

The State of Alabama, {
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To Mrs Olive Nelson.

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

Beulah Williams Slay

Grace Brown

Mrs. Everette Havard

as witnesses in behalf of The Complainant. in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Beulah Williams. Slay.

Complainant

and Dozier Slay.

Defendant,

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 21 day of January 1937.

R. L. Suck

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$ 5.00

WITNESS' FEES, \$ _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
IN EQUITY.

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY,
Complainant

VS

DOZIER SLAY
Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the
following witnesses:-

Beulah Williams Slay,
Grace Brown,
Mrs. Everette Havard.

who reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in
ATMORE, Alabama on this the 21st day of January, and there
being present the register and the witnesses.

The said witnesses being first sworn to speak the truth
the whole truth and nothing but the truth testified as follows:

My name is Beulah Williams Slay, I am the Complainant in the
above styled cause. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin
County and have so resided for more than three years next pre-
ceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint. I am above the
age of eighteen years and the Defendant if above the age of
twenty-one years of age. The Defendant and I were married
on, to-wit, the 22nd day of December 1934 in Brewton, Alabama
and lived together as man and wife immediately thereafter in the
county of Escambia and State of Alabama. On or about the
first day of October 1935, the Defendant commenced to treat me
in a cruel and inhuman manner, on occasions he would threaten
to kill me and do me other bodily harm. On January 1st, 1936
the Defendant struck me about my face and body making large
bruised and inflamed spots. I can no longer continue to live
with him as this cruelty was attended with great danger to my
health and comfort and I have not condoned him for this fault
and know that his treatment was not caused by any fault on my
part.

Beulah Williams Slay

My name is Grace Brown. I know the complainant and the
defendant in this cause. The complainant is over the age of
eighteen years and the defendant is over the age of twenty-
one years and they are both resident of Baldwin County and
have both so resided for more than three years next preceding
the filing of this bill. They were married to each other on
or about the 22nd day of December 1934 in Brewton, Escambia
County, Alabama and lived together thereafter as man and wife.
On or about October 1st 1935 the defendant commenced to treat
the complainant in a very cruel manner. On occasions I have
heard him threaten her, and to threaten to kill her and do her
other bodily harm. He struck her in my presence, about the

on, taking the 1st day of Jan. 1936

face and body and threatened to do her other bodily harm. I feel that this treatment is dangerous to her health and comfort and to live with him further would endanger her health. I do not think that she can continue to live with him with any degree of safety as it is my opinion that his cruel treatment was not her fault and I know that she has not condoned him for this cruelty.

Grace Brown.

My name is Mrs. Everette Havard. I know the complainant and the defendant in this cause. They are both over the age of eighteen years and are both residents of Baldwin County and have so resided for more than three years. I know that they were married to each other in Escambia County in December, 1934 and lived together as man and wife immediately thereafter. The defendant treated the complainant in a cruel and inhuman manner and at times threatened to kill her and do her great bodily harm. On or about the 1st day of January 1936, the defendant struck the complainant about her face and body and left marks and bruised spots. This treatment in my opinion was dangerous to the complainant's life and health and I do not think that she can continue to live with him with any degree of safety and comfort. I do not think that his cruel treatment was caused by any fault of the complainant and I know that she has not condoned him for this.

Mrs. Everette Havard

I, Olive Nelson, as Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on oral examinations was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of me, and each of them, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of said witnesses, or had proof made before me of the identity of said witnesses; that I am not a counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause; or in any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court, and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 21st day of January, 1937.

Olive Nelson

Commissioner.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY, Complainant

vs.

DOZIER SLAY, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Declaratory Judgment~~ 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 BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY is forever divorced from the said

DOZIER SLAY

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.

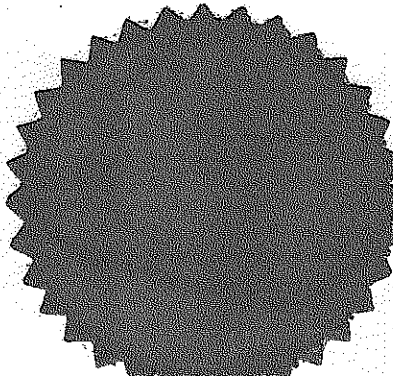
It is further ordered that Beulah Williams Slay and Dozier Slay be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Dozier Slay, the Respondent, pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 23rd day of January, 1937.

J. W. Stone
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R. S. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court for 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 January, 1937.

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY,)
Complainant

vs

DOZIER SLAY,
Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY

IN EQUITY.

