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BEVERLY DAVIS,
COMPLAINANT
VS.
GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS,
DEFENDANT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

FINAL DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for decree upon bill of BEVERLY DAVIS and Answer and Waiver of Defendant, GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, and testimony as noted, 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 marriage ceremony performed on the 22nd day of January, 1956, between the complainant and defendant was not a valid ceremony for the reason that the defendant, the said GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, had a then living wife, and that there is no marriage between the parties.

It is further ORDERED that the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

Done this the 17 day of July, 1956.

Hubert McFall
CIRCUIT JUDGE, In Equity

BEVERLY DAVIS,
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RESPONDENT

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ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the respondent, GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause, and to each and every paragraph thereof, says:

He denies each and every allegation contained therein and demands strict proof thereof.

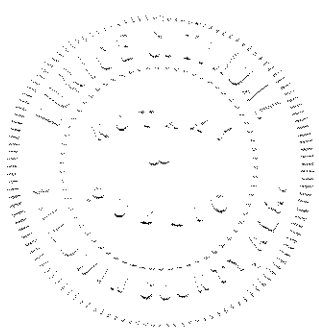
Respondent hereby submits himself to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court and waives notice of the time and place for taking testimony in said cause, waives the issuance of a formal commissioner to take testimony in said cause and consents that testimony may be taken without further notice to him and further waives notice of the time and place of submission of said cause and consents that said cause may be submitted for final decree at any time or place without further notice to him of such submission.

George Abraham Roberts
GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, Respondent

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me to be the respondent above named, acknowledged before me on this day that he executed the same voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 21st day of April, 1956.



Lawrence S. Sordal
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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NOTE OF EVIDENCE

This cause is submitted for final decree on Complainant's bill, answer and waiver filed by Defendant, and depositions of Complainant and JESSIE D. DAVIS, together with the following documents:

1. Marriage License Beverly Davis to George Abraham Roberts.
2. Marriage Certificate of George Abraham Roberts and Helen Mae Wood.
3. Letter dated July 2, 1956, from E. G. Rickary, Jr., Attorney, to Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, re conviction of George Abraham Roberts in Virginia for non-support of his three children, with reply thereon of the Clerk of said Court, dated July 9, 1956.

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

BY


E. G. Rickary, Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant

Alice F. Wick
Register

(Copy)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MARRIAGE LICENSE

County Of

JACKSON

To Any Judge, Minister, Justice or any other Person Lawfully authorized to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony.

YOU ARE HEREBY LICENSED TO CELEBRATE THE

RITES OF MATRIMONY

between

Mr George A. Roberts and

Miss Beverly Ann Davis

and for so doing this shall be your warrant Given under my hand and official seal, this the

21st day of January

in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six at 4:45 P.M.

/s/ Vertis G. Ramsay, Circuit Clerk

By _____ D. C.

The State of Mississippi,) By Virtue of A License
Jackson County)

From the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of JACKSON I have this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony between

Mr George A. Roberts and

Miss Beverly Ann Davis

Given under my hand this the 21st day of January A.D. 1956

/s/ Rev. M.S. Varnado Baptist Minister
815 Market St. Pascagoula Mississippi (Seal)

MARRIAGE LICENSE
AND CERTIFICATE

NO _____

George A. Roberts

AND

Beverly Ann Davis

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON COUNTY

Issued 1/21, 1956

Hour _____ A.M. 4:45 P.M.

Married 1/21, 1956

License Recorded _____, 19__

Marriage Record 85 on page 283

/s/ Vertis G. Ramsay
Circuit Clerk,

By _____, D. C.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON COUNTY

George A. Roberts

Beverly Ann Davis

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Marriage Certificate

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }
DILLON COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 1st day of October, 1949,
at Dillon in Dillon County, State of South Carolina,
George Abraham Roberts and
Helen Mae Wood were united in the Bonds of
Matrimony by John Marvin Rast, Minister
in accordance with the laws of South Carolina in such cases made and provided, and as shown by the
records of this Court. Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this the 3rd
day of May, 1956


Judge of Probate, Dillon County

LAW OFFICES
E. G. RICKARBY
BANK BUILDING
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

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P. O. BOX 71

July 2, 1956

A/D 1070-56
SRRF 6/6/56

Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court
1115 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Re: George Abraham Roberts
Our File: 3703

One George Abraham Roberts was convicted of non-support in your court within the last 60 days and sentenced.

Request you advise what he was convicted of and what sentence he received.

Yours very truly,

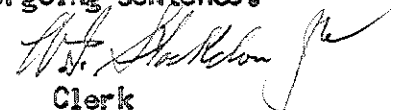


EGR/ts
7-12-56

cc: Miss Beverly Davis

Reply-July 9, 1956.

