

The State of Alabama, { No. 965  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity.

Loretta Adkins Grimes

Complainant

vs.

J. C. Grimes

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 cruelty.....

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It further ordered, that the said Loretta Adkins Grimes be, and he 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 Loretta Adkins Grimes 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.....

J. C. Grimes.....

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Loretta Adkins Grimes shall not again marry except to said J. C. Grimes until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said J. C. Grimes.....

..... during the said pendency of appeal  
..... *Recomend. J. C. Grimes, is also granted the right  
to remarry.....*

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of .....

1931

Judge F. W. Hale  
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.....

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NO. 965

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Loretta Adkins Grimes

vs.

J. C. Grimes

DEGREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 29th

day of January, 1923/  
*J. C. Grimes*

Register.

E. O. M.

My name is Loretta Adkins Grimes. I am the Compleatment  
in that certain divorce proceedings now pending in the Circuit  
Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein J. C. Grimes is the De-  
fendant. I was married to J. C. Grimes the month of June, 1954  
and lived with him as his wife until the 7th day of April, 1951,  
at which time I was forced to leave him on account of his treat-  
ment toward me. On the 6th of April he came in the house in a  
violent rage and slapped me in the face with his hand. I could  
not live with him any longer as I was afraid of being seriously  
hurt, should I do so. He is possessed of a strong un governable  
temper and on occasions when he is seized with violent fits of  
temper he is likely to do something which would cause me more ser-  
ious harm if I continued to live with him.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the 23rd day of June, 1952.

TESTIMONY OF LORETTA ADKINS GRIMES.

Respondent.

J. C. GRIMES,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE  
COMPLEATMENT,

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY.

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*Signature*  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
me, this 23 day of June, 1931.

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Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein J. C. Grimes is the De-  
in that certain divorce proceedings now pending in the Circuit  
My name is Lorettta Adkins Grimes. I am the complainant

TESTIMONY OF LORETTA ADKINS GRIMES.

Respondent.

J. C. Grimes,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE  
STATE OF ALABAMA

Complaint,

LORETTA ADKINS GRIMES,

My name is Jake Kellner. I am a resident of Loxley,

Baldwin County, Alabama, and I am over the age of twenty-one years.

I am well acquainted with both Lorrette Adkins Grimes and J. C.

Grimes, having been employed by J. C. Grimes for more than a year

and a half as driver for one of his trucks, and in such capacity

have had occasion to and have from time to time been in their homes,

and know personally of their sections toward one another. I know

that Mr. Grimes has ill-treated his wife and that during the month

of April he slapped her. I think she was justified in quitting

him as she did, and that had she continued to stay with him her

life or her health would have been endangered.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

the 23 day of June, 1931.

J. C. Grimes  
Lorrette Adkins Grimes

TESTIMONY OF JAKE KELLNER

Respondent.

J. C. Grimes,

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Complicant,

LORRETTA ADKINS GRIMES,

BALDWIN COUNTY,

STATE OF ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE

The State of Alabama } Circuit Court of Baldwin County } (In Equity)  
Baldwin County, Alabama, Moore Ptg. Co., Bay Minette, Ala.  
vs.  
J. O. Gaines, RESPONDENT  
Lorette Atkins Gaines, COMPLAINANT

ORAL DEPOSITION

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The State of Alabama } Circuit Court of Baldwin County } (In Equity)  
Baldwin County, Alabama,  
Lorette Atkins Crimes, COMPLAINANT  
vs.  
J.O.G. James, RESPONDENT  
I, T.W. Richeson,  
as Register and Commissioner  
have called and caused to come before me Lorette Atkins and take her  
witnesses Es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25th day of June,

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 witness,  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said witness.

doth depose and say as follows:

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, T.W.Richerson, 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 Hon.R.C.Heard, Atty for Complainant, 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 s; 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 23rd, day of June 1931.

T.W.Richerson (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Loretta Atkins Grimes,

COMPLAINANT

vs.

J. J. Grimes,

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

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LORETTA ADKINS GRIMES,  
Complainant,  
-vs-  
J. C. GRIMES,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND  
THE HON. FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING IN EQUITY:-

Comes your Complainant, Loretta Adkins Grimes, and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce a mensa et thore, against J. C. Grimes, and shows:

FIRST.

That both your Complainant and Respondent are over the age of twenty-one years and are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Loxley, Alabama, having been such residents for the past six years.

SECOND.

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on heretofore, to-wit, in the month of June 1924, and have lived together as man and wife, when on account of the matters hereinafter complained of your Complainant was compelled to leave the Respondent and live separate and apart from him.

