

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 3

Circuit Court, In Equity

VAN DON WASHINGTON Complainant

vs.

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

ADULTERY

It is further ordered that the said VAN DON WASHINGTON be, and he is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said VAN DON WASHINGTON pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then execution for such costs may be issued against the said PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said VAN DON WASHINGTON shall not again marry except to said PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON during the said pendency of appeal

This 16th day of December 1933.

J. W. Harl  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the day of 19 in the cause of

Complainant

vs.

Defendant

as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the day of 19

Register

Van Don Washington

Complainant,

No.

vs.

Pearline Read Washington

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of

Van Don Washington

that the Defendant Pearline Read Washington

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama her present post office address being unknown to the said affiant

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring Pearline Read Washington said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 9th day of December, 1933, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against Pearline Read Washington

M. A. S. Register.

8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 3

Vacation Term, 1933

VAN DON WASHINGTON, Complainant

vs.

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON, Defendant

To M. A. Stone, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by BEEBE & Hall

Solicitors 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.

*Beebe & Hall*

Solicitor for Complainant.

Van Don Washington  
Complainant,  
vs  
Pearline Read Washington,  
Respondent.

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

Comes the respondent in her own proper person, and waives notice of the time of taking testimony on the part of the respondent; the right to cross examine witnesses on behalf of the Complainant, and agrees that the matter may be submitted for final decree forthwith, without any further notice.

Pearline Read Washington

Witness:

John D. Faggis

Van Don Washington,  
Complainant,

vs

Pearline Read Washington,  
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY

Comes the Respondent in her own proper person and for answer to the Complaint heretofore filed in the above styled cause, and each paragraph thereof, says:

That she denies each and every allegation contained therein and demands strict proof of the same.

Witness:

Joe P. Page

Pearline Read Washington

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

Comes your complainant, VAN DON WASHINGTON, and humbly complaining against PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST:

That your complainant is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years; that he has been such resident for more than three years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the said Pearline Read Washington is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her present post-office address being unknown.

SECOND:

That your complainant and the respondent were married on December 6, 1925, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that they lived together as husband and wife until on or about January 8, 1933.

THIRD:

That in and during the months of December, 1932, and January, 1933, said respondent did on several occasions commit the act of adultery with several persons whom are unknown to your complainant; that your complainant has been unable to learn the names of the men with whom said acts were committed; that the said respondent did on or about January 8, 1933, leave your complainant's home accompanied by one of the said men the said respondent was guilty of having committed the said act of adultery with.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Pearline Read Washington party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring her to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto him a decree of absolute divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between him and the

said Pearlina Read Washington.

Your complainant prays that your Honorable Court will grant him the right to remarry; and your complainant further prays that your Honor will give and grant unto him such other, further, different or general relief as he may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive. And as in duty bound he will ever pray.

Beebe & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing bill of complaint, from Paragraphs FIRST to THIRD inclusive, but not under oath; oath being hereby expressly waived.

Beebe & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

The State of Alabama, { Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.
Baldwin County.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama--GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Pearlina Read Washington

of 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

Van Don Washington

against said Pearlina Read Washington

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, M. A. Stone, Register of said Circuit Court, this 20th day of November 1933

M. A. Stone Register

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



8581 NOTE OF TESTIMONY

VAN DON WASHINGTON

vs.

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

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,

1. Notice to Non-Resident
2. Publishers certificate of Publication,
3. Answer,
4. Waiver of notice of time of taking testimony etc...
5. Oral Depositions
5. Request for Decree in Vacation

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*M. A. Stone*

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Baldwin

County.

No. 3

Vacation

Term, 19 33

Van Don Washington

Complainant

vs.

Pearline Read Washington

Defendant

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Register of said Court, R. B. Vail

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Van Don Washington

Complainant

and

Pearline Read Washington

Defendant

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November

19 33

and ending on the

30<sup>th</sup>

day of November

19 33

R. B. Vail

Publisher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

11<sup>th</sup>

day of

December

19 33

M. A. Stone

Register.

The State of Alabama }  
Baldwin County

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

VAN DON WASHINGTON

COMPLAINANT

VS.