Convicted May 25, 1956, on charge of non-support of his three male children under age 17 years. Ordered to pay \$30.00 per week for their support until further order of Court. Held for surety in sum of \$1000.00 for compliance and for payment of costs of extradition \$220.75. Jailed in default of surety. Ordered transferred to State Convict Road Force on June 6th 1956. Children will get \$15.00 per week for his services while undergoing sentence.


Clerk

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TESTIMONY OF BEVERLY DAVIS, COMPLAINANT:

My name is BEVERLY DAVIS and I'm bringing this suit thru my father HOWARD DAVIS, my next of friend, and state the following facts:

1. I am twenty years of age, lived in Baldwin County all of my life and have been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County for three years next preceding the filing of this Complaint.
2. GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS is over the age of twenty-one years and he is now in the County Jail in Bay Minette, Alabama. He lived in Baldwin County since about January, 1954.
3. I met him in about August, 1955, when he was living here in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama. We went together until the end of August, 1955, and later we started going together and appeared before REVEREND VARNEDO, a Baptist minister, in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and a marriage service was performed in January, 1956, between the Defendant and myself, and we came back to Fairhope and lived together as husband and wife until about the 5th of April.

I am attaching a copy of my Marriage License to my testimony.

4. On about the 5th of April, GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS was arrested on a non-support warrant, issued by one HELEN WOOD of Billings, South Carolina. I talked to him about this and he admitted to me that he married one HELEN WOOD on the 1st of October 1949, and had three children by her and that he was still married to her, although legal separation papers had been made.

5. At the time the marriage ceremony was performed between GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS and myself, he had a living wife, and I am asking this Court to enter a decree, firmly establishing that that marriage was null and void.

Beverly Ann Davis
BEVERLY DAVIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th DAY of May, 1956.

Florence S. Matthews
COMMISSIONER

IN EQUITY
ALICE J. DUCK, Register

BEVERLY DAVIS, Complainant

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

TESTIMONY

BEVERLY DAVIS, Complainant

GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, Defendant

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I, FLORA S. MATTHEWS, Commissioner acting under stipulation of the parties in the annulment suit of BEVERLY DAVIS vs. GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby certify that I have caused the witnesses in this cause, namely, BEVERLY DAVIS and JESSIE D. DAVIS, who were made known to me and known to be the identical witnesses called by the parties, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, where said witnesses, after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination of E. G. RICKARBY, JR., Esquire, Solicitor for the Complainant, did testify as shown by the attached testimony, and that their testimony was, by me, reduced to writing as given by them as near as might be in their identical language and, after being so reduced to writing, was read over by 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 either of the parties to the cause, nor anywise interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner on this the 12th day of July, 1956.

Flora S. Matthews
COMMISSIONER

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TESTIMONY OF JESSIE D. DAVIS, WITNESS IN BEHALF OF COMPLAINANT:

JESSIE D. DAVIS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Jessie Davis and I am the mother of BEVERLY DAVIS, who is bringing this suit for annulment against GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS. Beverly is twenty years old and has lived in Baldwin County all of her life. The defendant, GEORGE ABRAHAM ROBERTS is over the age of twenty-one years and was a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, at the time she filed her bill.

Back in January, 1956, on the 22nd of January to be exact, my daughter, Beverly Davis, went down to Pascagoula, Mississippi, and a marriage ceremony was performed, joining her in matrimony with George Abraham Roberts, and they lived together as husband and wife for about ten days, when he got into some difficulty with his employer and was gone about fifteen days. My husband went on his bond and got him out of jail, and they, then, lived together as husband and wife until about the 5th of April, 1956. On April 5th, 1956, George Abraham Roberts was picked up on a desertion charge by the State of Virginia and, at that time, he admitted to Beverly that he had a living wife and three children. He was extradited, sent back to Virginia, where he is now serving time for non-support of his wife and children.

Beverly naturally wants to have this marriage annulled, so that she can forget about the whole affair.

We made an investigation and found out that George Abraham Roberts was married to Helen Mae Wood on the 1st day of October, 1949, and I have seen the marriage certificate signed by the Judge of Probate of Dillon County, South Carolina, where they were married.

I am attaching to my testimony a letter in answer to an inquiry Mr. Rickarby made as to what had happened to his case.

Jessie D. Davis

Subscribed and sworn to by JESSIE D. DAVIS before me this the 12th day of July, 1956.

Gloria S. Matthews
COMMISSIONER

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA: I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified and disinterested person, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Court.