

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE A. E. GAMBLE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT?
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA---IN EQUITY.

Your Oratorix, Jessie Paul Nelms, respectfully
respresnts and shown unto your Honor as follows;

FIRST.

That she is a bona fide resident citizen of the
County of Baldwin and State of Alabama, residing at Bay Minette,
Alabama. That she has been a resident of the State of Alabama
for a period of more than the last three proceeding years next
before the filing of this bill, and that she is over the age
of twenty-one years of age.

That Dan Nelms is over the age of twenty-one years
and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Bluff
Springs, Florida.

SECOND.

That your Oratrix and the said Dan Nelms were
lawfully married about Eighteen months ago and lived together as
husband and wife until, to-wit: Three months ago, at which
time they separated and since said time have not lived together
as husband and wife. Dan Nelms voluntarily abandoned Oratrix.

THIRD.

That at the time of the said separation the said
Dan Nelms threaten to kill Your Oratrix, and that on divers and
sundry occasion the said Dan Nelms threaten your Oratrix, and
that from such cruel treatment toward your Oratrix, her life or
health was in danger, and from the conduct of the said Dan Nelms,
your Oratrix had reasonable apprehension of danger of life or health.

THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN RE THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. HARRIS
DECEASED
JAMES M. HARRIS, DECEASED, BY HIS WILL, DATED 1910, BEQUEATHED TO HIS WIFE, SARAH M. HARRIS, ALL HIS REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD TO HER, HER HEIRS AND ASSESSORS, DURING HER NATURAL LIFE, AND AFTER HER DEATH, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD TO THE CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD TO THEM, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSESSORS, IN FEE SIMPLE.

WITNESSETH

THAT THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE WILL OF JAMES M. HARRIS, DECEASED, AS THE SAME APPEARS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DO HEREBY SET OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF OFFICE, AT WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1911.

WITNESSETH

THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DO HEREBY SET OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF OFFICE, AT WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1911.

ATTEST: CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

BY THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

The premises considered, your Oratrix respectfully prays that the said Dan Nelms, defendant, be made party respondent to this bill of complaint by the usual process of this Honorable Court, and that he be required to demur, plead to or answer the same within the time and under the penalties as provided by law, or that the same be forever confessed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

That upon the final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto Oratrix an absolute divorce from the said Dan Nelms; that your Oratrix will be again allowed to contract marriage; that if your Oratrix is mistaken in the relief prayed that your Honor will grant unto her such other, further, different and general relief as she may in justice and equity she may be entitled

PAGE & MOORE.
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE: The Defendant, Dan Nelms, is required to answer each and every allegation of the foregoing bill of complaint, numbered from ONE to THREE, both inclusive, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

PAGE & MOORE,
Solicitors for Complainant.

Subscribed to before me this 20th day of August, 1919.

Fessie Nelms
Henry D. Moore
Notary Public.

Largest Weekly Circulation in South Alabama

Bay Minette, Ala., December 30th, 1919

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Jessie Paul Nelms, Complainant

VS
Dan Nelms, Defendant

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

THE BALDWIN TIMES

ABNER J. SMITH, PROPR.

FINE JOB PRINTING. BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM

PROMPT SERVICE. LOWEST PRICES.

LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

All Bills Must Be Paid Within 30 Days

To publishing above Notice to Non-Resident in The
Baldwin Times, in issues of December 4-11-18-25, 1919:
148 words @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per word..... \$6.66

Buy Mennette, Ala., December 20th, 1918

Locate Paul Helms, Complainant

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

vs
Paul Helms, Defendant

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ABNER J. SMITH, PROP.

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TELEPHONE NO. 7, LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Notice to Non-Resident.

Jessie Paul Nelms, Complainant vs.
Dan Nelms, Defendant. The
State of Alabama, Baldwin County.
Circuit Court, in Equity.
This the 1st day of December,
1919.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Jessie Paul Nelms, that the Defendant Dan Nelms, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, 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 him the said Dan Nelms to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 7th day of January, 1919, or after thirty therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

T. W. Richerson,
Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

ABNER J. SMITH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Notice to Non-Resident.

Jessie Paul Nelms, Complainant vs.
Dan Nelms, Defendant. The
State of Alabama, Baldwin County.
Circuit Court, in Equity.
This the 1st day of December,
1919.

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

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| Date of first publication | December 4th, 1919 | Vol. 30 | No. 42 |
| " " second " | December 11th, 1919 | Vol. 30 | No. 43 |
| " " third " | December 18th, 1919 | Vol. 30 | No. 44 |
| " " fourth " | December 25th, 1919 | Vol. 30 | No. 45 |

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this 2nd day of Jan 1920.

T. W. Richerson

Clerk Circuit Court.

Abner J. Smith
Publisher.

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Anna Louise Nelson
per
John Nelson

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin

County.

No. 189. CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Jessie Paul Nelms

Complainant

vs.

Dan Nelms,

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Dan Nelms,

Defendant

of Publication

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of ~~summons~~ upon said Defendant.....; and that said ~~summons~~ was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....has

failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 7 day of Feb 1920

Payson
Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Jessie Paul News.

vs.

