

The State of Alabama, { No. 962.
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity.

Louisa Denton
Complainant.
vs.

Philmore W. Denton, 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.

.....on account of adultery on the part of Philmore W. Denton the defendant.....

It further ordered, that the said Louisa Denton be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Louisa Denton 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 Louisa Denton.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Louisa Denton shall not again marry except to said Philmore W. Denton until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Philmore W. Denton during the said pendency of appeal.

This 13th day of June 1931-1932
F. W. Hare
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

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 _____ 192____, 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 _____ 192____
Register

Circuit Court, in Equity.

Louisa Denton

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during the said pendency of appeal

This 13th day of June 1931-1932

J. W. Shaw
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

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 1932.

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 1932.

Register

NO. 962.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY,
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Louisa Denton

vs.

Phillip W. Denton

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

day of March, 1944, 1943

W. H. DeLoach
Register.

E. O. M.

Moore Printing Co., Inc. Bay Minette, Ala.

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 Philmore W. Denton, Fairhope, Ala.

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 Louisa Denton

against said Philmore W. Denton

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 7th day of

May 193 1

T. W. Richerson Register.

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

Original

Serve on _____
Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.

No. _____

SUMMONS

Louisa Denton

vs.

Philmore W. Denton

Plaintiff

Defendant

Edward P. Totten
Solicitor for Complainant.

Recorded in Vol. _____ Page _____

The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this _____

day of _____ 1931

Sheriff.

Executed this 18th day of

May 1931

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Philmore W. Denton

Defendant.

W. R. Stewart

Sheriff.

By

W. R. Stewart

Deputy Sheriff.

8581 NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Louisa Denton

vs.

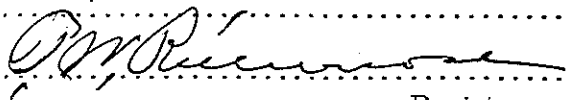
Philmore W. Denton

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,
Service on Deft, Answer of Deft and testimony of Louisa Denton and
Nannie E. Williams.

and in behalf of Defendant upon



Register.

No. 962

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Louisa Denton

VS

Philmore Denton

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 10th

day of June 1931

W. P. Moore

Register

8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE PTC CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Vacation

No. 962.

Term, 192 31

Louisa Denton

, Complainant...

vs.

Philmore Denton

, Defendant...

To T.W. Richardson, 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 Edward P. Totten

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.

Edward P. Totten

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Louisa Denton

vs.

Philmore W. Denton

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

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W. W. Harrison

Register

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LOUISA DENTON, Complainant,

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Defendant.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

To the Honorable F. W. Hare, Judge of said Court:

Humbly complaining, your orator brings
this bill against the Defendant and respectfully shows to the Court:

I

That the Complainant and the Defendant ~~and~~ each over the age of twenty-one years and are bona fide residents of Baldwin county, Alabama.

II

That at Magnolia Springs, in said county and state, on the 15th day of July, 1902, the Complainant and the Defendant intermarried and ever since such date they have been and now are lawful husband and wife.

III

That heretofore on, to-wit: April 26th, 1931, the Defendant committed adultery with one Viola Sellers, at and in the said county and state.

IV

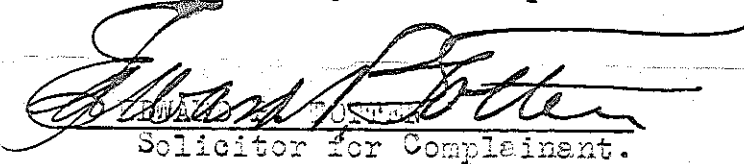
That the Complainant has not forgiven the Defendant for such act of adultery and has not condoned the said offense of Defendant.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

The premises considered, your orator respectfully prays that the said Philmore W. Denton may be made party respondent to this bill of complaint, by the usual process of this Honorable Court, and that he be required to demur, plead to or answer such Bill within the time and under the penalties as provided by law, or that the same be forever confessed.

