

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 435.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Minnie G. Bryan, Complainant

vs.

James Monroe Bryan, 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 voluntary abandonment,

It is further ordered, that the said Minnie G. Bryan,

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 Minnie G. Bryan, 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 James Monroe Bryan,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Minnie G. Bryan, shall not again marry except to said James Monroe Bryan, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said James Monroe Bryan, during the pendency of said appeal

This 22nd day of October, 1924

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 192, 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 192

Register.

No. 435

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Minnie G. Bryan

vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

24th

day of

Oct

, 1924

J. W. Richardson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

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 James Monroe Bryan,

of Birmingham, Ala. ~~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

Minnie G. Bryan,

against said

James Monroe Bryan,

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 7th day of October,

192 4.

T. W. Richerson

Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity

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SUMMONS

Minnie G. Bryan,

vs.

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James Monroe Bryan,
1518 3rd Ave
Hotel
Birmingham
Ala

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this _____
day of _____ 1924

Sheriff.

Executed this *16th* day of
October 1924

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

James Monroe Bryan

Defendant.

J. J. Shesley

Sheriff.

By *W. Newman*
Deputy Sheriff.

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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 James Monroe Bryan,

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 an amended Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by Minnie G. Bryan,

against said James Monroe Bryan,

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 31st day of July,

1924.

T. W. Richerson
Register.

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vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

Hon. C.W. Tompkins,

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.

*1706 - 3rd ave. North
Birmingham
Ala*

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The State of Alabama }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
IN EQUITY.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

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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 ^{an amended} Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

Minnie G. Bryan,

against said James Monroe Bryan,

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 31st day of July,

192 4.

T. W. Richerson
Register.

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SUMMONS

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vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

Hon. C. W. Tompkins,
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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, Baldwin COUNTY, IN EQUITY.Minnie G. Bryan Complainant.

vs.

James Maurer Bryan Respondent.I, Chas. Lenoir Notary Public T. E. J. P.
as Commissionerhave called and caused to come before me Mrs. Minnie G. BryanMrs. E. L. Sinclair Mrs. Shavewitnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 18 day of October1924, at the office of Chas. Lenoir Foley Alain Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the truth, thewhole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mrs. Minnie G. Bryan

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Minnie G. Bryan the complainant in the above styled cause. I am a resident of Baldwin Co. Ala and have been for more than three years next preceding the filing of bill in this cause. I am twenty one years of age. The respondent James Maurer Bryan is over the age of twenty one years and is a resident of Baldwin County Ala. The respondent and I were married on March 20th 1921 and lived together till August 15-1921 in Foley Baldwin County Ala. Without fault on my part and against my wishes the respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time being more than two years next preceding the filing of this bill. During the entire time of the separation since August 15th 1921 there has been no marital intercourse.

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between us. During the whole time of
our living together as man and wife
I at no time gave the respondent any
cause for leaving me? but was at all
times an obedient & dutiful wife.
Since the respondent left me he at no
time has been to see me? nor has he con-
tributed anything whatsoever towards my
support. Minnie G. Bryan

Mrs E. L. Sinclair a witness for the complain-
-ant being first duly sworn to speak the
truth depose and says as follows
My name is Mrs E. L. Sinclair, I live
at Foley Baldwin Co. Ala. I am the mother
of Mrs Minnie G. Bryan the complainant
in this cause. The complainant is now
thirty one years of age and lives at Foley
Baldwin Co. Ala. where she has resided for
more than three years next preceding the
filing of the bill for divorce in this case.
The respondent is over the age of thirty
one years and a resident of Baldwin Co.
Ala. The complainant & the respondent
were married on March 20th 1921 and
lived together till August 15th 1921 when
the said respondent ^{voluntarily} went away and
left the complainant in Baldwin Co. Ala.
without any fault on her part and
against her wishes? That respondent
has remained away voluntarily & contin-
-uously since the time he left.
The complainant has been living with
me since the respondent left her more

than two years next preceeding the filing
of the bill for divorce in this case.

During said time ~~the~~ the complainant
and respondent has not lived together
nor have they had any marital intercourse
whatever. The complainant & respondent
during the time they lived together as
man & wife was with me in my
house Baldwin Co. Ala.

During the time they were with me the
complainant at no time gave the
respondent any cause for leaving but
was at all times an obedient and
dutiful wife. Since the respondent
went away he at no time has contributed
anything toward the complainant's support
she has been with me the entire time.

Mrs. E. L. Sinclair

William Shave a witness for the complainant
being first duly sworn to speak the truth
deposes & says as follows

My name is William Shave.

I am a resident of Foley Baldwin Co. Ala.
I have known the complainant in this
cause practically all her life and have
lived with her father & mother since
about 1905. The complainant is now
twenty one years of age and a resident
of Foley Baldwin Co. Ala. when she first
resided for more than three years preceeding
the filing of this bill for divorce.

The complainant & respondent a resident
of Baldwin Co. Ala. over the age of twenty
one years were married on March 20th 1921

and lived together as husband & wife
till August 15th 1921 when the Respondent
voluntarily abandoned the Pet & became
of complaint. Without any fault
on her part and against her wish
and has remained away voluntarily
and continuously, said abandonment
occurred more than two years before
the filing of this bill.

During the time they lived together as
man & wife the complaint gave
the Respondent no cause for leaving

William Stone

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Chas. Lenoir, as Commissioner

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination as taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself as Commissioner & Notary Public for the State of Ala. at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of said witness es or had proof 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 in 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 18th day of October, 1924
Chas. Lenoir (L. S.)
Commissioner
and Notary Public for the State of Ala.

