

# NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Mary Taylor Pressley

Complainant

VS.

Calvin Pressley,

Respondent

No. 556.

In Circuit Court,  
In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by her solicitor and submits the same for Final

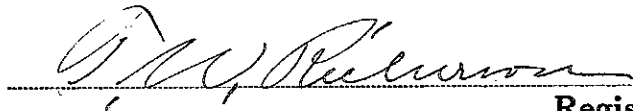
decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto answer of Defendant

, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Mary Taylor Pressley, Nancy Taylor and William Bowers,

I hereby certify that the above note of Testimony is correct.

This 15th day of March, 1926.



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**The State of Alabama**

Baldwin County

**Circuit Court in Equity**

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*J. M. [Signature]* Register

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 556. March 15th, 1926. ~~6882122~~

Mary Taylor Pressley, Complainant

vs.

Calvin Pressley, Defendant

To T.W. Richerson, Register :

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by ~~Stone & Stone~~ *Tom Anderson*

*Stone & Stone*, Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

*Stone & Stone*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Mary Taylor Pressley,

VS.

Calvin Pressley.

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REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION

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*D. W. Peterson*

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The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Calvin Marga Pressley,

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by Mary Taylor Pressley,

against said Calvin Morgan Pressley.

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 14th day of January, 1926.

*T. W. Richerson* Register.

N. B.— Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

2<sup>nd</sup> Original

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity.

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Mary Taylor Pessely.

vs.

Calvin Morgan Pressley.

*Mrs Lattie Dean*

Stone & Stone.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this .....

day of ..... 192.....

Sheriff.

Executed this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of

*January* 192*4*.

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

*Calvin M. Pressley*

Defendant.

*W. R. Stewart*

Sheriff.

By *A. M. Chambers*

Deputy Sheriff.

MARY TAYLOR PRESSLEY,  
Complainant,

-vs-

GARVIN MORGAN PRESSLEY,  
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

EQUITY SIDE

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN  
COUNTY

Comes the Complainant, Mary Taylor Pressley by her attorneys, Stone & Stone and amends her original Bill of Complaint by adding after the First Count ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ To the Prayer of the Bill, as follows:

XXXXXX:

And the Complainant does not claim any attorneys fees or alimony either pendente lite or permanent.

STONE & STONE  
Solicitors for Complainant.

*Stone & Stone*

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MARY TAYLOR PRESSLEY,  
Complainant,

-vs-

CALVIN MORGAN PRESSLEY,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

EQUITY SIDE

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN  
COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, EQUITY SIDE, AND  
THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THERE-  
OF, SITTING IN EQUITY.

Your Complainant, Mary Taylor Press ley respectfully  
represents unto your Honor that she is over twenty-one years of  
age and is now and has been for more than three years next pre-  
ceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint a bona fida resident  
of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, and brings this her Bill of  
Complaint against Calvin Morgan Pressley who is over the age of  
fifty-four years and resides near Lottie, Baldwin County, Alabama,  
Complainant alleges:

F I R S T .

That she and the Respondent, Calvin Morgan Pressley  
were married at Lottie, Alabama, on or about October 8th., 1918,  
and lived with him as his wife until on or about June 7th., 1925,  
when the Respondent, Calvin Morgan Pressley, abused her, slapped  
her, struck her and threatened her life and that by reason of such  
abuse,slaps and threats, she has good reason to apprehend danger to  
her life, limbs and health and that she was compelled to leave  
him and seek employment to support herself, and that thereafter  
on December 24th., 1925, Respondent threatened to harm her but  
that she feared his previous contacts and attacks, is still ap-  
prehensive of danger to her life, limbs and health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

The Complainant prays this Honorable Court to make  
such orders and cause to be issued such process and subpoenas as  
will make him party Respondent to this Complaint req uiring him  
under the rules of this court to plead, answer or demur to this  
Bill of Complaint according to law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant prays that upon a final hearing of this  
cause that your Honor will grant unto her a divorce from the bonds  
of matrimony from said Calvin Morgan Pressley and to grant to  
her such other and further or different relief as to your Honor

may seem just and mete and as in duty bound she will ever pray etc.

*Mary Taylor Prewley*  
*by Stone & Stone*

FOOT NOTE:-

The Respondent is required to answer each and every allegation of this Complaint from one to all inclusive, but not under oath answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

*Mary Taylor Prewley*  
STONE & STONE,

Solicitors for Complainant.

Original Bill<sup>1st</sup>

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Mary Taylor Pressley, )  
Complainant, ) CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

vs.

In Equity.

Calvin Morgan Pressley, )  
Defendant. )

The answer of Calvin Morgan Pressley, defendant, to the Bill of Complaint as amended, filed against him in the above stated cause.

1.

Respondent admits the allegations as to the age and residence of both parties as stated in the Bill.