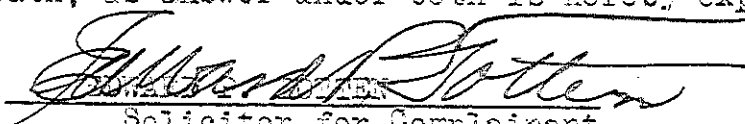
Your orator further prays that, upon the final hearing of this cause, the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now subsisting between the Defendant and the Complainant be wholly dissolved and that she be granted an absolute divorce therefrom, and your orator prays for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

Dated May 5th, 1931.


Solicitor for Complainant.

FOOT-NOTE:

The respondent above named, Philmore W. Denton, is required to answer every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, but not under oath, as answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.


Solicitor for Complainant.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

IN CIRCUIT COURT

IN EQUITY

LOUISA DENTON, Complainant

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Defendant.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed on this 7th day of May,
1931.

W. P. Totten

Register.

EDWARD P. TOTTEN
Solicitor for Complainant,
FAIRHOPE ALABAMA

LOUISA DENTON, Complainant,

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Comes the Respondent, Philmore W. Denton, in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint and to each and every paragraph thereof, separately and severally, says:

1. For answer to the first paragraph of said Bill he admits the allegations therein contained to be true.

2. For an answer to the second paragraph of said Bill he admits the allegations therein contained to be true.

3. For an answer to the third paragraph of said Bill he denies each and every allegation therein contained and demands strict proof thereof.

4. For an answer to the fourth paragraph of the said Bill he denies each and every allegation therein contained and demands strict proof thereof.

And now, having answered said Bill fully as required by the Court he prays to be discharged with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended.

Phil. W. Denton

WITNESSES:

[Signature]

[Signature]

LOUISIAN DENTON, Complainant,

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Comes now the Respondent, Philmore W. Denton, in the above styled cause and accepts service of a copy of the foregoing interrogatories, waives his right to cross the same, and consents that commission to take testimony in said cause may be issued to G. E. Perkins as a fit, suitable and competent person to act therein.

Phil W. Denton

WITNESSES:

O. Cooper

G. E. Fowell

LOUISE DENTON, Complainant,

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Defendant.

IN CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY

THE DEPOSITIONS

of Louise Denton and Kenneth B. Williams, witnesses examined on behalf of the Complainant in the above entitled action which is now pending in the Honorable, the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

The said witnesses appeared before me at the time and place hereinafter mentioned and, after having been sworn by me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, did testify and say as follows:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY

LOUISA DENTON, Complainant,

vs.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Defendant.

COMMISSIONER OF COMMISSIONER

I, C. E. Perkins, the Commissioner named in the attached

commission, hereby certify that, in pursuance thereof, I did, on

Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1931, call and cause to come before

me, at the office of Edward P. Cotten, in the Bank of Fairhope,

Building, at Fairhope, Alabama, in the county of Baldwin, the said

witnesses, Louise Denton and Wennie B. Williams, and that the said

witnesses, after having been first duly sworn, did testify in answer

to oral interrogatories propounded to them by Edward P. Cotten, Esq.,

Collector for Complainant, as set down above their signatures, and

that the answers of said witnesses are set down as near as might be

in their own language and that they subscribed their names thereto in

my presence after having heard the same read to them.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to

any of the parties to this suit, nor am I in any manner interested

in the result thereof.

Witness my hand at Fairhope, Ala., on this 6th day of June, 1931.

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TESTIMONY OF LOUISE DENTON AS WITNESS IN HER OWN BEHALF IN ANSWER
TO ORAL INTERROGATORIES SUBMITTED AND FORWARDED BY EDWARD P.
DOTTEN, as Collector for Complainant.

My name is Louise Denton, I am forty six years of age and
I am a resident of Baldwin county and have been for the past thirty
years. My husband Philmore W. Denton is about 47 years of age
and is a resident of Baldwin county and has been for thirty years.
The Defendant and I were married at Magnolia Springs in this
county on the 15th day of July, 1902, and we have lived together
as husband and wife until this last Spring.

