

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 291

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Addie A Fatheree,

Complainant

vs.

Sidney B Fatheree,

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Cruelty attended with violence of such nature as to endanger her life or limb

2<sup>nd</sup> For inhuman treatment of such a nature as to threaten her life or limb by such an ~~act~~ <sup>as</sup> to make it dangerous to live with him.

It is further ordered, that the said Addie A Fatheree, and Sidney B Fatheree <sup>are</sup> be, and they <sup>are</sup> hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Sidney B Fatheree, 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 Addie A Fatheree,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Addie A Fatheree, shall not again marry except to said Sidney B Fatheree, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said Sidney B Fatheree, during the pendency of said appeal.

This 18 day of February 1921  
John D. Leigh  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1921, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1921

Register.



No. 291.....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY,  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Addie A Fatheree,

Vs.

Sidney B Fatheree,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 22nd

day of February, 1921

J. M. Richardson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

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Addie A. Fatheree, )  
Complainant. )  
  
VS/ )  
  
Sidney B. Fatheree, )  
Defendant. )

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

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

1st. Your Complainant, Addie A. Fatheree, respectfully shows unto  
your Honor that she and the defendant, Sidney B. Fatheree, are both  
over the age of twenty-one years, and that she is bona fide resi-  
dents of Baldwin county, Alabama, <sup>and has so resided for more than three years</sup> and that Defendant so resided for more  
than three years continuously, next preceding the filing of this  
her Bill for Divorce, until July 1920, when he went to Saucier, Mississ-  
ippi, and where he now lives and which is his Post Office address.

2nd. That she and the Defendant were married at Dyas, Baldwin County,  
Alabama, on the 19 day of December 1912; that they lived together  
as man and wife until the 21 day of June 1920, when without fault on  
her part Complainant was compelled to leave the Defendant because of  
his utter failure ~~to~~ and refusal to provide any means of support  
whatever for Complainant and their two children, and complainant was  
compelled to go out in the world to provide sustenance for herself  
and her said two children.

3rd. That Defendant ~~has~~ also treated her with cruelty in such a man-  
ner at different times and from ~~which~~ his conduct towards Complainant  
she had and has cause to believe he would by his said treatment, ~~that~~  
endanger ~~her~~ her life and health, as well as her permanent peace of  
mind, and from his conduct there was and is reasonable apprehension  
of violence on his part towards complainant as would endanger her health  
and possibly her life.

Filing Bill of Complainant  
next Proceeding



4th.

That of said marriage between Complainant and Defendant, two children were <sup>born,</sup> as follows; Irma Fatheree, now five years old; and Garner Fatheree, now seven years old. That both of said children now reside with ~~with~~ the Complainant who is supporting them as well as herself by working out.

The preises considered, Complainant prays that your Honor take jurisdiction of this her# Bill for Divorce, and that her said husband, Sidney B. Fatheree, be made party defendant hereto, according to the rules and practice of this Honorable Court, and required to plead, answer, or demur to said complaint.

of  
And upon the hearing/this cause Complainant prays your Honor to decree her an absolute divorce from the Defendant, Sidney B. Fatheree, and that she be awarded the ~~custody~~ custody of the above named children, with such other, further and different relief as in equity she be entitled to receive. And as in duty bound she will ever# pray.

x Addie A. Fatheree  
Complainant.

Abner J. Smith  
Attorney for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE;

The Defendant is required to answer each and every allegation of the foregoing complaint, but not under Oath. Answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

Abner J. Smith  
Attorney for Complainant.

Addie A. Fatherree, )  
Complainant )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

VS )

IN EQUITY. )

*Sid*ney B. Fatherree, )  
Defendant )

Comes the defendant *Sid*ney B. Fatherree, and for answer to the complaint made in the above styled case, by his wife. He <sup>denies</sup> every allegation and demands strict proof of same.

He waives service by the sheriff of subpoena on said bill, notice of filing of the interrogatories, or any proceeding to take testimony on oral examination as well as the right to cross examine, and consents to this cause being submitted for decree on note of testimony made by the register either in term time or vacation.

Dated at Bay Minette, Alabama, this 14th, day of Jan-

uary 1921.

*Witness*  
*R. M. Ross*  
*J. W. Brinson*

*Sidney B. Fatherree*  
Complainant.



Addie A. Fatheree,

vs.

Sidney B. Fatheree,

CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY,

IN EQUITY.

