rein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.
Thisday of	Many	1956
	and the manufacture of the contract of the con	I taken ne well
		Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.
I,		, Register of the Circuit
C	ourt of Baldwin pregoing is a corr	County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the ect copy of the original decree, rendered by the
Jı	ndge of the Circu	iit Court in the above stated cause, which said
ď		nd enrolled in my office.
		hand and seal this theday
O:	f	, 19
	-	Desired of Cinetis Court In Fortis
49.0		Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

Teleferetetereleferete	CO
No. 3753 Page	
vo dgc	
MITTER OFFICE OF AT A DARK	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA	
BALDWIN COUNTY	· ·
1 6: 6 . 1	- 1
In Circuit Court, In Equity	- Accept
	No.
ISAAC PAYNE	_
01	all ages parish
Complainant	
vs.	To the
MARY PAYNE	
TAINE	_
	_
Respondent	_
DIVORCE DECREE	
	- 1
•	
1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	id.
Rna	
MAY 20	
MAY 28 1956  ALMS & PROK, BORGAN	
d Blance 1956	
Self House F.	
	All Rep.
. 43	

A 8

# TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW ANNEX FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING MOBILE, ALABAMA

GEORGE A. TONSMEIRE ROBERT E. HODNETTE. JR. STOVA F. MCFADDEN May 25, 1956

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

We submitted a divorce case a couple of weeks ago entitled "Isaac Payne vs Mary Payne", case #3753.

I wonder if you would advise me of the status of this matter. We have the court costs available and will give you the costs as soon as we find out the amount.

Very truly yours,

TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE

Robert E. Hodnette, Jr.

BOOK 021 PAGE 349

Defendant

No. 3753

Vs.

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Baldwin MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

Mary Payne

# ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the Defendant in the above entitled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein admits the allegations as to the ages, residences and marriage and denies each and every other allegation of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

I agree that the testimony in this cause may be taken by deposition on oral examination, and waive notice of the time and place of the taking such testimony and agree that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time. I waive all notices to which I may be entitled by law in this cause.

Note: The space below is intended for "Agreements Between the Parties."

It is further agreed by the parties that Vivian M. Gordon may act as commissioner in taking the depositions in the above matter, without the issuance of a commission.

Wilnesses in Mary Harle Mary Harle Payne Mary Page Page James Slavery Smith

New Control of the Co			
STATE OF Alabama	And the second s	and the second of the second decision of the second of	ng gasan ng mangang ng
COUNTY OF			
1, 1,,	, a NOTARY PUBLI	C in and for sai	d State and County, do
hereby certify that Mary Payne and who is known to me, acknowledge			- ·
the instrument, <u>she</u>	executed the same v	oluntarily on th	e day same bears date.
Witness my hand and seal this	day of	FY THAT ISANO	, 19 56.
CW ELSWORTH HAUGHTON, RE	EGISTER		NOTARY PUBLIC
O Pia Vieto	STATE OF	FLORIDA	Notery Public, State of Floride a My commission expires July 19,
	COTINTES	OF ESCAMBIA	The second secon

Isauc Porpre

Mary Paymen

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Filed\_

Register

ISAAC	PAYNE	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
	Complainant	)	OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
vs		)	A LABA MA
MARY	PAYNE	)	IN EQUITY
	Respondent	<u>)</u> .	NO

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

Comes your complainant, Isaac Payne, and respectfully shows unto Your Honor as follows:

#### ONE

Complainant avers that he is over the age of twenty-one years and that he is a bona fide resident citizen of Pensacola, Florida, and that the respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such for a period of more than one year next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, and resides at Route 1, Box 24, Marlowe, Alabama.

# TWO

Complainant alleges and avers that he and the respondent are husband and wife, having been lawfully married in the year, to-wit, 1922, in Bay Minette, Alabama.

## THREE

Complainant further alleges and avers that the respondent voluntarily abandoned his bed and board without his consent, in March, 1950, without sufficient reason therefor, and without intention to return, and that said abandonment has been continuous and uninterrupted for a period of more than one year next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint.

Complainant further alleges that he and the respondent have had no children born of said marriage.

# PRAYER FOR PROCESS

WHEREFORE, the complainant prays that the said Mary Payne be made a party respondent to this bill of complaint and be required to appear and plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time required by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Complainant prays that, upon the final hearing of this cause,
Your Honor will enter a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now
existing between complainant and respondent, and grant unto him an
absolute divorce with the right to remarry.

Complainant prays for such other, further and different relief as in equity and good conscience he may be entitled to receive, the premises considered.

TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE

Solicitors for Complainant

407 First National Bank Annex Mobile, Alabama Deane Payne
15
Mary Payne

2/

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUI	r court,	BALDWIN COUNTY

March TERM, 19 56

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Co	ommanded to Summon	
	MARY PAYNE	
114		

to appear and plead	, answer or demur, with	in thirty days from	the service hereof,	to the complaint filed in
the Circuit Court of	Baldwin County, State	of Alabama, at Ba	y Minette, against	and they in
	MARY PAYNE		:	
by	ISAAC PAYNE			, Defendant

, Plaintiff.....

Witness my hand this.

