

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM

Complainant

VS.

FLOYD E. STEADHAM

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Con-~~
~~Mission Answer and Waiver~~ and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon con-
sideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complaint 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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,
and that the said MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM
is forever divorced from the said FLOYD E. STEADHAM

for and on account of Cruelty

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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM
the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 3rd day of December 1946

F. M. Hare
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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This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,
Answer and Waiver, and testimony of Marzella Parker Steadham

and in behalf of Defendant upon

J. Mashburn Jr.
Attn, for Complainant

Alice J. Smith
Register.

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ANSWER OF RESPONDENT.

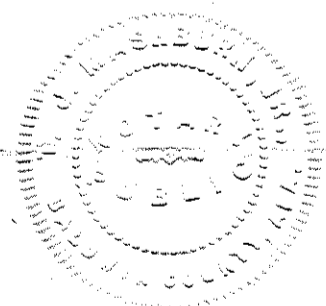
Comes now, Floyd E. Steadham, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause, says:

1. That he admits having married the Complainant at Robertsedale, Baldwin County, Alabama, on or about the 18th of May, 1942.
2. That he denies each and every other allegation of the said Bill of Complaint, separately and severally.
3. Respondent hereby expressly waives service and notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony; of notice of the time and place set for taking same; of the right to cross-examine Complainant's Witnesses; of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf.
4. The Respondent further agrees that the said cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleadings and on Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.
5. The Respondent prays that, if the Honorable Court should render a decree against him as prayed by the Complainant, it will grant him the right to re-marry.

Floyd E. Steadham
RESPONDENT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 30th day of November, 1946.

J. J. Mashburn Jr.
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.



EQUITY NO. 1778 RECORDED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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IN EQUITY.

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ANSWER OF RESPONDENT.

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Register*



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COUNTY OF BALDWIN. 0

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA---GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon FLOYD E. STEADHAM to be
and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama, exercising chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after
the service of this summons, and there to answer, plead or demur
without oath to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by MARZELLA
PARKER STEADHAM against the said FLOYD E. STEADHAM, and further to do
and perform what the said Judges shall order and direct in that behalf,
and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty of the
law. And we further command you that you return this writ with your
execution thereof.

WITNESS, ALICE J. DUCK, Register of said Court, this 30
day of November, 1946.

Alice J. Duck
REGISTER

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

Your Complainant, MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM, respectfully
represents and shows unto your Honor that she is, and has been for
more than two years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint,
a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama, residing at
Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama; that she is over the age of
twenty-one years; and humbly complaining against the Respondent,
FLOYD E. STEADHAM, your Complainant shows unto your Honor the following
facts as a basis for the relief hereinafter prayed:

1. That the Respondent is a resident of the State of Alabama, residing in Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama; and that said Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years;

2. That your Complainant and the Respondent are husband and wife, having intermarried at Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, on, to-wit: May 18th, 1942; that they lived together as husband and wife at Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, until, to-wit: November 22, 1946;

3. That on, to-wit: November 22, 1946, the Respondent assaulted your Complainant with a broom handle and beat her so severely that she lost consciousness; that said Respondent had assaulted and beat your Complainant on other occasions; that, as a result of the aforesaid beatings your Complainant became convinced that it would be dangerous to her life, or health, to continue to live with the Respondent as his wife; that she was forced to leave him and has not since that time returned to live with him as his wife; that your Complainant did nothing to cause the Respondent to treat her as he did;

4. That there are no children as a result of this marriage.

WHEREFORE, The premises considered, your Complainant prays that this Honorable Court will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this Bill of Complaint; and that by proper process the said FLOYD E. STEADHAM be made a party defendant hereto, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause this Honorable Court will make and enter a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the said FLOYD E. STEADHAM; and your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as in equity and good conscience she is entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Jelley J. Mashburn, Jr.
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT.

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from
Bay Minette....., in the County of Baldwin.....
Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit: Dyas, Alabama.....

2. That said complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a commissioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

Jelfair J. Masheburn, Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of IDA BELLE T. MASHEBURN.....,

as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

Jelfair J. Masheburn, Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant.

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Filed this 2nd day of Dec,

1946

Alice J. French
Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To IDA BELLE T. MASHBURN

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 MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM

as witnesses in behalf of MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM

is the Complainant
and FLOYD E. STEADHAM

is the Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 2nd day of December, 1946

Miss J. Smith
Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM

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Respondent

I, Ida Belle T. Mashburn
as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner in the above styled cause
have called and caused to come before me MARZELLA PARKER STEADHAM

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 2 day of December
1946, at the office of Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Marzella Parker Steadham
doth depose and say as follows:

"My name is Marzella Parker Steadham. I am the Complainant in the above case and I am over the age of twenty-one years. I have lived in Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than two years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this case, but at the present time I am living at Dyas, Alabama. I was married to Floyd E. Steadham at Robertsdale, Alabama, on May 18, 1942, and, except for a three month period late in that year, we lived together as husband and wife in Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, until November 22, 1946. On November 22, 1946, while I was cooking breakfast, my husband became angry with me and assaulted me with a broom handle. He beat me so badly that I lost consciousness and I still have black and blue places on my body where he hit me. He had struck me on several occasions before this time, but this is the first time that he beat me. I am afraid that it would be dangerous to my life or health if I should continue to live with him as his wife. I did nothing to cause him to treat me as he did. I have not lived with him as his wife since he beat me on November 22, 1946. We do not have any children as a result of this marriage.

Marzella Parker Steadham

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Ida Belle T. Mashburn, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness—and read over to her—and she—signed the same in the presence of myself Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness—or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness—; 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 2nd day of December, 1946.

Ida Belle T. Mashburn (L.S.)

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I, Ida Belle T. Mashburn, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness—and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of myself Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.

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