I, T.W. Richerson, Register of said Court. do hereby certify that I

did, on the 19th, day of January, 1921, send to

Sidney B. Fatheree, Defendant

whose address was Saucier, Miss,

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the

Bill of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court;

and that such receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the 22nd day of

January, 1921. ~~19~~

Witness my hand, this 12th day of February, 19 21.

T.W. Richerson

Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

Addie A Fatheree,

vs.

Sidney B Fatheree,

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this 12th.....

day of Feb 19 21.....

*G. W. Peterson*  
Register.



Addie A Fatheree, )  
Complainant. ) Circuit Court of Baldwin  
vs )  
Sidney B Fatheree, Defendant. ) County In Equity.  
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Comes the Complainant in the above styled cause and  
files this ~~her~~ application for oral examination of Addie A  
Fatheree, and ada A Woodward, witnesses for the complainant, and  
suggests the the Register as a suitable person to act as commissioner  
in taking the testimony of said witnesses.

*Abner J. Smith*

~~Abner J. Smith~~

Attorney for Complainant.



The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Addie A Fatheree, Complainant

vs.

Sidney B Fatheree, Defendant

Deposition of Mrs Ada A Woodward,

By virtue of the application oral testimony of witnesses to take the Deposition in case in writing on the Interrogatories by the

Solicitor filing the same, in the above stated cause pending in said Court of said County, I,

T.W. Richerson, Register of said Court of said County, have called and

caused to come before me Mrs. Ada A Woodward,

application

the witness named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

I reside with my husband and family at Pensacola, Fla

My name is Mrs. Ada A Woodward; I am the sister of the Complainant

Addie A Fatheree, and know her well also her husband Sidney B Fathree,

My husband and I lived a part of a year in the same house with them and

I often visited my said sister during the several years that she lived with her husband and know of his ill treatment and neglect of his wife and

children . I never knew a married man as indolent as was her said

husband, Sidney B Fatheree; I know that he utterly failed to provide

means of support for his wife and that she was compelled to go out practically all the time of their married life and work almost as a

slave to provide means of sustaining life for herself and children,

and that she also had to support her said husband to a very large ex-

-tent. He often treated her inhumanly. and without cause.

While she did her full duty towards said husband, the defendant

often treated her with such neglect as to threaten permanent injury to her

children's health and her life also, and her health and life would I know

be permanently endangered were she to attempt to live with him longer.

The defen ant is ruthless, vulgar and offensive and cruel towards his wife and vulgar and offensive towards other ladies . He would never

permit his wife to attend church services as she often desired to do



and would threaten her with violence when she would indicate a desire to go to church or Sunday School. Defendant often boasted that the only use he had for a woman was to sleep with him and to satisfy his animal passions and that if a wife failed or refused to do these things and to work as his slave that it was the husbands duty to give her a thrashing, I often heard him use these and other foul expressions He often boasted of having adulterous intercourse with other women besides his wife during their marriage. He would taunt his wife with these things, and asserted that if a woman would not submit to him he would commit a rape on her and would threaten other acts of violence towards his wife and other women as well.

*Mrs Ada A Woodward*



I, J. W. Richardson, the said Register, hereby certify that the foregoing

testimony was taken down in writing by myself,

in the words of the witness, and were read over by her, that she assented, swore to and subscribed

the same in my presence, the 10th day of February, 1920, at 191,

Bay Minette, Alabama; that I have personal knowledge of, or had proof made before me

of the identity of the witness, and 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.

~~And I enclose the deposition, together with the Interrogatories, Direct and Cross, and the documents which~~

~~were deposited to, in an envelope properly endorsed and sealed and placed the same on file in my office.~~

Given under my hand and seal this the 10th, day of February, 1921, 191

J. W. Richardson, Register.

WITNESS FEES.

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

days' attendance at \$1.50 per day \$

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REGISTER'S FEES.

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**The State of Alabama,**

*Baldwin* COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

*Redie A. Freeman*

vs. Complainant,

*Solney B. Patterson*

Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.**

Deposition of *Witnesses*

for *Complainant*

Filed *10th* day of *February*, 19*21*

Published by order of the Court \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_

*J. M. McIlwain*  
Register.





The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Addie A Fatheree, Complainant

vs.

