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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG, Complainant

vs.

BUFORD V. CRAIG, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~XXXXXX XXXX~~ 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

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG is forever divorced from the said BUFORD V. CRAIG for and on account of

Cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the complainant, Maxine Goodson Craig be granted the use of her name prior to marriage, Maxine Goodson.

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 Maxine Goodson Craig the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 21st day of June 1957 Hubert Moore 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

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG COMPLAINANT

vs.

BUFORD V. CRAIG RESPONDENT

I, Frances G. Mallory

as Register and Commissioner in Chancery

have called and caused to come before me Maxine Goodson Craig and Eva Jones

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 21st day of June  
19 57, at the office of C. G. Chason

in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Maxine Goodson Craig and  
Eva Jones doth depose and say as follows:

Testimony of Maxine Goodson Craig:

My name is Maxine Goodson Craig. I am over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Gulf Shores, Alabama, and having been such a resident citizen for more than one year. Buford V. Craig is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident citizen of Memphis, Tennessee. We were married on February 11, 1956, and lived together as husband and wife until April of 1956, at which time I could no longer live with him because of his abuse. He, on several occasions, struck me with his fists and committed other actual violence on my person attended with danger to my life and health, and he continually threatened me with other and further violence, so that I was apprehensive at all times of being beaten and abused. My name prior to marriage was Maxine Goodson, and I am desirous of having the right of use of this name given to me. There are no children of my marriage to Buford V. Craig.

Signed: Maxine Goodson Craig

Testimony of Eva Jones:

My name is Eva Jones. I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with Maxine Goodson Craig and Buford V. Craig, who were married in February of 1956, and who lived together as husband and wife until April of 1956. During the time of their marriage I have heard him threaten to do her actual physical bodily harm, and have known of him beating her and committing acts of violence on her person so that she was visibly bruised. I believe that she would be reasonable in fearing to live with him, and believe that he would have severely injured her had she continued to do so. Both are over twenty-one years of age, and have no children of this marriage. She is a resident of Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama, and he is presently residing in Memphis, Tennessee.

Signed: Eva Jones

I, Frances G. Mallory 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. G. Chason

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness es; 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 21st day of June, 1957

*Frances G. Mallory* (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
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MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG

COMPLAINANT

vs.  
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*Maxine Goodson Craig*

2581. NOTE OF TESTIMONY

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG

vs.

BUFORD V. CRAIG

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,  
and Testimony of Maxine Goodson Craig and Eva Jones

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

*[Signature]*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

*[Signature]*  
Register.

No. H.D.C. 2

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**

**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG

vs.

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**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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of said Bill of Complaint.

Beford V. Craig

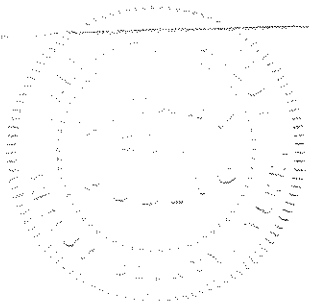
Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
a Notary Public, on this the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 1957.

Margaret Taylor  
Notary Public, County of Shelby

State of Tennessee

My Commission Expires Nov. 21, 1960

(affix Seal)





MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG,	)	
Complainant,	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
-vs-	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
BUFORD V. CRAIG,	)	IN EQUITY
Respondent.	)	

TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, Sitting in Equity:-

Comes your Complainant, Maxine Goodson Craig, and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Buford V. Craig, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:-

1. That the Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, having been such a bona fide resident citizen for more than one year. That Buford V. Craig is over the age of twenty-one years, and is not a resident of the State of Alabama, now residing in Memphis, Tennessee, at 2415 Hubbard Avenue.

2. That the Complainant and Respondent were lawfully married on, to-wit, February 11, 1956.

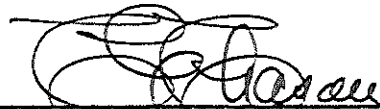
3. The Complainant further avers that the Respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life and health, and from his conduct she is reasonably apprehensive of other and further violence, so much so that she can no longer live with the Respondent; that the Respondent 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 actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health.

4. That prior to marriage Complainant's lawful and legal name was Maxine Goodson. Complainant further shows that there were no children of her marriage with the Respondent.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Complainant prays that Buford V. Craig be made a party defendant of this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to plead, answer

or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this case that she be granted a divorce from the said Respondent. Complainant further prays that she be granted the right of the use of her name, Maxine Goodson. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that she be granted such other, further, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.



Solicitor for Complainant

Maxine Goodson Craig  
Complainant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: FRANCES G. MALLORY

KNOW YE: that we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Maxine Goodson Craig and Eva Jones

as witnesses in behalf of Maxine Goodson Craig in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Maxine Goodson Craig

Complainant

and Buford V. Craig

Respondent

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

Witness 21st day of June, 1957

Alvin J. [Signature]  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ 5.00

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

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MAXINE GOODSON CRAIG

Complainant—

vs.

BUFORD V. CRAIG

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

WITNESSES:

CECIL G. CHASON

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
FOLEY, ALABAMA

June 21, 1957

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Register  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Maxine Craig will hand you herewith the Bill of Complaint, testimony, etc., in connection with her divorce proceeding.

We would appreciate it if you will prepare the necessary docket sheets and present to Judge Hall for his signature this afternoon, if he is available. If not, mail to me as soon as rendered.

I am enclosing herewith my check for Costs, including Commissioner's Fee.

Yours very truly,



C. G. Chason

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