

DIVORCE DECREE

MOORE PRINTING COMPANY - BAY MINETTE, ALA.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LIZZIE MAE CORTE

, Complainant

vs.

FERDINAND A. CORTE

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree and Answer~~ taken orally before the Court ~~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

LIZZIE MAE CORTE

is forever divorced from the

said FERDINAND A. CORTE

for and on account of

Cruelty.

The Court hereby ratifies and approves the agreement entered into by and between the parties on a property division in lieu of alimony and hereby orders and directs that the original of such agreement shall be attached to this decree and it is hereby made a part hereof

It is futher 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 futher 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 futher ordered that Ferdinand A. Corte

the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 13 day of July 1959

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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ALICE L. DUCK, CLERK REGISTER

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the undersigned Lizzie Mae Corte and Ferdinand A. Corte are now married to each other and have been living together as man and wife for approximately thirty-four (34) years and the said Lizzie Mae Corte is this day filing suit for divorce against the said Ferdinand A. Corte and the parties now desire to enter into this agreement whereby the said Ferdinand A. Corte will pay the said Lizzie Mae Corte a lump sum of money in lieu of alimony and support, and

WHEREAS, the automobile now being driven by the said Lizzie Mae Corte is registered in the name of A. A. Corte & Sons and it is the desire of the parties that she have the title to such automobile as a part of the settlement between the parties,

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed by and between the said Lizzie Mae Corte and Ferdinand A. Corte as follows:

1. That the said Ferdinand A. Corte shall pay to the said Lizzie Mae Corte the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be paid by cashiers checks or certified checks at the time of the granting of the divorce decree by the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, in that certain cause wherein Lizzie Mae Corte is the complainant and Ferdinand A. Corte is the respondent.

2. At the time of the granting of such divorce decree the said Ferdinand A. Corte shall deliver to the said Lizzie Mae Corte a transfer of title from A. A. Corte & Sons to the said Lizzie Mae Corte properly conveying title to a 1957 Cadillac, 4 door automobile, motor numbered 5760-037641, serial numbered 5760-037641, the said Lizzie Mae Corte now having possession of such automobile.

3. It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that they will each pay one-half of the attorney's fee due Chason & Stone as Solicitors for Complainant, such attorney's fee to be paid at the time of the granting of the divorce decree hereinabove referred to. It is further agreed that the said Ferdinand A. Corte will pay the court costs which accrue in connection with such suit.

4. It is further stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto that when this agreement has been fully performed and

when such divorce decree has been granted, and said sum of money and the title certificate to such automobile shall have been delivered by the said Ferdinand A. Corte to the said Lizzie Mae Corte and shall have been accepted by her in lieu of alimony, she shall not be entitled to anything further from the said Ferdinand A. Corte. It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that a copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, and if approved by such Court it shall become a part of the divorce decree which shall be rendered in said cause.

5. It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Lizzie Mae Corte may continue to live in the home in which she is now living for a period of time not exceeding sixty (60) days from the date hereof and prior to the expiration of such time she must deliver full and complete possession thereof to the said Ferdinand A. Corte.

6. It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Lizzie Mae Corte shall not remove from the dwelling house where she now lives any personal property except her personal clothing and effects and any personal property which has been specifically given to her by Ferdinand A. Corte or any third person. She may be entitled to leave in said home any property belonging to her if she desires to do so but when she leaves such property she thereby relinquishes any claim thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Lizzie Mae Corte and Ferdinand A. Corte have hereunto set their hands and seals on this the 9th day of July, 1959.

Lizzie Mae Corte (SEAL)
Ferdinand A. Corte (SEAL)

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, Blanche White, a Notary Public,
in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Lizzie Mae
Corte and Ferdinand A. Corte, whose names are signed to the foregoing
instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this
day, that being informed of the contents of the instrument, they exe-
cuted the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of July,
1959.

Blanche White
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ferdinand A. Corte 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 Lizzie Mae Corte as Complainant, against Ferdinand A. Corte as Respondent.

Witness my hand this 9th day of July, 1959.


