

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

No. 5

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

Bessie May Chambless Complainant

vs.

David Chambless 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, on account of _____

Cruelty and Adultery

It is further ordered, that the said Bessie May Chambless 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 David Chambless 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 _____

Bessie May Chambless

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Bessie May Chambless shall not again marry except to said David Chambless until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said David Chambless

_____ during the said pendency of appeal

This 23rd day of February 19 34

F. W. HARE

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA }
BALDWIN COUNTY }

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

I, Robert S. Duck, 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 23rd day of February 1934,

in the cause of _____

Bessie May Chambless Complainant

vs.

David Chambless Defendant

as appears of record in said Court.

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

day of March, 19 35

_____ Register

No. 5

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY,
Baldwin County, Ala.

Bessie May Chambliss

vs

David Chambliss

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Filed in office this _____

day of _____, 19____

Register.

E. O. M. _____

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No. 5

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Bessie May Chambless

VS

David Chambless

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 21st

day of February 1934

M. A. Stone
Register

The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

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

Bessie Mae Chambless COMPLAINANT

VS.

David Chambless RESPONDENT

I, M. A. Stone,

as Register and Commissioner of the Circuit Court and Register in Chancery

have called and caused to come before me Bessie Mae Chambless and Hilda Nowling

Mrs. Grady Long,

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 15th day of February,

1934, at the office of M. A. Stone, Register.,

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 Mae Chambless,

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Bessie Mae Chambless, the Complainant in this cause. I reside at Perdido, Alabama. I have lived been a bona fide citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama since 1904. The Respondent, David Chambless resides at Perdido, Alabama. The Respondent, David Chambless, and my self were legally married at Bay Minette, Alabama, April 5th, 1933, and we have lived together as husband and wife until August 18th, 1933, when we separated and we have not lived together since as husband and wife. The Respondent, David Chambless and my self are both over the age of 21 years, and both residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.

part
The Cause of our separation was cruelty on the ~~part~~ of the Respondent toward me and threats of personal violence to my person, and the adulterous conduct of said respondent. The reason I left the respondent was because that at 3 o' clock on Friday Morning of August the 18th, 1933 while I was up waiting on my sick mother, Mrs. J. Ol Lenoir, now deceased, I heard Hilda Nowling, scream in her room, one of the rooms of the same, house, where she slept, and who was at the time working for us as a household helper. I had to go through the respondents room, where he slept, to get to Hilda's Nowling's room, where she slept. The Respondent, David Chambless, was not in his room, but he was in Hilda Nowling's room, where he had no business at that time of night, When I went to Hilda's room; I met David Chambless at the door and ask him what he was doing in Hilda's room at that time of the night. He cursed me and said it was none of my business. Then I ask Hilda what he was doing and she said that someone had frightened her, and she said it was David Chambless, and that he had leaned over her and had put his hands on her while she was asleep. And David Chambless went through his room into the room where my mother was, which room is joining his room. Between Hilda's room and David Chambless's room is a small space, or entry, and before going back into his room he ~~shooked~~ me and cursed me. The Respondent said I suppose you will be going to Bay Minette, and report me, but if you do, I will hurt you and hurt you bad. Then he went into my mother's room and I followed him. I lighted a lamp as soon as I went in he was nacked except for a blue serge street coap that came only

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, W. 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 as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and S. C. Jenkins at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness as or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness as; 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 21 day of February, 1934.

W. A. Stone (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Essie Mae Chambers

COMPLAINANT

VS.

David Chambers

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed February 21, 1934 1934

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about to his hips. And shortly after this, the Respondent, David Chambless, left the premises and I didn't see him any more., until i was about to leave there, about three days later. Before this time Hilda Nowling begged me not to leave the house with her alone in it with him because he tried to fumble her with his hands and talk matter s with her that she didn't like. And the reason I left the respondent was not only on account of actual violence he did do my person by chokeing me but he made threats to me which made me apprehensive that he would commit further acts of violence to me and on another he had threatened me in the cow shed by trying to run a cow over me and said at the time that he was going to kill me. These threats were accompanied by acts of movements which give me a reasonable apprehension that he would commit acts of actual violence that would endanger my life and health.

violence

Bessie May Chambless

HILDA NOWLING

My name is Hilda Nowling. I was formerly Hilda Hicks before I married. I live , now, at DeFuniak Springs, Florida, but I formerly lived in Perdido, Alabama, in the house with Mr. and Mrs. David Chambless. When I lived there they lived together as husband and wife and were married. They are both over 21 years of age and are both residents of Baldwin County Alabama, and both reside at Perdido , Alabama, in said county. I had been living with them about a month prior to August 18th, 1933. And I was there , living in the house, at this time, to-wit: August, 18, 1933. I slept in a room in the back part of the house. There was an entry, or passage way, between my room and the room where David Chambless slept. On the morning of August 18th, about 3 o'clock, in the night, while I was asleep in my bed, someone was leaning over me and placed their hand on my arm and it awoke me and I was frightened and screamed , calling Mrs. Chambless. When I called Mrs. Chambless , the Respondent, David Chambless, told me to hush and be quite. When Mrs. Chambless came David Chambless met her in the entry between his room and my room where they had some struggle.. Mr. Chambless seemed to be chokeing her and she screamed. From there they left and I do not know any more about that. But before this time and on other occasions, David Chambless put his hands on me and tried to hug me up and play with me in ways I did not like and I told Mrs. Chambless about this. Before this he had treated his wife cruelly and I know this of my own knowledge, cursed her and made threats of violence to her as to what he would do to her.

