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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MARGARET PAULINE CHRISTIAN, Complainant

vs.

STANLEY PRICE CHRISTIAN, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confessione~~ 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 Margaret Pauline Christian is forever divorced from the said Stanley Price Christian for and on account of Cruelty

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the care, custody and control of Claudette Deanna Christian and Ronald Price Christian, be and the same is hereby granted to the Complainant, Margaret Pauline Christian, with the right of reasonable visitation in the defendant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Respondent, Stanley Price Christian, shall pay to the Complainant, Margaret Pauline Christian the sum of SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 10/100 (\$77.10) DOLLARS, per month for the support and maintenance of said minor children

It is futher 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 futher 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 futher ordered that Complainant, Margaret Pauline Christian the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 4th day of February 19 60

Hubert M. Hill

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\_\_\_\_

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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**ORDER OF SUBMISSION  
NOTE OF EVIDENCE**

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# CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn Fairley, the Commissioner appointed by the Court ~~and named~~

~~in the name of the~~ named by agreement of the parties, in that certain cause now pending in

Baldwin,

the Honorable Circuit Court of ~~Mobile~~ County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity, No. 4790, wherein

Margaret Pauline Christian is Complainant, and Stanley Price Christian

is Respondent, under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by said Commission or agreement as

such commissioner, caused Margaret Pauline Christian and Patricia Ann Christian

who were made known to me, to come before me at 2:00 o'clock P. M., on February 1,

19 60, at 207 Van Antwerp Building, Mobile, Alabama; that said witnesses were first duly sworn

by me as stated; that they were then examined by Walter J. Lee, Solicitor for the

Complainant

Z, and ~~represented by~~

~~Solicitor for~~

~~Grand Juror Ad Litem &~~

~~Attorney Ad Litem for~~

\_\_\_\_\_ , and they testified in

response thereto as is hereinabove written; and the testimony was by me reduced to writing as given

by said witnesses in narrative form, and as near might be the identical language of said witnesses, and

that, after said testimony had been so reduced to writing, it was by me read over to said witnesses; who

assented to and signed same, ~~who refused to sign same, who was physically unable to sign same, or who~~

~~wanted to read and sign same~~, in my presence and in the presence of said Solicitor for

Complainant

~~Solicitor for~~

~~Grand Juror Ad Litem &~~

~~Attorney Ad Litem for~~

I further certify that I am not of counsel or kin to any of the parties to the said cause, and am not in anywise interested in the result thereof, and that the depositions are true and correct as given by the witnesses.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, 1960.

Carolyn Fairley  
Commissioner

PATRICIA ANN CHRISTIAN, A witness on behalf of the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

My name is Patricia Ann Christian. I am the daughter of Margaret Pauline Christian and Stanley Price Christian. My mother is suing my father, Stanley Price Christian for a divorce. I am twenty-two year of age, having been born July 12, 1937, at Hariman, Tennessee. I have lived in the City and County of Mobile, since 1947, and I am presently employed by Ratcliff Sand and Gravel Company, as a typist. I live with my mother and father at 2015 David Drive, City and County of Mobile, State of Alabama.

My father is a very close mouthed man, and he is very stern. I have known for several years, that he and mother were not happy together. Even though my father provided necessities, he did not exhibit much understanding about some of the things that we needed around the house for happiness and convenience sake.

I recall an incident which happened not too long ago, when my mother and father went to a Christmas Party where my mother works. I was not at the party, and didn't know anything about this incident until I came home off a date about 12:00, and met my younger sister at the door, and she said "It was awful Daddy tried to kill mother". I came on into the house to find out what had happened, and I found that my father has struck my mother, and from the looks of the marks on her neck, there were reddish-blue places on her neck, where he had had his hands around her neck trying to choke her. My little sister said that my father said if she came to their room, that he would kill her. I took my mother to my room, and sat up in my room with her all night, because I was afraid that he would kill her.

After my father had slept that night, he just went on as though nothing had ever happened. We were all uneasy after that, but as time went on we tried to forget and overlook it.

I know of my own personal knowledge that my father has committed actual violence on the person of my mother, attedned with danger to her life or health, and that from his conduct towards her, there is reasonable apprehension of such violence. I also know of my own personal knowledge, that my mother has separated from his bed and board, and is separated from him now. I know that my mother is an honest woman, and if she testified under oath, that she would testify to the truth, and I would believe her under oath.