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The State of Alabama

County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs. Complainant,

Respondent.

ORAL DEPOSITION.

Filed Oct 22, 1924

Chas. Lenoir, Register.

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Register.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT.

To Hon. Chas. Lenoir

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 Mrs. Minnie G. Bryan, Mrs. E. L. Sinclair, William Shane,

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant, in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Minnie G. Bryan,

Complainant

and James Monroe Bryan,

Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon ~~interrogatories~~ 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 17th day of Oct 1924

J. M. Williams
Register.

Commissioners Fee \$

Witness Fee's \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin

County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Minnie G. Bryan

Complainant.....

vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

Defendant.....

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

Chas. Lenoir

WITNESSES:

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Minnie G. Bryant,

Complainant

VS.

James Monroe Bryant,

Respondent

No. 435

In Circuit Court,
In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by her solicitor and submits the same for Final

decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto Answer of Deft

, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Mrs. Minnie G. Bryan, Mrs. E. L. Sinclair, and William Shane,

I hereby certify that the above note of Testimony is correct.

This 21st day of Oct., 1924

[Handwritten Signature]

Register.

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Circuit Court in Equity

Minnie G. Bryan,

Complainant

vs.

James Monroe Bryan*

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed 21st day of Oct., 1924.

J. W. McIlwain Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 435 Vacation Term, 1924

Minnie G?Bryan

Complainant.....

vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

Defendant.....

To T.W.Richerson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taking 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 Messers C.W.Tompkins,Rickarby,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.

*C.W. Tompkins and
Rickarby Beebe & Hall*

Solicitor for Complainant.

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

Minnie G?Bryan

vs.

James Monroe Bryan,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION.

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J. M. Williams

Register

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Waiver

Minnie G. Bryan,)
Complainant.)
vs)
James Monroe Bryan,)
Defendant.)

: - In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
In Equity.

I, James Monroe Bryan, the defendant in the above entitled cause do hereby accept service and notice of the demand for oral examination, or the issuing of a commission to take the depositions of witnesses on behalf of the Complainant in this cause, and do further accept service and notice of the taking of the testimony of said witnesses on behalf of the Complainant and do hereby agree that this cause may be submitted for final decree on the _____ day of _____ 1924.

Witness.

Ben F. Kay

James Monroe Bryan
Defendant.

Minnie G. ~~Bryant~~^{Bryan},)
Complainant.)
vs) - In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
James Monroe ~~Bryant~~^{Bryan},)
Defendant.) Alabama, In Equity.

Comes the Complainant in the above cause and moves the Court to amend her Original Bill here to fore filed in this cause in red ink by striking out the t wherever the same appears in either of the names Minnie G. Bryant and James Monroe Bryant, making the same read Minnie G. Bryan and James Monroe Bryan.

E. M. Sampkins
Solicitor For Complainant.

Answer

Minnie G. Bryan,
Complainant.

vs

James Monroe Bryan,
Defendant.

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)
) * In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
)
) In Equity.

Now comes James Monroe Bryan the defendant in the above entitled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint says, he denies each and every allegation of the same.

James Monroe Bryan
Defendant.

State of Alabama,

Jefferson County.

I, *Ben F. Ray*

a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that James Monroe Bryan whose name is signed to the foregoing answer as defendant in the above entitled cause, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the foregoing answer he signed the same freely and voluntarily and without collusion or coercion upon the part of any one whomsoever.

Given under my hand this *16th* day of *Oct* 1924.

Ben F. Ray
Notary Public

Bryant
 Minnie G. ~~bryant~~,)
 Complainant.)
 vs)
Bryant
 James Monroe ~~bryant~~,)
 Defendant.)

:- In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
 Alabama, In Equity.

Hon'1 John D. Leigh Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, sitting in Equity.

Humbly complaining your Oratrix Minnie G. *Bryant* shows unto Your Honor that she is over the age of eighteen years, and is now and has been for more than three years next preceeding the filing of her Bill for Divorce in this Case a bona fide continuous resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, that her husband James Monroe *Bryant* is over the age of twenty one years and is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; That Oratrix and here said husband James Monroe *Bryant* were lawfully ^{married} on March 20th 1921 and lived together as man and wife until August 15th 1921, when her said husband James Monroe *Bryant*, in Baldwin County, Alabama, without fault on Oratrix's part and against her wishes voluntarily abandoned her bed and board, and said abandonment has been continuous from the date it occurred up to and inclusive of the present time, and since it occurred Oratrix and her said husband has lived separate and apart and there has not been any marital intercourse between them, and said abandonment occurred for more than two years next preceeding the filing of her Bill for Divorce in this case.

The premises considered Oratrix prays your Honor to take Jurisdiction of this her Bill for Divorce and that her said husband James Monroe *Bryant* be made party defendant here to and required to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time required by law and according to the rules of practice of the Honorable Court.

Oratrix further prays your Honor upon the hearing hereof to decree to her an absolute divorce from her said Husband James Monroe *Bryant* with such other further and different as she may in Equity be entitled to receive she will ever pray &c.

E. H. Tausk
 Solicitor For Complainant.

Foot Note.

Defendant is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint but not under Oath, his Oath to the same being expressly waived.

W. H. Thompson,
Solicitor For Complainant.