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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sernie H. Paulson, Complainant

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Waiver and Answer 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 Sernie H. Paulson is forever divorced from the said Shelby Dawn Paulson for and on account of cruelty.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by this Court that the respondent, Shelby Dawn Paulson, may resume the use of her maiden name.

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 Sernie H. Paulson the complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 13 day of May 1957

Hubert M. Hall

Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Alice J. Duck, 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

Sernie H. Paulson
Complainant

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Shelby Dawn Paulson

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Sernie H. Paulson

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson

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,
Deposition of Witnesses

and in behalf of Defendant upon Waiver and Answer

James A. Brice
Solicitor for Complainant

W. J. Wreck
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
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IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Sernie H. Paulson

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Shelby Dawn Paulson

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
(In Equity)

Sernie H. Paulson COMPLAINANT

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson RESPONDENT

I, Sarah E. Sammons

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Sernie H. Paulson

witness named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 7th day of May

~~19~~ 57, at the office of James A. Brice, Attorney,

in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Sernie H. Paulson

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Sernie H. Paulson; I am over the age of twenty-one years, and the respondent, Shelby Dawn Paulson is over the age of twenty-one years; the respondent Shelby Dawn Paulson and I are both residents of Baldwin County, Alabama; Shelby Dawn Paulson and I were married in Charleston, South Carolina, on the 5th day of April, 1951, and we are still legally husband and wife.

We came to Alabama on May 6, 1956, and took up residence in Foley, Alabama; my wife is a very nervous individual, and is given to a high strung temper; ever since we have been in Alabama, she was easy to pick fights with me, and would fight and fuss constantly and without reason; during the month of November, 1956 her temper became very high and quick-triggered; she would curse me and throw things at me without reason; on the night of November 17, 1956 I was sitting at the supper table, when my wife without any notice to me and without my having provoked her in any way, picked up a large glass jar and hurled it directly at my head; the jar missed my head but landed on the supper table and smashed all the dishes; my wife then came over and turned the table over upon me, and rushed at me with a large butcher knife; I became very fearful and apprehensive for my safety, and I left our house; I left because I was afraid of what she might do to me.

When I returned to the house about an hour later and looked in the window, I could see no sign of her. We have separated, and I have not seen her since the night of November 17, 1956. We have no children.

Further deponent saith not.

Sernie H. Paulson

I, Sarah E. Sammons as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness and read over to him and he signed the same in the presence of myself and James A. Brice, Attorney, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness; that I am not of counsel or of 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 25th day of May 1947.

Sarah E. Sammons (L. S.)

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY**

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sernie H. Paulson
COMPLAINANT

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson

RESPONDENT

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
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Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
(In Equity)

Sernie H. Paulson COMPLAINANT

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson RESPONDENT

I, Sarah E. Sammons

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Ira W. Marshall

witness named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 2nd day of May

~~19~~ 57, at the office of James A. Brice, Attorney,

in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Ira W. Marshall

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Ira W. Marshall; I am 55 years of age, and am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; I have known Sernie H. Paulson and his wife Shelby Dawn Paulson ever since they moved to Baldwin County about May 6, 1957; I was a neighbor to them; they had no children, and both appeared to me to be over the age of twenty-one years.

Mrs. Paulson was given to quick fits of anger, and a high temper; on numerous occasions I have heard or seen them arguing and heard her cursing him and threatening him, and threatening to do him in. I remember in particular the night of November 17, 1956, on which occasion I heard their voices raised in a loud manner; Shelby Dawn Paulson was cursing Sernie H. Paulson and calling him a lot of names and threatening him with bodily harm; I remember hearing an extremely loud crash followed by another crash of about the same loudness, and then nothing more. In my best opinion Sernie H. Paulson had every good reason to feel for his health and safety if he stayed with Shelby Dawn Paulson any longer. I know of my own knowledge that they separated on November 17, 1956 and have not lived together since as man and wife.

Ira W Marshall

I, Sarah E. Sammons as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness and read over to him and he signed the same in the presence of myself and James A. Brice, Attorney, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness; that I am not of counsel or of 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 8th day of May 1957.

Sarah E. Sammons (L. S.)

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY**

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sernie H. Paulson

COMPLAINANT

vs.

Shelby Dawn Paulson

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Sarah E. Sammons

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 Sernie H. Paulson and Ira W. Marshall

x witnesses in behalf of Sernie H. Paulson in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Sernie H. Paulson,

Complainant and

Shelby Dawn Paulson Respondent on oath, to be by you administered, upon commission to take and certify the depositions of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 5 day of May, 1957

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Sernie H. Paulson

Complainant

VS.

Shelby Dawn Paulson

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Sarah E. Sammons

WITNESSES:

Sernie H. Paulson

Ira W. Marshall

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WAIVER AND ANSWER

SERNIE H. PAULSON)
Complainant)
vs.)
SHELBY DAWN PAULSON)
Respondent)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

Comes the respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of a bill of complaint filed heretofore in said cause; waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

And for answer to the bill of complaint heretofore filed in this cause, respondent says:

1. She admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of said bill of complaint.
2. She admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of said bill of complaint.
3. She denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 3 of said bill of complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Sh. DAWN PAULSON
Respondent

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)
YORK COUNTY)

I, Helena A. Eisenhart, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that SHELBY DAWN PAULSON, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 1st day of May, 1957.

Helena A. Eisenhart
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 15, 1958

BILL OF COMPLAINT

SERNIE H. PAULSON)
Complainant)
vs.) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
SHELBY DAWN PAULSON) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Respondent) IN EQUITY

To the Honorable H.M. Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, sitting IN EQUITY

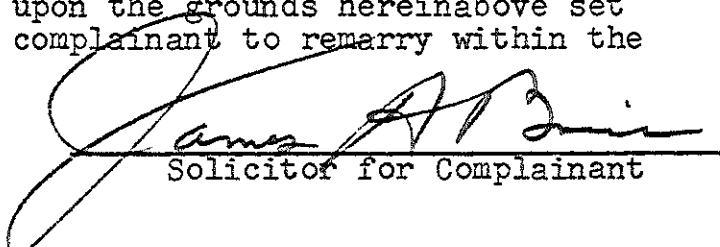
Your complainant, Sernie H. Paulson, would respectfully represent and show unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That he is over the age of twenty-one years, and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such for a period of more than one year next before the filing of this complaint; that the respondent is over the age of twenty-one years, and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been such for a period of more than one year next before the filing of this complaint.

2. That your complainant and the respondent inter-married at Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina, on to-wit, April 5, 1951, and ever since have been and are now husband and wife.

3. Your complainant avers and charges that the respondent did on the 17th day of November, 1956, commit acts of physical violence of a nature that said acts of physical violence committed in the presence of the complainant have reasonably convinced your complainant that they were attended with danger to his health, life and safety; that he is reasonably convinced that she will commit further actual violence upon his person, attended with danger to his health, safety, or life; that on the 17th day of November, 1956, he separated from and abandoned the said respondent, and is now living separate and apart from her.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your complainant makes the said Shelby Dawn Paulson party respondent to this his bill of complaint, and prays that the process of this court may issue to her commanding her within the time and in the manner required by law in the rules of this Honorable Court to appear in this cause and plead, answer, or demur to this his bill of complaint; and that upon a final hearing in this cause, your Honor will make and enter a decree granting unto your complainant an absolute divorce from the said Shelby Dawn Paulson upon the grounds hereinabove set out, with leave for your complainant to remarry within the time prescribed by law.


Solicitor for Complainant

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Bill of Complaint
Sunie A. Paulson
vs
Shelby Dawn Paulson

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