Sidney B Fatheree, Defendant

Deposition of Mrs. Addie A Fatheree,

By virtue of the application Oral testimony to take the Deposition, indorsed in writing, on the Interrogatories by the

Solicitor filing the same, in the above stated cause pending in said Court of said County, I,

T.W. Richerson, Register of said Court of said County, have called and

caused to come before me

Mrs. Addie A Fatheree,

above

the witness named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness to speak the truth, the

whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

My name is Addie A. Fatheree. I am now and have for more than 3 years been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Ala. that Sidney B Fatheree, defendant ~~resident~~ has also been resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, during said time, since which time he has resided at Saucer, post office in the State of Miss-issippi, where he now resides, and which is his post office address.

The Defendant is over the age of 21 years and is now about 50 years old, I am 25 years of age. We were married at Dyas, in Baldwin County Alabama, on the 19th, day of December, 1912, and lived together irregularly as man and wife from that date until the 21st day of June, 1920, when I was compelled to leave the defendant to avoid further want of the actual necessities of life, and to avoid actual starvation of myself and two children. The Defendant is a large strong man weighing over 200 and able bodied, but so absolutely lazy and worthless that he has continuously refused to work even sufficient to enable me as well as our two children and himself to live in comfortable quarters and to provide the necessaries of life sufficient for me to keep soul and body together. I became weak and nervous and am still very nervous, I was compelled to go with my two children to my fathers home at Dyas and as soon as able to do so I went to work as waiter in restaurants, and at sewing for others, which I am still doing. During the time of our married life I had to go out often, in fact for a greater part of the seven years, and work to support myself and children as well as defendant. I cooked in logging camps, often for as many as thirty men. also had to work at manual labor in fields as a farm hand, and at night and often during the day did sewing, scrubbing, cleaning yards, etc. for other people to earn money to buy food and raiment and to meet the family expenses. The defendant would even demand that I furnish him money to buy tobacco with. When I would remonstrate with him for not working and urge him to go out and work he would fly into a passion and tell me to "go out and make money off the men like other women did". He would often fly into a passion and abuse me and threaten me and I was afraid of his doing violence towards me and was convinced that for me to have lived longer with him would have permanently injured my health, and possibly endangered my life. Defendant would compel me to have sexual intercourse with him day and night and at all times and even when I was unwell. I was compelled to go to a hospital and be treated and operated on by physicians, all of which was caused by his inhuman



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treatment, and/ oftenthreatened to beat me up unless I submitted to sexual

intercourse with him at times when I <sup>was</sup> critically unwell and in bad shape.  
~~treatment~~. When the Defendant did manage to buy any groceries or  
clothing for me or the children he rarely ever paid for same, and still  
owes bills for such provisions at stores wherever we lived during  
the time of our married life and never expects to pay said bills.  
I believe that my health is permanently injured in many respects, and  
am sure that had I attempted to live longer with the defendant  
it would have shortened my life, as it would be impossible to so live  
with him without a permanent danger to my health and possibly to  
my life.

Mrs Addie A. Fathure







**The State of Alabama,**

Baldwin COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

Addie A. Fatheree,

vs. Complainant,

Sidney B. Fatheree,

Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.**

Deposition of witnesses,

for Complainant,

Filed 10th day of Feb, 1921

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

Register.





THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 291, ..... Vacation Term, 1921...

..... Addie A Fatheree, .....

Complainant.....

vs.

..... Sidney B Fatheree, .....

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 Abner J Smith, .....

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.



Solicitor for Complainant.



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

Addie A. Fatheree,

vs.

Sidney B. Fatheree,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed February, 12th, 1921

*J. W. McIlwain*

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Addie A. Fatheree,

vs.

Sidney B. Fatheree,

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN EQUITY,

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,

answer of defendant and testimony of Mrs. Addie A. Fatheree,  
and Mrs. Ada A. Woodward

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*J. M. Rice*

Register



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Addie A. Fatheree,

vs.

Ada A. Woodward

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 12th

day of February, 1921. 191

*T. W. Mc...*

Register



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 Sidney B. Fatheree,

of Saucier Miss, County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bald-

win 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

Addie A Fatheree,

against said

Sidney B Fatheree,

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 19th. day of January,

1921



Register.

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



Serve on.....

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. ....

SUMMONS

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vs.

*Jan 19/92*  
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*& Summons*  
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*at Newcir*  
*now*

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this .....  
day of ..... 192.....

Sheriff

Executed this ..... day of  
..... 192.....  
by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By .....  
Deputy Sheriff

*Miss...*