My husband has been taking an interest in another woman,
Viola Sellers, and on April 26th last, late at night, he took her
in his car and they drove off into the woods south of our place
and they were gone a long time. They have been driving together
late at night on several other occasions, both before and since
that date, and he has confessed to me that he was interested in
Viola Sellers.

Since April 26th last I have not lived with the Defendant,
Philmore W. Denton, as his wife, and have not forgiven him for
his actions. He has admitted to me that he has committed adultery
with Viola Sellers at that date and said that he would continue to
go out with her.

My name before I was married was Louise Collins and I would
like to use that name again.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of June, 1931.

COMMISSIONER

TESTIMONY OF MANNIE B. WILLIAMS AS WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT IN ANSWER
TO INTERROGATORIES FORWARDED TO HER BY EDWARD P. DOTTEN, Collector
for the Complainant.

My name is Mannie B. Williams, I am fifty years of age, and I
have lived in Baldwin county, Ala., for about ten years. I am
well acquainted personally with Louise Denton, Complainant, and Phil-
more W. Denton, Defendant, and have known them well for about ten
years.

They have both lived in Baldwin county all of the time I have
been here, and have lived together as husband and wife. They
were married before I moved to Baldwin county, but I do not know how
long.

On April 26th last I saw Phil Denton, the Defendant, driving
out with Viola Sellers in his car, about nine o'clock xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
at night. They were driving east from Delphos, and away from his
home, and they drove past my house and out into the woods. I
did not see them after that on that night, but I have seen them other
times at night late driving past my house together. It is gener-
ally known that the Defendant has been keeping company with Viola
Sellers for some time and seems to be interested in her.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of June, 1931.

Mannie B. Williams

J. E. Denton

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

Circuit Court
Equity Side.

To Hon. G. E. Perkins,

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Com-

missioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you

and examine Louise Denton and Hattie B. Williams

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant, in a cause pending in our Circuit

Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Louise Denton

Complainant

and

Philmore Denton

Defendant,

oral examination

on oath to be by you administered, upon

to take and certify the deposition of the witness, and return the same to our Court, with all convenient

speed, under your hand.

Witness

5th

day of

June,

1931.

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$ 5.00

WITNESS' FEES, \$

No. 902.

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

Louisa Denton

vs. Complainant

Philmore W. Denton,

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Hon. G. W. Perkins,

WITNESSES:

Louisa Denton

Annie B. Williams

IN CIRCUIT COURT

OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

PHILMORE W. DENTON, Defendant.

vs.

LOUISA DENTON, Complainant.

To the Honorable F. W. Hare, Judge of said Court:

Humbly complaining, your orator brings

this bill against the Defendant and respectfully shows to the Court:

I

That the Complainant and the Defendant are each over the age of twenty-one years and are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

That at Magnolia Springs, in said county and state, on the 15th day of July, 1902, the Complainant and the Defendant intermarried and ever since such date they have been and now are lawful husband and wife.

That heretofore on, to-wit: April 26th, 1931, the Defendant committed adultery with one Viola Sellers, at and in the said county and state.

That the Complainant has not forgiven the Defendant for such act of adultery and has not condoned the said offense of Defendant.

PRAYER FOR DEEDS AND RELIEF:

The premises considered, your orator respectfully prays that the said Philmore W. Denton may be made party respondent to this bill of complaint, by the usual process of this Honorable Court, and that he be required to demur, plead to or answer such bill within the time and under the penalties as provided by law, or that the same be forever confessed.

Your orator further prays that, upon the final hearing of this cause, the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now subsisting between the Defendant and the Complainant be wholly dissolved and that she be granted an absolute divorce therefrom, and your orator prays for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

Dated May 5th, 1931.

EDWARD P. JOHNSON

Solicitor for Complainant.

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EDWARD P. JOHNSON

Solicitor for Complainant.