I am sorry that my mother and father are getting a divorce, but I know how long my mother has tried to make a go of their marriage, and I don't see anything else for her to do.

Patricia Ann Christian

MARGARET PAULINE CHRISTIAN, Complainant, A witness on her own behalf, after being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

My name is Margaret Pauline Christian. I am suing my husband, Stanley Price Christian, for a divorce. I am thirty-nine years of age, having been born in Hariman, Tennessee, on June 24, 1921. I am married to Stanley Price Christian, who is forty-eight years of age, and who was born at Bryson, Tennessee. We live at 2015 David Drive, City and County of Mobile, State of Alabama. We have been bona-fide resident citizens of the City and County of Mobile, State of Alabama, since 1947. My husband is a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. We have maintained our home, and lived at the above address since 1947.

We have five children, three of whom are of age, and two of whom still live with us. We have a daughter, Claudette Deanna Christian, who is now fifteen years of age, having been born February 8, 1944, and a son, Ronald Price Christian, who is now sixteen years of age, having been born January 7, 1943.

My husband and I were married September 11, 1936, at Daton, Tennessee. Since that time, I have lived with him at various places, until we settled in Mobile, in 1947.

My marriage to my husband, Stanley, has never been real happy. After we were married, and we began to have our family, I tried hard to make our marriage work and did everything I could to preserve our marriage. For the last ten years, and particularly, for the last five, the relation between my husband and me have progressively worsened. I have held on as long as I could, so that I could provide a home for our children, until they get old enough, so that a divorce would be of the least possible harm to them.

My husband is not an affectionate man, and he is very stern, and he rarely shows affection. This was very hard on me, since I am an



affectionate person by nature.

There were several incidents in our married life, when my husband lost his temper and committed actual violence on my person. One of these, was several years ago, when he wanted all of us to go to bed about six o'clock in the evening, and we wanted to stay up for a while. He lost his temper and he started beating me in the face. I don't remember whether he used his open hands, or his fist, but I know that my face was numb, and that I had bruises around my face, where he struck me. Because I wanted to preserve my family, I just took it and waited.

Most recently when my husband struck me, was when we were attending a Christmas Party, given for the employees where I worked. I was fixing to dance with one of the men with whom I work. My husband did not like it, and he lost his temper. He struck me on the right side of my face, and knocked me to my knees. He did this in front of all of the people with whom I worked. He then grabbed me by my arm, and dragged me out of the hall, to our car, and drove home like a maniac. When we got home and got inside of the living room, he began to choke and beat me all over. I remember specifically the choking part, since my neck was sore for about a week, and I had discolorations about my neck for about two or three weeks, and I was sore all over my body from being pushed and shoved around.

My husband, Stanley Price Christian, has committed actual violence on my person attended with danger to my life or health, or that from his conduct towards me, I have reasonable apprehension of such violence.

I have separated from my husband's bed and board for this reason, and I remain so separated at this time.

My husband and I have made an agreement for the support of our two minor children, one boy and one girl, in which he is to have an allotment made to me from the Air Force for the support of the children. We have

also agreed for me to execute a deed to my husband conveying my equity in our home, and I have also given him all of the furniture which is in the house. I ask the Court to approve of this agreement, and to grant me a divorce.

I am sorry that it became necessary that I get a divorce from my husband, but I am afraid if I live with him, something even worse might happen to me.

*Margaret Pauline Christian*

Complainant

WALTER J. LEE  
LAWYER  
VAN ANTWERP BLDG.  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

December 14, 1959

The Honorable Register  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
Baldwin County Court House  
Bay Minette, Alabama

RE: MARGARET PAULINE CHRISTIAN -vs- STANLEY PRICE  
CHRISTIAN, Respondent, A BILL FOR DIVORCE

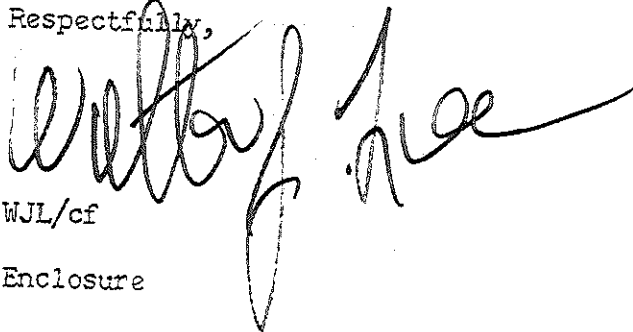
Honorable Sir:

I lodge herewith the Original Bill in the above cause  
for filing.