Comes Dozier Slay, the person named as Defendant in this case and for answer to the Bill of Complaint herein says he denies each and every allegation therein, and demands strict proof of the same. He also waives service by the Sheriff of subpoena on said bill, a copy of the interrogatories filed in the cause, notice of the filing of them, waives the ten days allowed by law to cross them, the right to cross them, and agrees that testimony maybe taken before the register or a commissioner on oral examination and consents that the cause be submitted to the Judge for decree in vacation on note of testimony to be made by the Register. The Defendant also requests that in the event a divorce is granted he be given also the right to again marry.

Dozier Slay
DEFENDANT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

I, R. F. Faircloth a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Dozier Slay, whose name is signed to the foregoing answer to a certain Bill of Complaint filed on the 20th day of January, 1937 A. D. in the Circuit Court of Escambia County, Alabama, wherein Beulah Williams Slay is the Complainant and Dozier Slay is the Defendant, and who is known to me to be the identical person named as Defendant, and who is known to me to be the same, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the allegations of the Bill of Complaint filed against him by Beulah Williams Slay who is his wife, he signed the answer hereto attached voluntarily on the day the same bears date. And I further certify that he signed the said answer in my presence.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of January, 1937.

R. F. Faircloth

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY,
Complainant.

VS

DOZIER SLAY,
Defendant.

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

NO. _____

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA, SITTING IN
EQUITY.

Now comes your Oratrix, Beulah Williams Slay, humbly
complaining of the Defendant Dozier Slay in a matter of divorce
as will hereinafter appear, and represents and shows unto your
Honor as follows:-

FIRST: That the Complainant is over the age of eight-
teen years of age, and that the Defendant is over the age of
twenty-one years, and that they both have resided in said County
for more than three years next preceeding the filing of this Bill
of Complaint.

SECOND: That on, to-wit, the 22nd day of December
1934, the Complainant and Defendant were married to each other in
Escambia County, Alabama, and lived immediately thereafter as
man and wife.

THIRD: That on, to-wit, the 1st day of October 1935,
this Defendant commenced to treat the Complainant in a cruel and
inhuman manner; that he would on occasions threaten to kill her
or do her serious bodily harm, and that on, to-wit, the 1st day
of January 1936, the Defendant struck the Complainant about her
face and body and threatened to kill her; that this cruelty
was attended with grave danger to her life and health, and that
she can no longer with any degree of comfort or safety continue
to live with the Defendant. That this cruelty was not caused by
any fault on her part, and that she has not condoned him for the
same.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

To the end that equity may be had in the premises,

your Oratrix, the Complainant, prays that the said Dozier Slay be made party defendant to this Bill of Complaint and that summons be issued and served upon him requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Premises considered, your Oratrix, the Complainant, prays that on a final hearing of this Cause your Honor will make and enter a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and the Defendant and granting to your Oratrix the right to again marry should she so desire. Your Oratrix prays such other, further and general relief to which she may be entitled, the premises considered, and your Oratrix will ever pray, etc.

Horne & Hodnette

HORNE & HODNETTE, Solicitors for the
Complainant.

FOOTNOTE:-

DEFENDANT IS REQUIRED TO ANSWER EACH AND EVERY PARAGRAPH OF THE FOREGOING BILL OF COMPLAINT, numbered "first" "second" and "third", but not under oath, ANSWER UNDER OATH BEING HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVED.

Horne & Hodnette

SOLICITORS FOR THE COMPLAINANT

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The State of Alabama
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In Circuit Court, In Equity

BEULAH WILLIAMS SIAY,

vs. Complainant.

DOZIER SIAY,

Respondent.

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R. S. Sackett, Register

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

Beulah S. Williams Slay.

Complainant

vs.

Dozier Slay.

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Mrs Olive Nelson.

WITNESSES:

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY,

Complainant,

vs.

DOZIER SLAY,

Respondent.

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, _____
Testimony of Beulah Williams, ^{Slay} Grace Brown and Mrs. Everett Havard,

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____ Answer and Waiver.

P. S. Duck

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Bulah Williams Slay Complainant

vs.

Dozier Slay Defendant

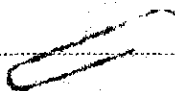
In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and the evidence having been taken and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant by her Solicitors of Record, now files with the Register of said Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Arms + Hedrick
Solicitor for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

.....COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY



vs. Complainant.

Defendant.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 22

day of January 1937

R. S. Duck

REGISTER