

# The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

BESSIE FRICER, Complainant

vs.

JOSEPH FRICER Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Joseph Fricker and Joseph Giganek,~~ ~~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.~~   
 ~~Testimony of Bessie Fricer and Joseph Giganek,~~ 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 Bessie Fricer is forever divorced from the said

Joseph Fricer

for and on account of

Cruelty

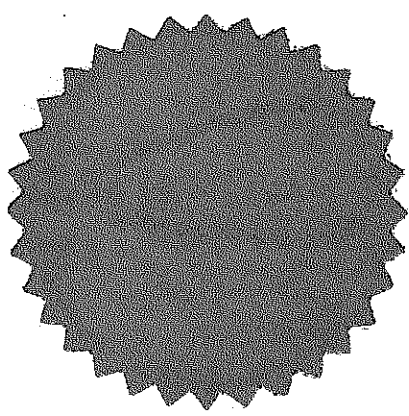
It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that Bessie Fricer and Joseph Fricer be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 30th day of September, 19 37

*J. W. Ware*  
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.

FOOT NOTE:

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

Belle Hase & Belle  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

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

JOSEPH FRICER

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

BESSIE FRICER

against said

JOSEPH FRICER

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 30th day

of September 1937

*Robert S. Duck*

Register

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

BESSIE FRICER,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
JOSEPH FRICER,  
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, BESSIE FRICER, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, JOSEPH FRICER, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That the Complainant and the Respondent are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age.
2. That your Complainant and the Respondent are husband and wife, having intermarried at Detroit, Michigan, on December 6th, 1913.
3. That on to-wit, September 27th, 1937, and various times prior thereto, the Respondent, cursed, threatened and abused the Complainant; that the conduct of the Respondent is such that your Complainant has every reasonable apprehension to believe and does believe that if she continues to live with the Respondent, he will carry out his threats and do actual violence to her person, which will necessarily be attended with danger to her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said JOSEPH FRICER 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 absolute divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent, and Complainant prays 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.

*Bessie Hare & Bessie*  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

Bessie Fricer,

vs.

Joseph Fricer,

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 Bessie Fricer and Joseph Ciganek,

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver,

*R. S. Duck*

Register.



BESSIE FRICER,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
JOSEPH FRICER,  
Respondent.

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

Comes the Respondent, in his own proper person, and waives notice of the time of taking testimony of the witnesses on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross-examine said witnesses; and consents that the matter be submitted for final decree forthwith without further notice.

*Joseph Fricer*  
Respondent.

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**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

Bessie Fricer,

VS.

Joseph Fricer

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 30

day of September 1937

R. S. Duck

REGISTER



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**Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY**

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

**SUMMONS**

VS. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_

SHERIFF

Executed this 9-30 day of

Sept 1937

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Joseph E. Davis

Defendant

M. H. McKeithen  
Sheriff

By E. W. Anderson  
Deputy Sheriff

Solicitor for Complainant

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

BESSIE FRIOW,

Complainant,

VS.

JOSEPH FRIOW,

Respondent.

Filed this 30 day September 1953

*F. S. Drake*

State Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

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Baldwin County

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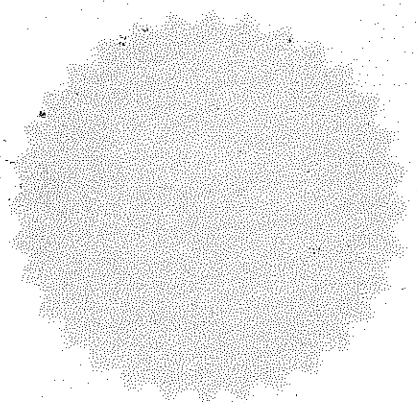
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vs. Complainant.

JOSEPH FRICER,  
Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed this 30th  
day of September, 1937

*W. A. ...*  
Clerk-Register



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BESSIE PRIGER,

Complainant,

VS.

JOSEPH PRIGER,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

Filed this 30 day September 1932  
*A. S. Duck*  
Clerk Baldwin County

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ANSWER:

BESSIE PRIGER,

Complainant,

VS.

JOSEPH PRIGER,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALTIMOR COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

*Filed this 24 day September 1938*  
*R. S. Duce*  
Clerk of the District

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

BESSIE FRICER \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLAINANT

VS.

JOSEPH FRICER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONDENT

I, R. S. DUCK,

as Register and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

have called and caused to come before me Bessie Fricer and Joseph Ciganek

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September,  
1937, at the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Bessie Fricer

\_\_\_\_\_ doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Bessie Fricer. I am the Complainant in the above styled cause. I am over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Silverhill, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

The Respondent, Joseph Fricer, is a resident of Silverhill, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age. The Respondent and I were married at Detroit, in the State of Michigan, on December 6th, 1913. We lived together as husband and wife until September 27th, 1937.

On September 27th, 1937, and various times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed, abused and threatened me and on numbers of occasions committed actual violence by striking me. The conduct of the Respondent is such that it is impossible for me to longer live with him, and his conduct is such that I have every reasonable apprehension to believe and do actually believe that he will carry out his many threats and do further actual violence to me, which will necessarily endanger my life and health.

I have tried hard and used every means to continue to live with the Respondent, but find out that it is absolutely impossible. I cannot live with him as his wife.

Bessie Fricer

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. S. DUCK as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es 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 witness es.; 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 30 day of September 19 37.

R. S. Duck (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

HESSIE PRICER,

COMPLAINANT

VS.

JOSEPH PRICER,

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed September 30, 1937

R. S. Duck, Register.

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Register

JOSEPH CIGANEK, A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

My name is Joseph Ciganek.

I live at Silverhill, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I live near the home of Joseph Fricer and Bessie Fricer, his wife. I know of my own personal knowledge that the Respondent, Joseph Fricer, has often cursed, abused and threatened the Complainant, Bessie Fricer. He has made life so miserable for her that, in my opinion, it is absolutely impossible for her to continue to live with him as his wife. I know of my own personal knowledge that the said Bessie Fricer has never given the said Joseph Fricer reason for treating her as he does.

*Joseph Ciganek*