THIRD.

That immediately preceding and for some time prior to the month of April, 1931 and while your Complainant and the Defendant were living together as man and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, at Loxley, the Defendant committed actual violence on the person of your Complainant, attended with danger to life or health; that the Defendant slapped your Complainant; that the conduct of Defendant was such that your Complainant had reasons to apprehend the commission of actual violence on her person, attended with danger to life or health, had she continued to reside with him.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF.

The premises considered, your Complainant prays that the  
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above named Respondent, J. C. Grimes, be made party defendant to this cause by the usual processes of this Honorable Court, requiring him to appear and 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 cause there be granted unto your Complainant a divorce a mensa et thoro; and should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other, further and different relief to which she may be entitled. And as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Loretta Adkins Grimes  
Complainant.

R. C. HEARD,  
Solicitor for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint from "FIRST" to "THIRD", both inclusive, but answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.

R. C. Heard  
Solicitor for Complainant.

The State of Alabama, }      CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
Baldwin County            IN EQUITY

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama---GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon J.C. Grimes,

Loxley 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 Loretta Adkins Grimes,

against said J.C. Grimes,

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 11th day of

May, 1931.

T.W. Richerson Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 193\_\_\_\_

Sheriff.

Loretta Adkins Grimes,

Executed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of

May 1931

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

J.C. Grimes

Defendant.

W.H. McWhorter

Sheriff.

By A.P. Heard

Deputy Sheriff.

R.C. Heard,  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama, }      CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
Baldwin County            IN EQUITY

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama---GREETING:

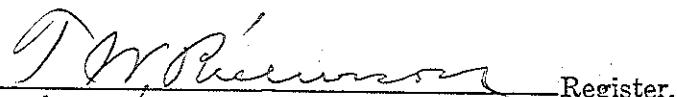
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against said J.C. Grimes,

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 11th day of May, 1931.

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
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**SUMMONS**

~~Hand delivered~~

Loretta Adkins Grimes,

Executed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of

May 1931

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

R. Grimes  
Defendant.

A. McElroy  
Sheriff.

By A. McElroy  
Deputy Sheriff.

J.C. Grimes,  
W.L. Gray Jr.  
D.C. Heard,

Solicitor for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

{ No. 965 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Loretta Adkins Grimes

Complainant

vs.

J. C. Grimes

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

J. C. Grimes

Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant\_\_\_\_; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant\_\_\_\_ha\_\_\_\_ failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 15th day of June 1931

*R. C. Heard*

Solicitor

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**The State of Alabama,**  
Baldwin County.

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

Loretta Adams Grimes.....

vs.

J. C. Grimes.....

**MOTION FOR DEGREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE**

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The State of Alabama, } No. 965 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
Baldwin County. }

Loretta Atkins Grimes Complainant  
vs.

J.C. Grimes, Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register

that a summons requiring the Defendant J.C. Grimes,

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after the service of said Summons upon J.C. Grimes,

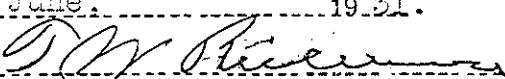
was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 13th day of May, 1931.

And the said Defendant having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant,

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said J.C. Grimes,

Defendant aforesaid.

This 15th day of June, 1931.

 D.W. Ricker Register.

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Loretta Atkins, Plaintiff,

vs.

J. C. Grimes,

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE

Issued June 15th 1931

D. H. DeLoach,  
Register.

vs.

Lorette Adkins, Grimes

J. C. Grimes

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY  
IN EQUITY,

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
Decree pro confesso, personal service on defendant, and testimo-  
ny of Jane Keuler, and Lorette Adkins Grimes

and in behalf of Defendant upon

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Loretta Adkins Grimes

vs

J. C. Grimes

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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*J. C. Grimes*  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Loretta Atkins Grimes

VS.

J. C. Grimes

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
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John L. Turner

and in behalf of Defendant upon

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso, personal service on defendant, and testimo- ny of Jake Kneuler, and Lorettta Adkins Crimes

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY,

BALDWIN COUNTY,  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Loretta Adkins Crimes

vs.

J. C. Crimes

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Loretta Atkins Grimes

vs

J. C. Grimes

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 23rd

day of July 1921.

*J. C. Grimes*  
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Loretta Atkins Grimes

vs.

J. Q. Grimes

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY,

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY,

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint.  
Decree pro confesso, personal service on defendant, and testimo-  
ny of Jake Kuebler, and Loretta Atkins Grimes

and in behalf of Defendant upon

Register.