No. 3753 Pag	2 2 y			Defenda	nt lives at	
THE STATE OF ALA BALDWIN COUNT			<u>.</u>	RECEIVED	IN OFFICE	
CIRCUIT COU	RT		4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4		3/2/	
ISAAC PAYNE	:					
			I	have execute		· ·
vs.	Plaintiffs		4.5	a copy with	rel	_, 1957.
MERY PAYNE				-C.		
		Complete Control	200		),	
	Defendants		ff fil	July 1	Cey 12	<u></u>
CTININICATE		(A) Management of the second	<u>*                                    </u>	0		
SUMMONS and COM	IPLAINI	SI-	eriff claim	s	miles ε	<u>.</u>
FiledMarch 21	19 56		en Cents po	r mile Total R WILKINS	\$8:00	
		49 2			1/1	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1	В	C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	, Clerk	BY	[2]	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1	BY	C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1	BY	C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1		C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1		C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALTCE J. KNK DUCK	1		C	EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALICE J. ENK DUCK	, Clerk			EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALICE J. ENK DUCK	TTE			EPUTY SHERII	luss	
ALICE J. ENK DUCK	, Clerk			EPUTY SHERII	luss	A Sher
TONSMETRE & HODNO	TTE			EPUTY SHERII	Lillian	Sher

Isaac Payne
NoVS.
Mary Payne

# ORDER OF SUBMISSION

with .

This cause coming on to be heard, is submitted for decree on the pleadings and on the proof as noted.

Dated,

FILED,...

# NOTE OF EVIDENCE

At the hearing of this cause the following note of evidence was taken to wit:

Register }

# FOR COMPLAINANT

1. Original bill of complaint

100

2. Answer and waiver

3. Testimony of complainant's witnesses, Isaac Payne and Clarence Fair

TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE

· Admi

Solicitor—for Complainant.

FOR RESPONDENT

Solicitor—for Respondent.

Isaac Payne

Vs.

Mary Payne

# ORDER OF SUBMISSION NOTE OF EVIDENCE

\_Terms, 19\_\_\_\_

Ent. Min. No.\_\_\_\_\_, Page\_

#### TESTIMONY OF ISAAC PAYNE

My name is Isaac Payne and I am the complainant in this case seeking a divorce from my wife, Mary Payne. I live in Pensacola, Florida and have lived there for about four years continuously before this time. My wife, Mary Payne is a bona fide resident citizen of Mobile County, Alabama, and lives at Route 1, Box 54, at Marlowe near Summerdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has lived for more than ten or fifteen years continuously immediately preceding the filing of this suit. We are both over the age of twenty-one years.

We are husband and wife having been married lawfully in 1922 in Bay Minette, Alabama, where we got a license and were married by a Justice of the Peace. We lived together as man and wife until about March, 1950, and we have no children. In March, 1950, she left me without any reason and voluntarily abandoned my bed and board without my consent and without the intention to return and has not lived with me since that time. This abandonment has been continuous and uninterrupted since 1950.

DARAC Page

### TESTIMONY OF CLARENCE FAIR

My name is Clarence Fair and I live at Fairhope, Alabama. I have known Isaac and Mary Payne for eight or ten years and I know that they were husband and wife. Mary Payne now lives in Marlowe near Summerdale in Baldwin County and she has lived in Baldwin County continuously ever since I have known her. I remember sometime in about 1950 Isaac Payne and Mary Payne quit living together and I know that for several times prior to that she would leave him. On this occasion she abandoned him and they have not lived together since as husband and wife. Both of them are over twenty-one years of age and have no children.

Glorence Fair

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Vivian M. Gordon, the commissioner named by agreement in that certain cause entitled Isaac Payne vs Mary Payne filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, No. , hereby certify that I, under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by said agreement, caused Isaac Payne and Clarence Fair, witnesses for the complainant, who are known to me, to come before me at the time and place hereinafter named: May 3, 1956, at 407 First National Bank Annex, Mobile, Alabama, and that said witnesses were first duly sworn by me, that they were then examined under oath and testified in response thereto as it is hereinabove written; that their testimony was by me reduced to writing as given by them and as near as might be in the identical language of the said witnesses; and that, after their testimony had been so reduced to writing, it was read over to 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 any of the parties to the cause and am not in anywise interested in the result thereof and that the depositions are true and correct as given by the witnesses.

I further certify that Tonsmeire & Hodnette, solicitors for the complainant, were present at the time the above witnesses were examined in my presence.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of May, 1956

Commissioner

# TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW ANNEX FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING MOBILE, ALABAMA

GEORGE A. TONSMEIRE ROBERT E. HODNETTE, JR. STOVA F. MCFADDEN

March 20, 1956

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

Re: Isaac Payne vs Mary Payne

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Please file the enclosed bill for divorce and ask the Sheriff to serve the respondent at Route 1, Box 24, Summerdale, Alabama, this being the Marlowe community near Summerdale.

I will appreciate your kindness in advising me when service has been completed.

Very truly yours,

TONSMEIRE & HODNETTE

Robert E. Hodnette, Jr.

Robert E. Holnette

iwt

enc.