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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

LULA DENNIS, Complainant

vs.

ELBERT B. DENNIS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on 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 LULA DENNIS is forever divorced from the said ELBERT B. DENNIS 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 ELBERT B. DENNIS the RESPONDENT pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of April, 1937

F. W. HARRIS Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, ALICE J. DUCK 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 9th day of October, 1937

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

# The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LULA DENNIS

Complainant

vs.

ELBERT B. DENNIS

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ *Answer and Waiver* on ~~personal service~~ 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 LULA DENNIS is forever divorced from the said

ELBERT B. DENNIS

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.

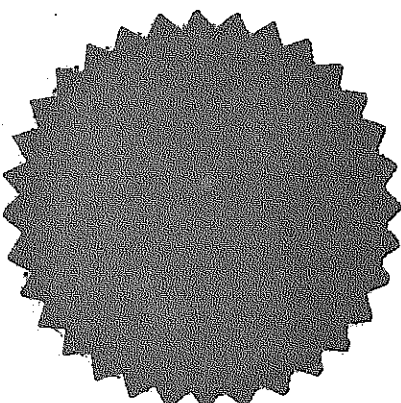
It is further ordered that LULA DENNIS and ELBERT B. DENNIS be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1937

*F. W. Hare*  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County } Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon ELBERT B. DENNIS

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

LULA DENNIS

against said ELBERT B. DENNIS

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, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 2nd day

of April 1937

R. S. Duck

Register

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

LUJA DENNIS,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
ELBERT B. DENNIS,  
Respondent.

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

And now comes the Respondent, ELBERT B. DENNIS, in his own proper person, and denies each and every allegation contained in the Complainant's Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

The Respondent hereby expressly waives notice of the time of taking testimony on behalf of the Complainant, the right to examine the Complainant's witnesses and agrees that this cause be submitted forthwith for final decree without any further notice.

Elbert B. Dennis  
Respondent.

WITNESSES:

John W. S. Tyson

LULA DENNIS,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
ELBERT B. DENNIS,  
Respondent.

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

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

Comes your Complainant, LULA DENNIS, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, ELBERT B. DENNIS, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That both your Complainant and Respondent are over twenty-one years of age and residents of Bon Secour, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that they have been bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than three years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.
2. That your Complainant and the Respondent were married at Wetumpka, Alabama, on to-wit, December 15th, 1920, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, March 19th, 1937.
3. That on to-wit, March 19th, 1937, and at various times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed, abused and threatened the Complainant; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to cause the Complainant to have reasonable apprehension to believe and she did believe that if she continued to live with him, he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to her, which would endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said ELBERT B. DENNIS party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause, your Honor will give and grant unto her a decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between her and the Respondent, ELBERT B. DENNIS; that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Lula Dennis  
Complainant.

Beche Haller Beche  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, ELBERT B. DENNIS, is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complainant, in paragraphs 1 to 3, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

Beche Haller Beche  
Solicitors for Complainant.

Lula Dennis  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

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Lucas Dennis, Suck  
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Clara A Dennis

Miriam and

Elmer

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY

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

SUMMONS

*Lula Dennis*

*Albert B. Dennis*

VS.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

*2*

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1937

*March April*

*M. H. Williams*

SHERIFF

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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*March April* 1937

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

*Albert B. Dennis*

Defendant

*M. H. Williams*

Sheriff

By *E. W. Anderson*

Deputy Sheriff

Solicitor for Complainant

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

LILA DENNIS,

Complainant,

VS.

ELBERT B. DENNIS,

Respondent.

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

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R. A. Weeks, Register*

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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

JULIA DENNIS

vs. Complainant.

BERNARD P. DENNIS

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREEE

*Filed April 2, 1937  
R. S. Shuck, Register*

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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The State of Alabama }  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
(In Equity)

LULA DENNIS

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ELBERT B. DENNIS

RESPONDENT

I, R. S. DUCK

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lula Dennis, Bertha Johnson and W. R.

Johnson

witness es named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April  
1937, at the office of Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
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 Lula Dennis

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lula Dennis. I am the Complainant in the above styled cause. Elbert B. Dennis and I are both over twenty-one years of age and residents of Bon Secour, in Baldwin County, Alabama. We have been residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than three years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

Elbert B. Dennis, the Respondent, and I were married at Wetumpka, Alabama, on December 15th, 1920. We lived together as husband and wife until March 19th, 1937.

Sometime about a year ago the Respondent began to abuse me in various ways and curse me and often threaten to do violence to my person. This condition grew worse until on March 19th, 1937, it became unbearable. His conduct was such that I had every reasonable apprehension to believe and did actually believe that if I continued to live with him, he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to my person, which would necessarily endanger my life and health. I have been in bad health for quite sometime and the conduct of the Respondent was such that I absolutely cannot live with him.

Lula Dennis

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. S. DUCK as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 witnesses; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1937.

R. S. Duck (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LULA DENNIS

COMPLAINANT

VS.

HERBERT B. DENNIS

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed April 2, 1937

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\_\_\_\_\_, Register

BERTHA JOHNSON, a witness for the Complainant being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Bertha Johnson. I live at Bon Secour, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am the mother of the Complainant, Lula Dennis. Lula and her husband, Elbert B. Dennis, lived right near our place for quite sometime and until just recently when they moved away to property of their own. I know that very often the Respondent abused my daughter and on various times left her alone at the house for various lengths of time. She is in bad health. The conduct of the Respondent was such and his threats and abuses so bad, that it was impossible for my daughter to live with him as his wife.