Hilda Nowling

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 David Chambless

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 Mae Chambless

against said David Chambless

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 13 th 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.

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SERVE ON _____
Circuit Court of Baldwin County
IN EQUITY

No. _____
SUMMONS

Bessie Mae Chambliss

VS.

David Chambliss

S.C. Jenkins
Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this 13th day
of November 1933

W. B. Stewart
SHERIFF

Executed this 23rd day of
November 1933

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with
David Chambliss

W. B. Stewart Defendant
Sheriff

By [Signature]
Deputy Sheriff

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

No. 5. CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Pessie May Chambless Complainant
vs.

David Chambless Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register

that a summons requiring the Defendant David Chambless

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after the service of said Summons upon David Chambless was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 15th day of November 19 33

And the said Defendant having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date, it is now, therefore, on motion of S. C. Jenkins, attorney for Defendant

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said David Chambless

Defendant aforesaid.

This 21st day of February 19 34

M. A. Strou Register.

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Bessie May Chambliss

vs.

David Chambliss

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE**

Issued February 21, 1934

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Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala., IN EQUITY.

Bessie Mae Chambers
vs.
David Chambliss

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

BILL OF COST

	Dollars	Cts.		\$	Cts.
Fees of Register			AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD		
Filing each bill and other papers 5	\$	10	For receiving, keeping and paying out or distributing money, etc. 1st \$1,000 1 per ct.; all over \$1,000 and not over \$5,000, 3-4 of 1 per ct.; all over \$5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000, 1-2 of 1 per ct.; all over \$10,000, 1-4 of 1 per ct.		
Issuing each Subpoena		50	Receiving, keeping and paying out money paid into court, etc., 1-2 of 1 per ct. of amount received.		
Issuing each copy thereof		40	Each Notice Sent by Mail to Creditors	15	
Entering each return thereof		15	Filing, Receipting for and Docketing each Claim, etc	25	
For each Order of Publication	1	00	For all entries on Subpoena Docket, etc.	50	
Issuing Writ of Injunction	1	50	For all entries on Commission Docket, etc.	50	
For each Copy thereof		50	Making Final Record, per hundred words	15	
Entering each return thereof		15	Certified Copy of Decree	1 00	
Issuing Writ of Attachment	1	00	Report of Divorce to State Health Office	50	
Entering each return thereof		15	Acts 1915		
Docketing each case	1	00	Total Fees of Register		
Entering each Appearance		25			
Issuing each Decree Pro Confesso on personal service	1	00	FEEES OF SHERIFF		
Issuing each Decree Pro Confesso on publication	1	00	Serving and Returning Subpoena on Deft.	\$ 50	
Each Order Appointing Guardian	1	00	Serving and Returning Subpoena for Witness	65	
Any other order by Register		50	Levyng Attachment	3 00	
Issuing Commission to Take Testimony		50	Entering and Returning same	25	
Receiving and Filing		10	Entering and Returning Execution	25	
Endorsing each package		10	Selling Property Attached	25	
Entering Order Submitting Cause		50	Impaneling Jury	75	
Entering any other Order of Court		25	Executing Writ of Possession	2.50	
Noting all Testimony		50	Collecting Execution for Costs	1.50	
Abstract of Cause, etc.	1	00	Serving and Returning Sci. Fa., each	65	
Entering each Decree		75	Serving and Returning Notice	65	
For Every Hundred Words Over Five Hundred		15	Serving and Returning Writ of Injunction	1.50	
Taking Account on Reference	3	00	Serving and Returning Writ of Exeat	1.50	
Taking Testimony, etc.		15	Taking and Approving Bonds, each	1.00	
Each Report, Five Hundred Words or less		2 50	Collecting Money on Execution		
For every Hundred Words Over Five Hundred		15	Making Deed	2.50	
Amount Claimed, Less than Five Hundred Dollars, etc.	2	00	Serving and Returning Application	1.00	
Issuing each Subpoena		25	Serving Attachment, Contempt of Court	1.50	
Witness Certificate, each		25	TOTAL FEES OF SHERIFF		1 50
Issuing Execution, each		75			
Entering each Return		15	Recapitulation		
Taking and Approving Bond, each	1	00	Register's Fees		7 90
Making Copy of Bill, etc.		15	Sheriff's Fees		1 50
Each notice not otherwise provided for		50	Commissioner's Fees		5 00
Each Certificate or Affidavit, with Seal		50	Solicitor's Fees		
Each Certificate or Affidavit, no Seal		25	Witness Fees		
Hearing and passing on application for Receiver or Trustee	3	00	Guardian Ad Litem		
Each Settlement with Receiver or Trustee	3	00	Printer's Fees		
Examining each Voucher of Receiver or Trustee		10	Trial Tax	3 00	
Examining each Answer on Exception	3	00	Recording Decree in Probate Court		
Recording Resignation or Suggestion of Death of Trustee		75	Total		17 40
Entering each Certificate to Supreme Court		50			
Taking Questions and Answers, etc.		25			
For all other service relating to such proceedings	1	00			
For service in proceeding to relieve minors, etc. same fee as in similar cases.					
Commission on sales, etc.: 1st \$100, 2 percent; all over \$100, and not exceeding \$1000, 1 1/2 per cent; all over \$1,000 and not exceeding \$20,000, 1 per cent; all over \$20,000, 1-4 of 1 per cent.					
Sub Total Carried Forward - - -					

