

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN, Complainant

vs.

NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN, 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 ALNETA LENA TILLMAN is forever divorced from the said NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN for and on account of

CRUELTY. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed

that the Complainant resume her maiden name of Alnetta Lena Hodges.

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 ALNETA LENA TILLMAN 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, \_\_\_\_\_, 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

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN

Complainant

vs.

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Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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MAY 13 1957  
ALMA L. WALKER, Clerk

ALNETA LENA TELLMAN

vs.

NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
and Oral Testimony

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

*By*  
*Shenah M. Bailey*  
*Substantive for Complainant*

*Wesley J. Welch*  
Register.

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**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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**ALICE T. ROCK, Register**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: BETTY CLARK

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 Alneta Lena Tillman

a witnesses in behalf of Alneta Lena Tillman in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Alneta Lena Tillman

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant  
and Norman Lewis Tillman

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

Witness 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 195 7

Alice J. Welch  
Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4031

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN

Complainant

VS.

NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

BETTY CLARK

WITNESSES:

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN

I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the deposition of the within and foregoing as taken and sworn to by the within and foregoing on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, in and to the within and foregoing cause, and that the same was taken and sworn to in my presence and in the presence of the within and foregoing witnesses, and that the same were read to and by the within and foregoing and they have acknowledged the same to be true and correct.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at the City of Baldwin, Alabama, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Commissioner

Betty Clark

I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the deposition of the within and foregoing as taken and sworn to by the within and foregoing on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, in and to the within and foregoing cause, and that the same was taken and sworn to in my presence and in the presence of the within and foregoing witnesses, and that the same were read to and by the within and foregoing and they have acknowledged the same to be true and correct.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at the City of Baldwin, Alabama, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Commissioner

Betty Clark

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN COMPLAINANT

vs.

NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN RESPONDENT

I, Betty Clark

as ~~Register~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Alneta Lena Tillman

witness \_\_\_\_\_ named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May  
19 57, at the office of Ernest M. Bailey

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Alneta Lena Tillman

doth depose and say as follows:

STATEMENT OF ALNETA LENA TILLMAN:

My name is Alneta Lena Tillman. I am the Complainant in the above styled cause. I am and have been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this cause a resident of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama. Both the Respondent, Norman Lewis Tillman, and I are over the age of twenty-one years. We were married in Lucedale, Mississippi on February 22, 1954.

On April 24, 1955 and on many occasions prior to that date, the Respondent abused me physically, attended with danger to my life and health. I am of the opinion that if I were to live with the Respondent again as man and wife, the Respondent would commit violence upon my person and would endanger my life and health.

Alneta Lena Tillman  
ALNETA LENA TILLMAN

I, Betty Clark 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 her and she signed the same in the presence of myself and Ernest M. Bailey 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 22 day of May, 1957.

Betty Clark (L. S.)

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ALNEPA LENA TILLMAN  
COMPLAINANT

vs.  
NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN  
RESPONDENT

**ORAL DEPOSITION**

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RECORDED IN  
ALNEPA LENA TILLMAN  
Register: \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Norman Lewis Tillman to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service of this writ, to the Bill of Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by Alneta Lena Tillman as Complainant against Norman Lewis Tillman as Respondent.

Witness my hand this the \_\_\_\_ day of May, 1957.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Register

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN,  
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vs.  
NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN,  
Respondent

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

Comes your Complainant, Alneta Lena Tillman, and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Norman Lewis Tillman, and shows unto Your Honor and unto this Honorable Court as follows:

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are over the age of twenty-one years and the Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, residing in Fairhope, Alabama and that the Respondent resides in Plateau, Alabama at 252 Telegraph Road, Plateau, Alabama.

SECOND:

That the Complainant and the Respondent were married on, heretofore, to-wit, February 22, 1954 in Lucedale, Alabama and lived together as man and wife until on , to-wit, April 24, 1955, when, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your Complainant was compelled to live separate and apart from the Respondent; that on April 24, 1955 and at times prior thereto, the Complainant states that the Respondent threatened and did bodily harm to her person; that on



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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN,  
COMPLAINANT  
VS.  
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RESPONDENT

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ALICE A. BUCK, Register

whereas on several occasions the respondent became violent and committed acts of violence and did bodily harm to the complainant; that from his manner and conduct toward her she is reasonably certain that he will commit violence upon her person, attended with danger to her life and health.

WITNESSES:

That there were no children born of this marriage.

WITNESSES FOR PLAINTIFF:

The premises considered, Your Honor would state that the above named Norman Lewis Tillman has made a party defendant to this cause in the manner and provided. That upon a final hearing of this cause that the respondent be allowed to resume her maiden name of Lena Hodges and be allowed to reside with her mother and father and children as she is entitled to do so. That Your Honor will also decree that the complainant be granted a divorce from the respondent. That upon a final hearing of this cause that the respondent be allowed to resume her maiden name of Lena Hodges and be allowed to reside with her mother and father and children as she is entitled to do so. That Your Honor will also decree that the complainant be granted a divorce from the respondent. That upon a final hearing of this cause that the respondent be allowed to resume her maiden name of Lena Hodges and be allowed to reside with her mother and father and children as she is entitled to do so.

That upon a final hearing of this cause that the respondent be allowed to resume her maiden name of Lena Hodges and be allowed to reside with her mother and father and children as she is entitled to do so.

ALNETA LENA TILLMAN,

Complainant

vs.

NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN,

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause and to each and every paragraph thereof separately and severally, says:

1. Respondent admits the allegations of the first paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.
2. Respondent admits the allegations of the second paragraph of the Bill of Complaint as to the date of marriage and date of separation but denies all other allegations of the second paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
3. Respondent admits the allegations of the third paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

Respondent hereby accepts service of a copy of the Summons and Complaint in this cause and waives further service of the same. Respondent also waives notice of taking of testimony in this cause and notice of submission of said cause and agrees that the testimony may be taken and the cause submitted without further notice to him.

*Norman Lewis Tillman*  
NORMAN LEWIS TILLMAN

WITNESSES FOR THE RESPONDENT:

*A. C. Waldrop*

*Mrs. A. C. Waldrop*

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