Mrs. W. R. Johnson

W. R. JOHNSON, a witness for the Complainant being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is W. R. Johnson. I am the father of Lula Dennis, the Complainant in the above styled cause. I know that the Respondent, Elbert B. Dennis, has during the past year cursed, abused and threatened my daughter, Lula, and, in fact, it has grown so bad that it is impossible for her to live with him as his wife. I know that the conduct of the Respondent is such as to render it impossible for her to live with him.

W. R. Johnson

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LULA DENNIS

Complainant,

vs.

ELBERT B. DENNIS,

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, \_\_\_\_\_

and on the testimony of Lula Dennis, Bertha Johnson and W. R. Johnson

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

*Answer and Waiver*

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Baldwin County.

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

LULA DENNIS,

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ELBERT B. DENNIS

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**CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.  
IN EQUITY**

No. **313**

*Lula Dennis*

VS.

*Elbert B. Dennis*

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

**BILL OF COSTS**

FEES OF REGISTER		Dollars	Cents		
Filing each bill and other papers <i>5</i>	\$ 10		<i>50</i>	Brought Forward	<i>\$ 5 25</i>
Issuing each subpoena	50		<i>50</i>	For Receiving, keeping and paying out or distributing money, etc.: 1st \$1,000, 1%, all over \$1,000, and not over \$5,000, 3-4 of 1%; all over \$5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000, 1-2 of 1%, all over \$10,000 1-4 of 1%.	
Issuing each copy thereof	40		<i>40</i>	Receiving, keeping and paying out money paid into court, etc., 1-2 of 1% of amount received.	
Entering each return thereof	15		<i>15</i>	Each notice sent by mail to creditor	15
For each order of publication	1 00			Filing receipting for and docketing each claim, etc.	25
Issuing Writ of injunction	1 50			For all entries on subpoena docket, etc.	50
For each copy thereof	50			For all entries on commission docket, etc.	50
Entering each return thereof	15			Making final record. per 100 words	15
Issuing Writ of Attachment	1 00			Certified copy of decree	1 00
Entering each return thereof	15			Report of divorce to State Health Office (Acts 1915)	50
Docketing each case	1 00	<i>1 00</i>		<b>TOTAL FEES OF REGISTER</b>	<i>11 25</i>
Entering each appearance	25		<i>25</i>	<b>FEES OF SHERIFF</b>	
Issuing each decree pro confesso on per ser.	1 00			Serving and returning subpoena on deft.	\$ 1 50
Issuing each decree pro confesso on publica	1 00			Serving and returning subpoena for witness	65
Each order appointing guardian	1 00			Levying attachment	1 50
Any other order by Register	50		<i>50</i>	Entering and returning same	25
Issuing Commission to take testimony	50			Selling property attached	
Receiving and filing	10		<i>10</i>	Impaneling Jury	75
Endorsing each package	10		<i>10</i>	Executing Writ of possession	2 50
Entering order submitting cause	50		<i>50</i>	Collecting execution for costs	1 50
Entering any other order of court	25			Serving and returning sci. fa., each	65
Noting all testimony	50		<i>50</i>	Serving and returning notice	65
Abstract of cause, etc.	1 00			Serving and returning writ of injunction	1 50
Entering each decree	75		<i>75</i>	Serving and returning writ of exeat	1 50
For every 100 words over 500	15			Taking and approving bonds, each	75
Taking account, etc.	3 00		<i>5 25</i>	Collecting money on execution	
Taking testimony, etc.	15			Making Deed	2 50
Each report, 500 words or less	2 50			Serving and returning application, etc.	1 00
For every 100 words over 500	15			Serving attachment, contempt of court	1 50
Amount claimed less than \$500, etc.	2 00			<b>TOTAL FEES OF SHERIFF</b>	<i>1 50</i>
Issuing each subpoena	25			<b>RECAPITULATION</b>	
Witness certificate, each	25			Register's Fees	<i>11 25</i>
Issuing execution, each	75			Sheriff's Fees	<i>1 50</i>
Entering each return	15			Commissioner's Fees	<i>5 00</i>
Taking and approving bond, each	1 00			Solicitor's Fees	
Making copy of bill, etc.	15			Witness Fees	
Each notice not otherwise provided for	50			Guardian Ad Litem	
Each certificate or affidavit, with seal	50			Printer's Fees	
Each certificate or affidavit, no seal	25			Trial Tax	3 00
Hearing and passing on application, etc.	3 00			Recording Decree in Probate Court	
Each settlement with Receiver, etc.	3 00			<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>20 75</i>
Examining each voucher of Receiver, etc.	10				
Examining each answer, etc.	3 00				
Recording resignation, etc.	75				
Entering each certificate to Supreme Court	50				
Taking questions and answers, etc.	25				
For all other ser relating to such proceedings	1 00				
For services in proceeding to relieve minors, etc., same fee as in similar cases.					
Commission on sales, etc: 1st \$100, 2 per cent: all over \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000, 1 1-2 per cent; all over \$1,000, and not exceeding \$20,000, 1 per ct; all over 20,000, 1-4 of 1 per cent.					
Sub Total Carried Forward					

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 Complainant,  
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 vs.  
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 Respondent  
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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
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