Register

LIZZIE MAE CORTE,	I	
	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant,	I	
vs.	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
	I	
FERDINAND A. CORTE,	I	IN EQUITY
Respondent.	I	

Comes your Complainant, Lizzie Mae Corte, and filed this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Ferdinand A. Corte, 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 are both resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Loxley, Alabama, and they have been such residents ever since their marriage.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on heretofore, to-wit: October 31, 1925, and lived together as man and wife until, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your Complainant was compelled to leave the Respondent and live separate and apart from him; that on, to-wit: June 30, 1959, the Respondent committed actual violence on the person of your Complainant, attended with danger to her life or health by striking her with his hand and the Complainant had reasonable apprehension that if she continued to live with him her life or health would be endangered.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

The premises considered, your Complainant prays that the above named Ferdinand A. Corte 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 this Court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this

Cause that Your Honor will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said Respondent; that Your Honor will decree that the Complainant be allowed to remarry if she sees 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.

Lizzie Mae Corte
Complainant

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, Blanche White, a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Lizzie Mae Corte who is known to me and who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, did depose and say under oath as follows:

That her name is Lizzie Mae Corte and she is the Complainant in the above styled cause and all of the matters and facts alleged therein are true and correct.

Lizzie Mae Corte
Lizzie Mae Corte

Sworn to and subscribed before me on
this 9th day of July, 1959.

Blanche White
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Comes Ferdinand A. Corte, the Respondent in the above styled cause and hereby accepts service of a copy of the Summons and Bill of Complaint filed in said cause and waives further notice of the same.

The said Ferdinand A. Corte hereby waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause and notice of submission of said cause and agrees that the testimony may be taken and the cause submitted without further notice to him.

For answer to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause the Respondent says:

1. That he admits the allegations of the first paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

2. That he admits the allegations of the second paragraph of the Bill of Complaint as to the date of marriage and separation but he denies all of the other allegations of the Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Dated this 13th day of July, 1959.

Ferdinand A. Corte

WITNESS:

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IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

LIZZIE MAE CORTE, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Examination by Mr. Chason.

Q Is your name Lizzie Mae Corte?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you the wife of Ferdinand A. Corte?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you the complainant in the suit for divorce filed by
Lizzie Mae Corte vs. Ferdinand A Corte, filed in the Circuit
Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on July 9, 1959?

A. Yes I am.

Q. Are you and Ferdinand both over 21 years of age?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you both residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at
Loxley, Alabama?

A. We are.

Q. Have you both resided in this County since your marriage?

A. That is right.

Q. When did you and Ferdinand marry?

A. ^{Thirty-}The first day of October, 1925.

Q. Have you lived together as husband and wife since your
marriage until your recent separation?

A. We have.

Q. Did you leave and separate from Ferdinand on June 30, 1959?

A. Yes.

Q. Now did Ferdinand commit actual violence on your person?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What did he do?

A. He slapped me.

Q. Did you have reasonable apprehension, if you continued to live with him, that your life or health would be in danger?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Following that you separated from him?

A. Yes I did.

Q. You have not lived with him as man and wife since that time?

A. No I have not.

Q. You and Ferdinand have filed in this cause an agreement as to a property division, or what he shall pay you in lieu of alimony?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You executed this agreement, did you not?

A. I did.

Q. Ferdinand Corte signed it?

A. Yes he did.

Q. Under this agreement you are to get \$100,000. in cash and the Cadillac automobile which you are now driving, and which is described in the bill of complaint, and you are also to have the right to live in the home for 60 days, but I believe you stated you would only be there a couple of weeks probably?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And there are certain personal effects that you expect to remove?

A. Yes sir.

Q. This agreement is satisfactory to you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And that is all that you expect to get in lieu of alimony and support?

A. That is correct.

C E R T I F I C A T E:

I hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of pages 1 to 3, both inclusive, correctly sets forth a true and correct transcript of the testimony in the case of Lizzie Mae Corte, Complainant, vs. Ferdinand A. Corte, Respondent, in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, taken by me in open Court before Hon. Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court.

This 13th day of July, 1959.

Louise Husekumy
Court Reporter