Received payment this _____ day of _____ 193_____

Register.

NOTE: Unless the above costs in this cause are paid within ten days of the present date, execution will be issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff for collection, creating more costs.

Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala.
In Equity.

No. 5

Bessie Mae Chambers

VS.

Donald Chambers

Cost Bill

Paid _____, 193

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Bessie Mae Chambless, Complainant, } In The Circuit Court of Baldwin
vs } County, Alabama.
David Chambless, Respondent .) In Equity.

To the Honorable Francis W Hare, Judge of the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which includes Baldwin County:

Humbly complaining, your Oratrix, Bessie Mae Chambless, respectfully represents unto your Honor as follows:-

1. Your Oratrix, Bessie Mae Chambless and David Chambless, the respondent, were legally married in Baldwin County, at Bay Minette, Alabama on, to wit, April 5th, 1933 and lived together as a husband and wife until to wit, the 18th of August, 1933, when your Orator caught respondent on the night before in the room of the hired girl, Hilda Huggins, who lived with them; the respondent was without any clothes on and she picked up his under clothing or his jumper from off the bed of Hilda Huggins; respondent ran out of the room of Hilda's and told her, complainant, if she said anything about catching him in this compromising or adulterous situation, he would hurt her, complainant, and hurt her bad. Through fear of great bodily harm, which would endanger her health and life, she left the house of respondent and went to live with her sister, Mrs. M.J. Thompson, near Perdido, where she has resided every since and she has in nowise or in any way since - she left the home of respondent condoned his adultery or attempted - adultery with one Hilda Huggins, on to wit the night of August 17th, 1933. When she caught respondent in the compromising situation as set out above with Hilda Huggins, she asked him what he was doing in Hilda's room; he then cursed her and told her it was none of her business. He took hold of her and threw her down on the side of the bed and choked her and then said if she told any one about what he had done that night he would hurt her and - hurt her bad, referring to your Oratrix.

Before this incident of respondent's conduct on August 17th, 1933 as relate above, the respondent on August 1st, 1933, or about that time, had put his arm around Hilda Huggins and made unseemly advances toward her and asked her if she knew anything about "rubber goods".

2. Before respondent committed these acts of actual violence on the person of your oratrix or Complainant, as set out in paragraph one of this Bill, respondent's conduct has been cruel towards complainant, and with these acts of actual violence committed upon her person, attended with danger to her

life and health, complainant was forced to leave the home of the respondent and go to live with her sister as above set out, on to wit, August 18th, 1933. 3. That your Oratrix has been a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than three years next before the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause and since her separation from respondent on account of his cruel and adulterous conduct as set out in paragraph one of the Bill she has not lived with respondent; that respondent and your Oratrix are both resident citizens of Baldwin County and are both over the ages of twenty-one years and both now reside at Perdido Station, Alabama in said county.

Wherefore, your Oratrix, prays that the respondent, the said David Chambless, by proper process of this Honorable Court be brought before this Honorable court and be directed to answer the charges herein made against him under the rules of this court; that he may be made a party defendant or respondent to this Bill of Complaint and that upon a final hearing of the evidence in the cause, your Honor will order, adjudge, and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your Oratrix and the said David Chambless be forever dissolved and that your Oratrix will be permitted to marry again and that she be granted such other and further relief as may in equity and good conscience seem proper and meet to your Honor.

And your Oratrix will ever pray etc .

S Jenkins

Solicitor for the Complainant.

Footz Note :

The respondent is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint from 1 to 3 inclusive, but not under oath, his answer under oath is hereby expressly waived .

S Jenkins

Solicitor for the Complainant .

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Bureau Mac & Tankers
Employment

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Basil Chomblee
Resident

Basil Chomblee
Resident
Filed Nov. 13, 1933

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W. A. Stone
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The State of Alabama, } No. 5 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY
Baldwin County }

Bessie May Chambless Complainant
vs.
David Chambless Defendant

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It is further ordered, that the said David Chambless 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 Bessie May Chambless

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Bessie May Chambless shall not again marry except to said David Chambless until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said David Chambless during the said pendency of appeal

This 23rd day of February 1934
F. W. Hare
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

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No. 5

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY,
Baldwin County, Ala.

Bessie May Chambliss

vs

David Chambliss

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Filed in office this 24

day of Feb., 1934

W. D. Stone
Register.

E. O. M.