2.

Respondent admits the allegation that he and the said Mary Taylor Pressley were married on or about Oct 8th. 1918, and that thereafter Complainant left him, it may have been in June 1925, but he denies that he abused her, slapped her, or struck her or in any way threatened her life.

Respondent further says that he always treated her with great kindness; that he never struck her in his life; that he provided her with a comfortable home, and furnished her with everything that she needed and he could afford. Respondent denies every allegation in said Bill of misconduct on his part towards his said wife.

And having fully answered he prays to be dismissed with his costs.

*C M Pressley*  
*Defendant*

*W. S. Anderson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Solicitor for Respondent.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Washington, D.C.

1974

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Case No. 74-1000

Plaintiff: [Illegible]

Defendant: [Illegible]

Comes now the undersigned, [Illegible], and files herewith the following:

1. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

2. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

3. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

4. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

5. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

6. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

7. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

8. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

9. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

10. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

11. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

12. A copy of the [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

Very truly yours,  
[Illegible]

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D. W. [Illegible]  
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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

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

*Mary Taylor Pressley*

Complainant.

VS.

*Calvin Morgan Pressley*

Respondent.

I *D. W. Robinson*

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me

~~MARY TAYLOR PRESSLEY.~~

~~Nancy Taylor~~

~~William Bowers~~

witness ~~es~~ named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the ~~15th~~ day of ~~March~~ 192~~8~~  
192~~8~~, at the office of ~~Stone & Stone~~

in ~~Bay Minette~~, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~es~~ to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said ~~Mary Taylor Pressley~~

~~Complainant~~ doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Mary Taylor Pressley and I 36 and I am the complainant in the divorce  
case against Calvin Morgan Pressley, both of us are over the age of twenty  
one years and both reside in Baldwin County Alabama, and have so resided for mo  
re than 3 years before the filing of my complaint for divorce against him.  
Respondent Morgan Pressley and myself were married in the month Oct. 1917  
at Lotsee in Baldwin County Alabama by Rev. J. J. Thomley.  
We lived together as man and wife until June 7th. 1925 when I had leave him bec  
cause of his treatment of me; he abused and cursed me and struck me with his  
fist and slapped me on the face; he threatened to kill me and after I went t  
to work at Atmore to support myself he came there and told me if I did not come  
back to live with him he would kill me. He slapped and struck me several times  
and I was afraid of him for he is a man of violent temper, I feared for my  
life and health and had to leave him. *Mary Taylor Pressley*

Nancy Taylor a witness for complainant being by me duly sworn deposes and says under oath as follows.

My name is Nancy Taylor and I know both Mary Taylor Pressley and Calvin Morgan Pressley; both are over 21 years old and both have lived in Baldwin County Ala. all their lives and for more than three years before this complaint was filed, I was not at the wedding but I know that they have been married for some time. I was at their house on the 4th day of July 1925 and I saw Calvin Morgan Pressley strike her so hard that it left a bruised place on her face, He is a man of very high temper and is dangerous when he gets mad, His wife is scared of him.

I am no blood kin to complainant but her sister in law.

*Nancy Taylor*

William Bowers a witness for complainant being duly sworn deposes under oath as follows.

My name is William Bowers and I know both parties to this suit, Calvin Pressley is my Uncle, he is high strung and a dangerous man when he gets mad.

I know that they were married and lived together as man and wife but I was not at the wedding.

He gets mad easy and is violent when mad.

Both parties are over 21 years of age and have lived in Baldwin County Ala. all their lives.

*William Bowers*

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, J. W. McKeever, 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 us and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself And Hon. F. H. Stone at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness us or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness us; 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 15th day of March 1926

J. W. McKeever, (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Mary Agnes Priddy

vs. Complainant

Calvin Priddy

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed March 15, 1926

J. W. McKeever, Register.

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The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 556.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Mary Taylor Pressley.

Complainant

vs.

Calvin Pressley.

Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

~~XXXXXX of Defendant and testimony of Mary Taylor Pressley~~

~~XXXXXX~~ for and on account of the  
*toward and to*  
cruelty of respondent ~~on~~ the person of complainant.

It is further ordered, that the said Mary Taylor Pressley and Calvin Pressley,  
be, and ~~are~~ are hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Mary Taylor Pressley  
pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then  
execution for such costs may issue against the said Calvin Pressley,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Mary Taylor Pressley,  
shall not again marry except to said Calvin Pressley,  
until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to  
said Calvin Pressley, during the pendency of said appeal

This 16th day of March 1925

*John D. Leigh*  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Register of said Circuit Court of said County,  
Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1925, in the cause of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Complainant

vs.

Defendant

as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1925

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Mary Taylor Pressley

vs.

Calvin Pressley,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

18th

day of

March, 1926

*D. W. Richmond*  
Register.

E. O. M.

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