

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

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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 Bzldwin County and have so resided for more than three years next preceding 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 insediately 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 if 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 hthreaten to kill her and do her other bodily harm. He struck her in my presence, about the

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face and body, and threatened to do her other bodily harm. I feel that this treatment if dangerous to her health and comfort and to live with him further would indanger 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 tratment was not her faulty 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 definednat 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 known that they were married to each other in Escambia County in December, 1934 and lived together as man and wife immediately therafter. The defendant treated the douplainant 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 vis 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 presonal knowledge of the presonal identity of said witnesses, or had proof made before me of the identity of said iwtnesses; 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 envelopt 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.

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Commissioner.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

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BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY, Complainant

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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 supcena 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.

DEFEIDANT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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I, A. Yauchth a Noting Rullic 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 ferrous , 1937 A. D. in the Circuit Court of Escambia County, Alabama, wherein Beulah Williams Slay is the Complaint 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 fontents 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 2011 day of January, 1937.

Attinopess

BEULAH WILLIAMS SLAY, Complainant.

VS

DOZIER SLAY, Defendant.

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

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

NO.

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 eightteen 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.

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

this Defendant commenced to treat the Complaint 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 perscribed 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 hereto fore 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.

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HORNE & HODNETTE, Solicitors for the

Complainant.

FOORNOTE:-

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.

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SOLICITORS FOR THE COMPLAINANT



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Saldrum COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Bulah Williams Slay Complainant.

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 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.

Code 1923 Sec. 6601.

Solicitor for Complainant

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