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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILLA NORRIS, Complainant

vs.

JAMES NORRIS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Notice by Registered mail 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 WILLA NORRIS is forever divorced from the said JAMES NORRIS for and on account of

Cruelty

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 Willa Norris the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 23rd day of October 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

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

*Filed: 10/23/56*  
*Alice J. Duck, Reg.*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: DELTA H. GWALTNEY

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 WILLA NORRIS and EVELYN COOPER

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

and JAMES NORRIS is Complainant

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

Witness 19 day of Oct, 1956

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

WILLA NORRIS

Complainant

VS.

JAMES NORRIS

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

WILLA NORRIS

EVELYN COOPER

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

WILLA NORRIS

Complainant

VS.

JAMES NORRIS

Respondent

I, DELTA E. GWALTNEY

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Willa Norris and W. B. Cooper

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 19th day of October 1956, at the office of James A. Hendrix

in Robertsdale, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Willa Norris and W. B. Cooper

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Willa Norris. I am over twenty-one years old and have lived in Baldwin County, for more than the past five years; James Norris is over twenty-one years old and at present is living in Indianapolis, Indiana. James and I were married October 13, 1951 at Bay Minette, Alabama. On about April 14, 1956, James hit and beat me and he had done this on several occasions before that date, he has made many threats of doing me physical harm, and from his manner and conduct toward me, I am convinced that should I continue to live with him, he would commit an act of violence on my person which would endanger my life and health; as a result of said assault and said threats, James and I have not lived together as husband and wife since April 14, 1956. We had no children and there is no property rights to be settled between us.

*Willa Norris*

My name is W. B. Cooper. Willa Norris has worked for me as my cook and house-keeper for the past several years. Willa is over twenty-one years old and has lived here in Baldwin County for more than the past five years, and for the past several years, she has lived in a small house near my home. James Norris is over twenty-one years old and at present is living in Indianapolis, Indiana. Willa and James were married on about October 13, 1951 in Bay Minette, Alabama. On about April 14, 1956, he hit and beat her. He has done this on several occasions before that date. He made many threats of doing her physical harm, and from his manner and conduct toward her, I am convinced that if Willa continues to live with him, he will commit an act of violence on her person, which would endanger her life and health; as a result of said assault and said threats, James and Willa have not lived together as husband and wife since April 14, 1956. They had no children and there is no property rights to be settled between them.

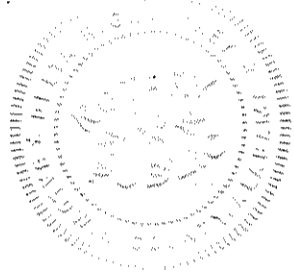
*W. B. Cooper*

**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

I, DELTA F. GWALTNEY, 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 DELTA F. GWALTNEY and JAMES A. HENDRIX 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 witnesses; 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 19th day of October, 1956.

Delta F. Gwaltney (L. S.)



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILLIAM MORRIS

vs. Complainant

JAMES MORRIS

Respondent.

**Oral Deposition**

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ALICE J. BOON, Register

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WILLA NORRIS

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vs.

JAMES NORRIS

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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motion for Decree Pro Confesso after notice by Registered Mail; Decree  
 Pro Confesso after notice by registered mail; and the testimonies of Willa  
 Norris and Evelyn Cooper as set out in the oral deposition.

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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

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*James A. Hendrix*

*W. J. ...*  
 Register.

No. ....

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

WILLA MORRIS

vs.

JAMES MORRIS

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this .....  
day of ..... , 194.....

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register.

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BALDWIN COUNTY )

WILLA MORRIS )

Complainant, )

vs. )

JAMES MORRIS )

Respondent. )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY.

To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit of Baldwin County,

Sitting in Equity:

Comes now the Complainant, Willa Morris, humbly complaining of the Respondent, James Morris, in a matter of divorce, and represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Complainant, Willa Morris, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than five years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and at present is residing at 2724 Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

SECOND: That your Complainant and Respondent were married on October 13, 1951, at Bay Minette, Alabama.

THIRD: Your complainant avers and charges that the said respondent did on or about the 14th day of April, 1956, and many times prior 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 or health; that as a result of said assault and since April 14, 1956, Complainant and Respondent have not lived together as husband and wife.

FOURTH: Your Complainant would further aver and show unto Your Honor that no children were born to the Union of the Complainant and Respondent; and further that there is no property to be settled between the Complainant and Respondent herein.

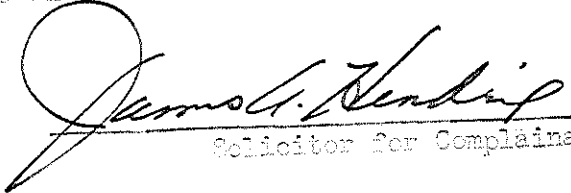
PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Wherefore the premises considered the Complainant prays that the said James Morris be made party Respondent to this her Bill of Complaint and that a summons be issued and served upon him as required by law and the rules of this Honorable Court, and that he be required to plead, answer or demur to the within Bill of Complaint within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR FINAL RELIEF

The premises considered the Complainant prays that on a final hearing of this cause Your Honor will make and enter a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Respondent, and will grant to the Complainant a full and absolute divorce from the Respondent, and that in and by virtue of the said decree the Complainant will be granted the right to again contract marriage, that she be granted the right to resume her maiden name.

Complainant prays all other further or general relief to which she may be entitled, the premises considered and she will ever pray, etc.

  
Solicitor for Complainant.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY

No. 3871

Sept. TERM, 1956

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon JAMES NORRIS

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint filed in  
the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against \_\_\_\_\_

JAMES NORRIS, Defendant

by \_\_\_\_\_

WILLA NORRIS, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 6th. day of September 1956

Alice J. Dukes, Clerk

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**CIRCUIT COURT**

WILLA NORRIS

Plaintiffs

vs.

JAMES NORRIS

Defendants

**SUMMONS and COMPLAINT**

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Alice J. Duck, Clerk

J.A. HENDRIX

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

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, Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this, 19

by leaving a copy with

Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

No. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

WILLA NORRIS

Complainant.

Vs.

JAMES NORRIS

Defendant.

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against .....

JAMES NORRIS Defendant.....

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant....., and that said summons was duly served by Registered Mail, according to law, and that said Defendant..... has failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This..... 18..... day of OCT, 1956

*James C. Hendrix*  
Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MILJA NORRIS

Vs.

JAMES NORRIS

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO  
AFTER NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL

Filed 10-18, 1956

*W. J. ...*  
Register.

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WILLA NORRIS  
Vs.  
JAMES NORRIS

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1956, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to JAMES NORRIS

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1956, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said JAMES NORRIS

Defendant

This the 18 day of Oct, 1956  
Wiley J. French Register.

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**In Equity.**

WILLA NORRIS

**Vs.**

JAMES NORRIS

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO AFTER  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL**

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