

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN

Complainant

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Con-
fesso onand 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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and
that the said ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN is forever divorced from the said
CURTIS DUNNIGAN
for and on account of.....CRUELTY

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry ex-
cept to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken with-
in 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 CURTIS DUNNIGAN
the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14th day of February, 1947 -

J. M. Hall
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.....

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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The State of Alabama

BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

ARMENE VAIRIE

DUNNIGAN

Complainant.

Vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

RICKARBY & RICKARBY
ATTORNEYS FOR COMPLAINANT

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN

vs.

GURTIS DUNNIGAN

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,

Testimony of Complainant

and in behalf of Defendant upon

Decree Pro Confesso

Pickarby & Pickarby
Attys.

Alice J. Luck
Register.

RECORDED

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

ARMENE VALRIE DUNIGAN

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this14th.....

day of February....., 194. 7

Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA: EQUITY SIDE

TO

CURTIS DUNNIGAN:

You are hereby notified to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the receipt hereof, to the Bill of Complaint filed in this Court at Bay Minette, Alabama, against you as Defendant by ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN, Complainant.

WITNESS my hand this the 2nd day of December, 1946.

Alice J. Vise
Register, Circuit Court

TO THE

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

Comes ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN, and by this her Bill of Complaint, presented against CURTIS DUNNIGAN, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over the age of ~~twenty-one~~ years; that both have been for more than five years bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married on May 29, 1941 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County up to April, 1946, when she was compelled to leave him because of his unfaithfulness and cruel treatment.

THIRD: That during their married life, Defendant has not only committed adultery with a cousin of Complainant, but has treated Complainant with great brutality, beating her repeatedly and because of this, she left him in April, 1946. On his promise of reform, she returned to him in July, 1946 but stayed only a week, when he beat her severely again and she left him in fear of her life, and has not returned to him since.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that Defendant be made party defendant to this cause, and as he at present is residing in the City of Pensacola, Florida, Complainant prays that he be notified by registered mail to answer this Bill within the time prescribed by Law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from said CURTIS DUNIGAN; granting her the right to marry again should she so desire and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

Reidley & Reidley
Solicitors for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA:

COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

Before me, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared this day ARMENE VALRIE DUNIGAN, who, being sworn, says that CURTIS DUNIGAN is at present a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at 307 E. Gonzales Street, Pensacola, Florida, and that service of notice of this cause can only be had upon him by registered mail.

Armene V. Dunigan

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 30th day of November, 1946.

Elizabeth B. Reidley
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN,
Complainant

VS

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,
Defendant

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed

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RICKARBY & RICKARBY,
Solicitors.

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN
Complainant

E Q U I T Y

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

vs

CURTIS DUNNIGAN
Defendant

COMES the Complainant in the above styled cause and requests that a commission be issued to take the testimony of ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN, THELMA VALRIE and WILLIE VALRIE, witnesses for Complainant and residents of Montrose, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Complainant suggests the name of Mrs. CECELIA S. MICKLE, a resident of Fairhope, Alabama, as a suitable person to act as commissioner in this cause.

Reisley & Reisley
Solicitors for Complainant

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E Q U I T Y .

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN,
Complainant,

vs

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,
Defendant.

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APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION
TO TAKE TESTIMONY.

Filed

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Alice J. Leach

Richarby & Richarby
Solicitors for Compt.

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN,

Complainant

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,

Defendant.

CIRCUIT COURT OF
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the twenty-seventh
day of November 1946, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was
sent to

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom
addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the
24th day of December 1946, such receipt was duly
received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer
or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered,
adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all
things taken as confessed against the said

CURTIS DUNNIGAN

Defendant.....

This the 27th day of January 1947.

Alice J. Luck Register.

RECORDED

No. **1779**

**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALA.**

In Equity.

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN.

Complainant.

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,

Defendant.

**Decree Pro Confesso After
Notice By Registered Mail.**

Filed in office this **27th** day of

January, 19**47.**

Register

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

No. 1779, CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

A R M E N E V A L R I E D U N N I G A N Complainant

vs.

C U R T I S D U N N I G A N , Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

C U R T I S D U N N I G A N , 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 has failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 25th day of January 1947.

