

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lillie Betterton, Complainant

vs.

Azzie C. Betterton Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Con~~

~~Answer of defendant~~ 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 Lillie Betterton is forever divorced from the said Azzie C. Betterton for and on account of voluntary abandonment.

Complainant is authorized to resume her maiden name, Lillie

M. Raley.

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 Lillie Betterton the complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 25th day of January, 1947

J. W. Hale
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

Lillie Betterton

Complainant.

Vs.

Azzie C. Betterton

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Lillie Betterton

Complainant

VS.

Azzie C. Betterton

Respondent

I, Hazel F. Hall

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lillie Betterton and Mrs Dora
Roley

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 20 day of January
1947, at the office of W. C. Beebe
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Lillie Betterton and
Mrs Dora Roley doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lillie Betterton. I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama where I have resided continuously for more than twelve months next preceeding this date. I am the complainant in that cause pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, against Azzie C. Betterton for divorce. He is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County. We were married at Bratt, Florida, February 13, 1937 and lived together as husband and wife at Perdido in Baldwin County until December 1, 1945 when and where he voluntarily abandoned me without just cause or reasonable excuse and we have not lived together since said date.

Lillie Betterton

My name is Mrs Dora Roley. I am the mother of Lillie Betterton. She and Azzie C. Betterton were married in February, 1937 and lived together at Perdido until December 1, 1945, when he voluntarily abandoned her. They have not lived together since said date. She gave him no cause to leave her as she was always a dutiful wife.

Mrs Dora Roley

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Hazel F. Hall, as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ~~s~~ on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness ~~es~~ and read over to then and they signed the same in the presence of myself and W. C. Beebe at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ~~es~~ or had proom 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 20 day of January, 194 7.

Hazel F. Hall (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Little Betterton

vs. Complainant

Azzie C. Betterton

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To Hazel F. Hall

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 Lillie Betterton and Mrs Dora Roley

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Lillie Betterton is

Complainant
and Azzie C. Betterton is

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 20 day of January, 19 47

Alice J. Smith
Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

LILLIE BETTERTON

Complainant

VS.

AZZIE C. BETTERTON

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

LILLIE BETTERTON
COMPLAINANT

VS

AZZIE BETTERTON
DEFENDANT

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

And now comes the Defendant in his own proper person and accepts service of the summons and complaint in the above styled cause, and denies each and every allegation contained in the bill of complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

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

A C Bitterton
Defendant.

Witnesses:

Louis G. Goss
S. A. Bush

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Answer

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Nichols
Deputy

.....Lillie Betterton.....
Complainant,
VS.
.....Azzie C. Betterton.....
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY.
NO.....

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from
Bay Minette....., in the County of Baldwin.....

Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit:.....Lillie Betterton and.....

.....Mrs Dora Roley.....

2. That said complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a com-
missioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

.....W C Beebe.....
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of.....Hazel F Hall.....

as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

.....W C Beebe.....
Solicitor for Complainant.

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

Lillie Betterton.....
Complainant,

Vs.

Azzie C. Betterton.....
Respondent.

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

Filed this 20..... day of January.....,

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Alice J. Welch.....
Register.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION

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State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

} NO. _____

TERM, 194____.

Lillie Betterton

Complainant—.

VS.

Azzie C. Betterton

Respondent—.

TO R. S. DUCK, REGISTER:

In the above stated cause an Answer
having been filed the Respondent—,
and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and
no defense having been interposed, the complainant—, by W. C. Beebe
Solicitor— of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the
papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

W. C. Beebe
Solicitor— for Complainant—.

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LILLIE BETTERTON

Complainant—

VS.

AZZIE C. BETTERTON

Respondent—

Request For Decree In Vacation

Filed January 20, 1947

Alice J. Wicks
Register.

Lillie Betterton

vs.

Azzie C. Betterton

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,
Answer and Waiver of the Respondent and Deposition of Complainant's
witness, Mrs Dora Roley

and in behalf of Defendant upon

W C Beebe, Atty
Alice J. Duck

Register.

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No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Little Betterton

vs.

Azzie C. Betterton

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 20th
day of January, 1947.

Miss J. Weeks
Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GREETINGS:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon AZZIE C. BETTERTON to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, 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 LILLIE BETTERTON against the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty of the law; and we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereof, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, _____, Register of said Circuit Court,
this _____ day of January, 1947.

Register.

LILLIE BETTERTON
COMPLAINANT

VS.

AZZIE C. BETTERTON
DEFENDANT

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

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

And now comes your Complainant, LILLIE BETTERTON, and humbly
complaining against AZZIE C. BETTERTON, Defendant, respectfully shows
unto your Honor:

FIRST

That your Complainant and the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON, are each
over the age of twenty-one years, and are residence of Baldwin County
where they have resided for more than twelve months next preceeding the
filing of this bill of complaint;

SECOND

That your Complainant and the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON are hus-
band and wife having intermarried at Bratt, Florida on February 13,
1937, and they lived together at Perdido, Alabama as husband and wife
until December 1st, 1945, when the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON voluntarily

abandoned this Complainant without just cause; that the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON and this Complainant have not lived together since the said date, namely, december 1, 1945, when they separated at Perdido, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

WHEREFORE your Complainant prays that this Honorable Court will take the jurisdiction of the cause made by this bill of complaint and make the said AZZIE C. BETTERTON party defendant hereto and by appropriate process requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon the final hearing of this cause this Honorable Court will make and enter a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between this Complainant and the said Defendant and Complainant prays for such other, further or different relief as in equity and good conscience she shall be entitled to receive in the premises.


Solicitor for Complainant.