Sam News.

MOTION FOR DECREE
PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Filed

Feb 9th 1920

D. W. McIlwain

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 189 Spring Term, 1920

James Paul Nelson. Complainant.....
vs. Dan Nelson. Defendant.....

In this cause it appears to the Register..... that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 4th day of Dec, 1919, in the Baldwin Times a newspaper published in Bay Minette Baldwin Co. Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 4th day of Dec 1919, and ending Dec 28th 1919.

And it now further appearing to the Register D. W. Richardson, that the said

Dan Nelson;

having to the date hereof failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant....., ordered and decreed by the Register..... that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Dan Nelson

This 7th day of Feb, 1920

D. W. Richardson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Jessie Paul Wilmer

vs.

Sam Wilmer

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PUBLICATION.

Issued Feb 9th 1920

M. R. Picum
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 189. Vacation Term, 19120.

Jessie Paul Nelms, Complainant.

vs.

Dan Nelms, Defendant.

To T.W. Richerson, 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 Hon H.D. Moorers,

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.

T.W. Richerson

Solicitor for Complainant.

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

Jessie Paul Nelms,

vs.

Dan Nelms,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION.

Filed July 29th, 1920.

D. W. Richardson

Register

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Jessie Paul Nelms,

vs.

Dan Nelms.

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,

decree pro confesso and testimony of Jessie Paul Nelms and

Gulie Paul

and in behalf of Defendant upon

D. M. Peterson

Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Jessie Paul Nelms,

vs.

Dan Nelms.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 29th
day of July, 1920. 191

D. W. Richardson
Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 189.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Jessie Paul Nelms,

Complainant

vs.

Dan Nelms,

Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and testimony of 2 witnesses,

and 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

her 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 said

Jessie Paul Nelms,

is forever divorced from the said

Dan Nelms,

for and on account of

Cruelty,

as alleged in said Bill of Complaint;

It is further ordered, that the said Jessie Paul Nelms, be, and she 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 Jessie Paul Nelms, 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 issue against the said Dan Nelms,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Jessie Paul Nelms, shall not again marry except to said Dan Nelms, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Dan Nelms, during the pendency of said appeal.

This

17th day of December 1920

John D. Leigh
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

No. 189.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Jessie Paul Nelms,

vs.

Dan Nelms.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

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J. W. McArthur

Register.

E. O. M.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Jessie Paul Nelms

Complainant

VS.

Dan Nelms

Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the following witnesses:

Jessie Paul Nelmswho reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in Bay Minette Alabama,on this the 24th day of July 1920, and there being presentJ. H. McQueen

The said Complainant being first sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

My name is Jessie Paul nelms. I have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama all my life and I am over twenty-one years of age. I reside in Bay Minette, Alabama. Dan Nelms is over twenty-one years of age and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Bluff Springs, Fla. the last time I heard of him, and when we separated. Dan Nelms and myself were lawfully married about 18 months before the filing of this bill and lived together as man and wife until a shorth time ago something like three months at which time we separated and have not lived together as man and wife since. Dan Nelms has not lived with me nor has he contributed toward my support since said separation. Dan Nelms and myself lived together and no body lived with us.

At the time of separation Dan Nelms threatened to kill me and on different times before the said separation threatened to cut my throat. At the time of separation Dan Nelms pointed a shot gun in my face and told me that he would kill me if I did not hush my "God Dam Mouth". He often threatened to cut my throat. On one occasion I started to work and he called me back and wanted me to get him some tobacco and an old whip. I told him I did not have time and asked him to get it. He told me that it was no use to get up and work when you had some one to do it for you. He threatened to cut my throat at this time after some word were passed. His conduct was so bad that I was afraid that he would kill me and my life was in danger often.

Jessie Paul Nelms

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of July, 1920.

J. H. McQueen

Register.

Testimony of Gulie Paul:

I know Jessie Paul Nelms and Dan Nelms. They are man and wife. I lived with them a short time while they were living together. Jessie Paul Nelms is my daughter. Dan Nelms was cruel to Jessie Paul Nelms and would not work at all. He made no provision for her support and got mad with her if she mentioned it at all. Dan Nelms threatened to kill Jessie Paul Nelms and made this statement in my presence. He was constantly fussing with her and there was no peace between them when together, and the whole trouble was caused by Dan Nelms. They have not lived together for sometime. My daughter, Jessie Paul Nelms has been living with me since she and Dan Nelms separated.

Gulie Paul

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of
July, 1920.

J. W. Riceman
Register.

I, J. W. Richmond, as Register

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition..... on oral examination taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness us and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of the said witness....., or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness us; that I am not of 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 envelope to the Register of said Court, and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 2nd day of July, 1920
J. W. Richmond (L. S.)

WITNESS FEES.

I hereby certify that the following named witnesses are entitled to the amounts stated below:

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Jessie Paul Nelson

vs. Complainant,

Sam Nelson.

Defendant.

Deposition Taken Before Register on Oral Examination.

testimony for
Deposition of *Complainant*

for _____

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J. W. Rimmer

Register.