I am not forwarding a carbon copy for the Respondent,  
since I expect to obtain an Answer and Waiver.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please  
call me long distance collect to HEMlock 3-5952, Mobile.

Respectfully,



WJL/cf

Enclosure

MARGARET PAULINE CHRISTIAN,)

Complainant, )

-vs- :

STANLEY PRICE CHRISTIAN, )

Respondent. )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY, NO. 4790

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING  
IN EQUITY:

Comes Now, Margaret Pauline Christian, Complainant, and respectfully represents:

1) THAT she and the Respondent are each over the age of twenty-one years and that she and the Respondent are bona-fide resident citizens of the State of Alabama.

2) THAT she is the lawful wife of the Respondent, they having been married to each other on the 11th day of September, 1936, at-to-wit: Dayton, Tennessee, of which marriage five children have been born, three of whom have been emancipated, and two of whom are still minors and dependants of Respondent, viz: a girl, Claudette Deanna Christian, now 15 years of age, having been born on February 8, 1944, and a boy, Ronald Price Christian, now 16 years of age, having been born on January 7, 1943.

3) THAT the Respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health or that from his conduct towards her there is reasonable apprehension of such violence, and that she has separated from his bed and board for this reason and remains so separated.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS:

Complainant prays that upon the filing of this Bill of Complaint that proper process issue to Stanley Price Christian, making him a party respondent and requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to the allegations thereof within the time required by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF:

Complainant prays that upon the final hearing hereof that Your Honors will grant her an absolute divorce from the Respondent, and that Your Honors will grant her permission to remarry in the event she should so care and she prays for all such other, further or defferent relief to which she is entitled, the premises considered. Complainant offers to do equity in this cause.

*Walter Lee*

Solicitor for Complainant

*Margaret Pauline Christian*  
Complainant

*V an Anthony Bldg.  
Mobile, Ala.*

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

MARGARET PAULINE CHRISTIAN, Complainant

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STANLEY PRICE CHRISTIAN, Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN  
~~MOBILE~~ COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the defendant in the above entitled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein admits the allegations as to the ages, residences and marriage and denies each and every other allegations of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

I agree that the testimony in this cause may be taken by deposition on oral examination, and waive notice of the time and place of the taking such testimony and agree that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time. I waive all notices to which I may be entitled by law in this cause.

Carolyn Fairley

I further agree that \_\_\_\_\_, may take the testimony in this cause without the issuance of a commission.

*Stanley Price Christian*  
Defendant

Complainant agrees that \_\_\_\_\_, may take the testimony in this cause as commissioner, without issuance of a commission.

*Margaret Pauline Christian*  
Complainant

NOTE: The space below is intended for "Agreements Between the Parties".

- 1) Complainant, Margaret Pauline Christian, is to have the care, custody and control of Claudette Deanna Christian, a girl, and Ronald Price Christian, a boy, minor children born of the marriage of the parties hereto, with right of reasonable visitation in the Defendant, Stanley Price Christian.
- 2) Respondent is to pay to the Complainant, the sum of \$77.10 per month for the support and maintenance of the minor children, as aforesaid, and so long as the Defendant is a member of the United States Air Force, said payments shall be made by an allotment from the United States Government.
- 3) Complainant does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the Defendant all of her right, title and interest in and to all of the furniture and furnishings owned individually and jointly by the parties hereto, which is located at 2015 David Drive, Mobile, Alabama.

*Margaret Pauline Christian* (SEAL)  
Complainant

*Stanley Price Christian* (SEAL)  
Defendant

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MOBILE

I, ELEANOR HELTON, a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that Stanley Price Christian name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me this day, that being informed of the contents of the instrument, they executed the same voluntarily on the day same bears date.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of January, 19 60.

*Eleanor Helton*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

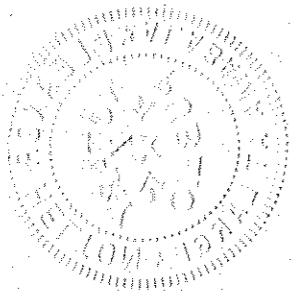
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