

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

OWEN O. CURTIS, Complainant

vs.

WILMA RUTH CURTIS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Answer and Confession~~ 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

Owen O. Curtis is forever divorced from the said Wilma Ruth Curtis for and on account of

~~Voluntary Abandonment— It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Complainant, Owen O. Curtis, be and he is hereby awarded the permanent care, custody and control, of Laura Jean Curtis, a girl, age sixteen years, born to the union of said parties; It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Respondent, Wilma Ruth Curtis, be and she is hereby awarded the permanent care, custody and control, of Linda Raye Curtis, a girl, age fifteen, born to the union of said parties; Rights of visitation are hereby awarded to both parties.~~

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 Owen O. Curtis the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 18th 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____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
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Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)OWEN O. CURTIS

Complainant

VS.

WILMA RUTH CURTIS

Respondent

I, GERTRUDE M. BANKESTERas ~~Register~~ and Commissionerhave called and caused to come before me Owen Curtis and Mrs. Floyd White

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the day of December
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 Owen Curtis and Mrs. Floyd
White doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Owen Curtis. I am over twenty-one years old and have lived in Baldwin County for more than the past year; Wilma Ruth Curtis is over twenty-one years old and lives at 711 29th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Wilma Ruth and I were married on May 9, 1935, at Columbus, Mississippi. On October 1, 1955, Wilma Ruth voluntarily abandoned my bed and board, of her own free will and accord and without fault on my part. For more than the past year, since October 1, 1955, Wilma Ruth and I have not lived together as husband and wife, nor have we in any way recognized each other as husband and wife. Wilma Ruth and I had three children; the oldest girl, Marilyn, is twenty-years old and is now married; Laura Jean Curtis, a girl, age sixteen, who is now in my care and control and I feel that I am a fit and proper person to be awarded the care and control of said minor child, Laura Jean Curtis; and Linda Raye Custis, a girl, age fifteen, who is in the care and control, their mother, the Respondent herein, and the Respondent is a fit and proper person to be awarded the care and control of said minor child, Linda Raye Curtis.

Owen O. Curtis

My name is Mrs. Floyd White, I am a sister to Owen Curtis. Owen is over twenty-one years old and has lived in Baldwin County for more than the past year; Wilma Ruth Curtis is over the age of twenty-one years and lives at 711 29th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Owen and Wilma Ruth were married on May 9, 1935, at Columbus, Mississippi. On October 1, 1955, Wilma Ruth voluntarily abandoned his bed and board, of her own free will and accord and without fault on his part. For more than the past year, since October 1, 1955, Owen and Wilma Ruth have not lived together as husband and wife, nor have they in any way recognized each other as husband and wife. Wilma Ruth and Owen had three children; the oldest girl, Marilyn, is twenty years old and is now married; Laura Jean Curtis, a girl, age sixteen, who is now in Owen's care and control and I feel that he is a fit and proper person to be awarded the care and control of said minor child, Laura Jean Curtis; and Linda Raye Curtis, a girl, age fifteen, who is in the care and control of their mother, the Respondent herein, and the Respondent is a fit and proper person to be awarded the care and control of said minor child, Linda Raye Curtis.

Mrs. Floyd White

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 12th day of December, 1956.

Gertrude M. Bankester (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

OWEN O. CURTIS

vs. Complainant

WILMA RUTH CURTIS

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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OWEN O. CURTIS

vs.

WILMA RUTH CURTIS

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, _____
Answer and waiver and testimony of Owen O. Curtis and Mrs. Floyd White,
as set out in the Oral Deposition.

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

James A. Hendrix

Alvin J. Dyer

Register.

No. 3941

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

OWEN O. CURTIS

vs.

WILMA RUTH CURTIS

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 Owen O. Curtis and Mrs. Floyd White

a witnesses in behalf of Owen O. Curtis in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Owen O. Curtis is

Complainant
and Wilma Ruth Curtis is

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

Witness 12th day of December, 1956

Alia J. Duck
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

OWEN O. CURTIS

Complainant _____

VS.

WILMA RUTH CURTIS

Defendant _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

GERTRUDE M. BANKESTER

WITNESSES:

OWEN O. CURTIS

MRS. FLOYD WHITE

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STATE OF ALABAMA)

BALDWIN COUNTY)

OWEN O. CURTIS,)

Complainant,)

vs.)

WILMA RUTH CURTIS,)

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, Owen O. Curtis, humbly complaining of the Respondent, Wilma Ruth Curtis, in a matter of divorce, and represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Complainant, Owen O. Curtis, 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 one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Respondent is over twenty-one years and is residing at 711 29th Street, Rock Island, Illinois.

SECOND: That your Complainant and Respondent were married on or about, to-wit: May 9, 1935, at Columbus, Mississippi.

THIRD: Complainant further avers and shows unto your Honor that the said Respondent, Wilma Ruth Curtis voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of Complainant for more than one year next preceding the file of this Bill of Complaint, on to-wit: October 1, 1938, and since that time your Complainant and Respondent have at no time lived together, nor have they in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.

FOURTH: Your Complainant would further aver and show unto your Honor that there were three (3) children born to the union of the Complainant and Respondent which are as follows: A girl, Marilyn Delk, who is twenty(20) years old and a married woman, Laura Jean Curtis, age sixteen (16), who is now in the care, custody and control of the Complainant, her father, who is a fit and proper person to be awarded the permanent care, custody, and control of said minor child; and Linda Raye Curtis, a girl, age fifteen (15), who is now in the care, custody and control of the Respondent, her mother, and that Respondent is a fit and proper person to be awarded the permanent care, custody and control of the said minor child.

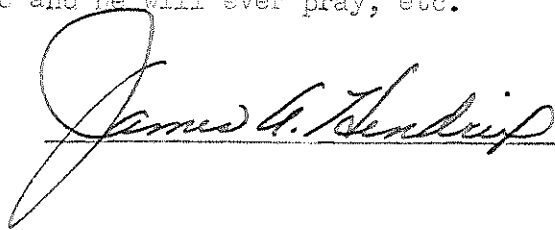
PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Wherefore the premises considered the Complainant prays that the said Wilma Ruth Curtis be made party Respondent to this his Bill of Complaint and that a summons be issued and served upon her as 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 in and by virtue of said decree the Complainant will be awarded the permanent care, custody and control of Laura Jean Curtis; and that the Respondent be awarded the permanent care, custody, and control of Linda Baye Curtis, subject to the further orders of this Honorable Court.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James G. Hendrix", is written over a horizontal line.

OWEN O. CURTIS

Complainant,

vs.

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Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes now the Respondent, Wilma Ruth Curtis, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed against her in said cause says 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 him of the day set for hearing, the taking of testimony or the submission for final decree of the above styled cause and does here consent that the same may be submitted and testimony taken without further notice to her.

Wilma Ruth Curtis
Wilma Ruth Curtis

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 30 day of Nov, 1956.

Elmer B. Jackson
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Illinois.

My Commission Expires Oct. 3, 1958