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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

DELENE STEELE, Complainant

vs.

LOUIS T. STEELE, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on 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

Delene Steele is forever divorced from the said Louis T. Steele for and on account of Cruelty--

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant have and she is hereby awarded the permanent care, custody and control of Rusty Steele, a boy, born to the union of said parties; with visitation rights being hereby given the Respondent. Further ordered that the Respondent pay the sum of \$25.00 each month as support for the said minor child, Rusty Steele; It is further ordered that the Respondent pay the sum of \$25.00 per month as support for Showanda Rena Ganey, Complainant's child by a previous marriage, until such time as Respondent no longer draws a Government allotment for said child.

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

This 11th day of December 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

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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STATE OF ALABAMA)

BALDWIN COUNTY)

DELENE STEELE,
Complainant,
vs.
LOUIS T. STEELE,
Respondent.

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) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
)
) IN EQUITY.
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To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Sitting in Equity:

Comes now the Complainant, DELENE STEELE, humbly complaining of the Respondent, LOUIS T. STEELE, in a matter of divorce, and represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Complainant, DELENE STEELE, is over the age of eighteen years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than two years next preceeding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Respondent LOUIS T. STEELE is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in Robertsedale, Alabama.

SECOND: That your Complainant and Respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit: December 31, 1954 at Lucedale, Mississippi.

THIRD: Your Complainant avers and charges that the said Respondent did on or about the 13th day of January, 1956, and on many occasions prior thereto assault, beat, hit, and strike complainant; that said respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with dangers to her health and life; that the last of said assault did occur on January 13, 1956, and since that time Complainant and Respondent have not lived together as husband and wife due to said assault; Complainant further avers that the 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 which would endanger her life and health.

FOURTH: Complainant further avers and shows unto the court that there was born to the union of the Complainant and Respondent one child, a boy, now about four months old, namely RUSTY STEELE; that said child RUSTY STEELE is now

in the care, custody, and control of the Complainant its mother and further that said Complainant is a fit and proper person to be awarded the permanent care, custody and control of said minor child RUSTY STEELE. Complainant further avers that there was born to you Complainant a child by a former marriage namely SHOWANDA RENE GANEY, a girl now about two years old which is now in the Complainant's care, custody, and control.

FIVE: Complainant further avers and shows unto Your Honor that the Respondent is an able bodied man, well able to provide for and help support and maintain the aforesaid children in a manner suitable to their station in life.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS


Wherefore the premises considered the Complainant prays that the said LOUIS T. STEELE, to be made party Respondent to this her Bill of Complainant 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; that Your Honor will decree an amount to be paid for the support and maintenance of the said minor child RUSTY STEELE, to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant each month; that Your Honor will decree a temporary amount to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant for the support of the said minor child SHOWANDA RENE GANEY, and that in and by virtue of the said decree the Complainant will be granted the right to again contract marriage.

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

Personally appeared before me DELENE STEELE, being known to me and being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she has read the allegations in the foregoing complaint and that to the best of her knowledge and belief said allegations are true in all respects.



Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 7 day of DEC, 1956.



Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

DELENE STEELE

vs.
LOUIS T. STEELE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County
IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, Answer and waiver and the Testimony of Delene Steele and Mrs. T. W. Langley, as set out in the oral deposition.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

James A. Hendrix

Alice J. Dusk

Register.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: GERTRUDE M. BANKESTER

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 Delene Steele and Mrs. T. W. Langley

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

Complainant

and Louis T. Steele is

Respondent

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

Witness 11th day of Dec., 1956

Alice J. Deedy Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

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Defendant

ALICE J. DUCK, Clerk

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Gertrude M. Bankester

WITNESSES:

DELENE STEELE

MRS. T. W. LANGLEY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

DELENE STEELE

Complainant

VS.

LOUIS T. STEELE

Respondent

I, GERTRUDE M. BANKESTER

as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Delene Steele and Mrs. T. W. Langley

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 10 day of December
1956, at the office of James A. Hendrix

in Robertsdale, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness^{es} to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Delene Steele and Mr. T. W.

Langley doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Delene Steele. I am over 18 years old, a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have so resided for more than the past two years. Louis T. Steele is over the age of 21 years and lives in Robertsdale, Alabama. Louis and I were married December 31, 1954 at Lucedale, Mississippi. On January 13, 1956, Louis hit, beat and struck me and made threats of doing me bodily harm, and I was afraid to continue to live with him for fear that he might do something that would permanently impair my life and health; due to the aforesaid assault and since that date Louis and I have not lived together nor have we recognized each other as husband and wife in any way. Louis and I had one child, a boy, named Rusty Steele now about four months old, said child is now in my care, custody and control, and I feel that I am a fit and proper person to be awarded the care, custody, and control of the said minor child Rusty Steele. I had one child by a former marriage when Louis and I were married, namely Showanda Rene Ganey, a girl, now about two years old. Louis is an able bodied man and in a position to help provide for the support of said children.

Delene Steele

My name is Mrs. T. W. Langley. I have known Delene and Louis T. Steele for many years. Delene Steele is over 18 years old, a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has so resided for more than the past two years. Louis T. Steele is over the age of 21 years and lives in Robertsdale, Alabama. Louis and Delene were married December 31, 1954 at Lucedale, Mississippi. On January 13, 1956, Louis hit, beat, and struck Delene and made threats of doing her bodily harm. She was afraid to continue to live with him for fear that he might do something that would permanently impair her life and health; due to the aforesaid assault and since that date Louis and Delene have not lived together nor have they recognized each other as husband and wife in any way. Louis and Delene had one child, a boy, named Rusty Steele now about four months old, said child is now in Delene's care, custody, and control, and I feel that she is a fit and proper person to be awarded the care, custody and control of the said minor child Rusty Steele. Delene had one child by a former marriage when Louis and she were married, namely Showanda Rene Ganey, a girl, now about two years old. Louis is an able bodied man and in a position to help provide for the support of said children.

Mrs T.W. Langley

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Gertrude M. Bankester, 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 Gertrude M. Bankester 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 witness es; 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 11th day of December, 1956

Gertrude M. Bankester (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

DELENN S. STEELE

vs. Complainant

LOUIS T. STEELE

Respondent.

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Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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IN EQUITY.

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes now the Respondent, LOUISE STEELE, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed against her in said cause as follows:

1. That she denies each and every allegation of the said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

And for further answer to said Bill of Complaint the Respondent hereby accepts service of a copy and notice of the filing of the said Complaint and hereby waives any further notice to her of the day set for hearing, the taking of testimony or the submission for final decree of the above styled cause and does hereby consent that the same may be submitted and testimony taken without further notice to her.

Louis S. Steele
LOUISE Steele

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 7 day of DEC., 1956.

James A. Hendrix
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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