Reidley & Reidley Solicitor S.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN,

Complainant

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN,

Defendant.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

Filed January 27th 1947.

Alise J. Duck
Register.

Recorded in Record,

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Register.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

{ No. 1779, CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN Complainant

vs.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN, Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

CURTIS DUNNIGAN, 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 has failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 25th day of January 1947.

Rickard & Rickard Solicitors.

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN
Complainant

vs

CURTIS DUNNIGAN
Respondent

E Q U I T Y
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DEPOSITIONS OF ARMENE V. DUNNIGAN, WILLIE VALRIE AND
THELMA VALRIE, WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT.

The above named parties appeared before me at the time
and place later stated and having been sworn, upon examination by
counsel for Complainant, testified as follows:

ARMENE V. DUNNIGAN

I am the complainant in this cause, I am over twenty one
years of age and a lifelong resident of Montrose, Baldwin
County, Alabama. Curtis Dunigan is over the age of twenty
one and a native of Mobile County. He is now living in
Pensacola.

We were married on May 25, 1941 and lived together until
April 1946 when I left him because he was so cruel to me. He
beat me a number of times but after a very severe beating I
left him in April and stayed away from him till the following
July when I came back on his promise of better behavior. This
did not last but a week when he beat me again and I left him
for good and have lived away from him since. If I continued to
live with him, from the way he has treated me I know he would
~~get worse and worse and some day kill me or at least seriously~~
injure me. He has drawn a knife on me and threatened to kill me
and if I stay with him he will carry out his threat.

He has also been untrue to me with one of my cousins and is
now in Pensacola with her.

Armene V. Dunnigan

WILLIE VALRIE

I am the mother of Complainant and live in Montrose. Armene was born in Montrose and still lives there. After she and Curtis were married in May 1941 they lived for a while in Mobile and then he was called into the Army. She came back to Baldwin County in September 1945 and lived with her father and me in Montrose. I had heard he was cruel to her but did not know it of my own knowledge until they came to live with us in 1945. I then saw him beat her twice and the second time he left. This was in April 1946. In July he came and promised to do better and she let him come back but it was not more than a week when he beat her severely again. I heard her crying and ran into the room and made him stop and my husband and I made him leave and he has been away since. We will not let him return for after the way he beat her we fear that some day he will kill her if they stay together. He drew a knife on her once that I know of. He is now living in Pensacola where a girl lives with whom he was carrying on while in Montrose.

Willie Valrie

THELMA VALRIE

I am the niece of Complainant and was with Armene coming back home from my house where she had been visiting and I was with a man friend of mine when Curtis saw us and ran up and drew a knife on her. He would have severely injured her had not my friend and I stopped him. He is a dangerous man when angry and Armene is wise to leave him as he might do her serious injury.

Thelma Valrie

CERTIFICATE

I, Cecelia S. Mickle, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties hereby certify that in the case of ARMENE VALRIE DUNIGAN and CURTIS DUNIGAN, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused Armene Valrie Dunigan, Willie Valrie and Thelma Valrie, witnesses for Complainant, to appear before me at my office in the Bank Building, Fairhope, Alabama, and where, after being duly sworn, upon examination by the solicitor for the Complainant, they testified as is above written, and their testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by them.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner, this the 11th day of February, 1947.

Cecelia S. Mickle
Commissioner

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To MRS. CECILIA S. MICKLE.

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 ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN, THELMA VALRIE and WILLIE VALRIE

as witnesses in behalf of ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN

_____ Complainant _____
and _____ CURTIS DUNNIGAN _____

_____ Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Oral examination

to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 27th day of January, 19 47

William J. Duck
Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ 2.50 Pd.

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. 1779

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT

ARMENE VALRIE DUNNIGAN

Complainant

VS.

CURTIS DUNNIGAN

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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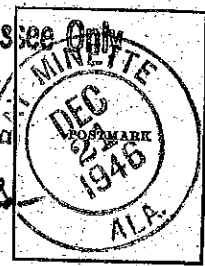
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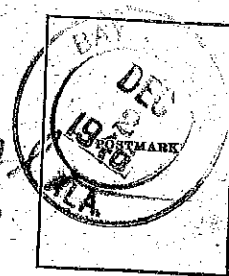
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