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

RESPONDENT

I, M. A. STONE

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me VAN DON WASHINGTON

witness named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 9 day of December  
1933, at the office of M. A. Stone, Clerk and Register,

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said VAN DON WASHINGTON

doth depose and say as follows:

My Name is Van Don Washington, I am the Complainant in the above  
styléd cause. I married Pearline Read Washington in Stockton,  
Baldwin County, Alabama, December 6, 1925. We lived together as  
husband and wife until about January 8th, 1933. In December, 1932  
and in January of 1933, Pearline Read Washington committed the act  
of adultery on several occasions with George Barns at Carney Station  
in Baldwin County, Alabama. On or about the 8th of January of this  
year, she left me and went off with George Barns, and lived in  
adultery with him and she is still living in adultery with George  
Barns to this day.

*Van Don Washington*

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

Comes your complainant, VAN DON WASHINGTON, and humbly complaining against PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST:

That your complainant is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years; that he has been such resident for more than three years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the said Pearline Read Washington is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her present post-office address being unknown.

SECOND:

That your complainant and the respondent were married on December 6, 1925, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that they lived together as husband and wife until on or about January 8, 1933.

THIRD:

That in and during the months of December, 1932, and January, 1933, said respondent did on several occasions commit the act of adultery with several persons whom are unknown to your complainant; that your complainant has been unable to learn the names of the men with whom said acts were committed; that the said respondent did on or about January 8, 1933, leave your complainant's home accompanied by one of the said men the said respondent was guilty of having committed the said act of adultery with.

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Your complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto him a decree of absolute divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between him and the

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Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing bill of complaint, from Paragraphs FIRST to THIRD inclusive, but not under oath; oath being hereby expressly waived.

  
Solicitors for Complainant.

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Mr. A. Stone as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness and read over to them and them signed the same in the presence of myself and P. Gray Stone, John Beebe at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness; 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1933.

Mr. A. Stone (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

VAN DON WASHINGTON

COMPLAINANT

VS.

EARLINE READ WASHINGTON  
RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1933

Mr. A. Stone, Register.  
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THE DEPOSITION OF PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

My name is Pearline Read Washington, I was married to Van Don Washington in December 1925. I left Van Don Washington in January of this year. I am at present cooking and living in the house with George Barns. I have a child Two Months old whose father is George Barns. I have not lived with Van Don Washington since I left him in January of this year.

Pearline Read Washington  
(Colored)

THE DEPOSITION OF MAGGIE ANDREWS

My name is Maggie Andrews, I know Pearline Read Washington. Pearline came to my house in January of this year when she left Van Don Washington. Pearline stayed at my house until she left my house and went to Mr. Pages Farm to cook for George Barns. She is now living in the house with George Barns and has a child about two months old. I do not know who is the Father of the child. Pearline and George live in a house by them selves and no one else lives there with them.

Maggie Andrews  
(Colored.)

DEPOSITION OF WILLIE MAE CLARK LAHAM

My name is Willie Mae Clark Lanham. Pearline Read Washington is at present living on Mr. Page's place in a house with George Barns. No one else lives in the house with them. She has a child tow months old that she says is her child by George Barns. I do not know when she left Van Don Washington., but it was sometime the first of this year. Since she left Van Don Washington, she has not been back to live with him.

Willie Mae Clark Lanham  
(Colored)  
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Witness  
J. H. Case  
J. P. [unclear]

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

VAN DON WASHINGTON --

vs.

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

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IN EQUITY

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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Received in office this 20

day of Nov 1933

SHERIFF

Van Don Washington

Executed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1933

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

vs.

Pearline Read Washington  
Defendant

Pearline Read Washington

W. F. Stewart  
Sheriff

Solicitor for Complainant

By Gold D. Page, Jr.  
Deputy Sheriff

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VAN DON WASHINGTON

VS

PEARLINE HEAD WASHINGTON

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Washington

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**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT**

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Van Don Washington, Complainant,  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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VAN DON WASHINGTON

VS

PEARLINE READ WASHINGTON

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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day of December 11<sup>th</sup> 1953

*W. A. Stone*  
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