

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 334..... CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Will Kennedy, Complainant.....

vs.

Ida Kennedy, 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.

Voluntary abandonment of Bed and Board,

It is further ordered, that the said Will Kennedy, 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 Will Kennedy, 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 Ida Kennedy,

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

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1922

*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 ..... 1922, 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 ..... 1922.....

Register.

No. 334

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Will Kennedy,

Vs.

Ida Kennedy,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

25<sup>th</sup>

day of

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Register.

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Will Kennedy

No. 334

vs.

Ida Kennedy.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 5th, day of

March, 1922.

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

Hon. W. H. Hawkins (Atty for Complainant.)

that the Defendant Ida Kennedy,

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and her residence is unknown to 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 the said

Ida Kennedy

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 8th day of April 1922,

or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against her.

*J. W. Rice*

Register.

W. H. Hawkins,

Atty for Complainant.

Will Kennedy, Complainant  
vs  
Ida Kennedy, Defendant

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me Gladys Lowell, a Notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared E. S. Rosencrans who being by me first duly and legally sworn doth depose and say:

That his name is E. S. Rosencrans and he resides in Fairhope, Alabama. That he has known Will Kennedy for the past seven years but does not know Ida Kennedy.

That Will Kennedy was a bonafide resident of Alabama when he came here seven years ago.

That he does not know where Ida Kennedy was living when last heard from; that they are not now living together as man and wife. That Will Kennedy was given a sentence by the State and when he returned Ida Kennedy was living with another man.

Witness my hand this 12,th day of May 1922

E. S. Rosencrans (Seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of May 1922

Gladys Lowell  
Notary Public, Baldwin Co., Alabama

Will Kennedy, Complainant,  
vs  
Ida Kennedy, Defendant

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, Gladys Lowell, a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared Will Kennedy who being by me first duly and leggly sworn doth depose and say:

That his name is Will Kennedy and he resides in Fairhope, Alabama. That he and Ida Kennedy were married in Mobile Alabama, (but at the time was a resident of Fairhope, Alabama) about twelve years ago.

That he has lived in Alabama twenty nine years (his entire life)

That he does not know where Ida Kennedy resides now and when last heard from, five years ago, her address was--- --- Louisiana. That they are not living together as man and wife now.

That the separation was voluntary on the part of Ida Kennedy. Separation occurred in Baldwin County. That about 1910 he was given a five year sentence by the State and upon his return Ida Kennedy claimed to married to another man.

Witness my hand this 12th day of May 1922.

*witness*

*Gladys Lowell*

*Will Kennedy*  
Will Kennedy (Seal)

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 12th day of May 1922.

*Gladys Lowell*  
Gladys Lowell  
Notary Public, Baldwin Co., Alabama



The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT.

To Miss Gladys Lowell,

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 Will Kennedy, E. E. Rosecrans,

as witnesses in behalf of Plaintiff, in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Will Kennedy,

Complainant

and

Ida Kennedy,

Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon interrogatories to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 8th, day of May, 1922

*T. W. Richardson*  
Register.

Commissioners Fee \$

Witness Fee's \$

No. 334.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Will Kennedy,

Complainant.....

vs.

Ida Kennedy,

Defendant.....

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION  
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

Miss Gladys Lowell,

WITNESSES:

Will Kennedy,

E. E. Rosecrans.

Received & filed  
May 12 1922  
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# THE BALDWIN TIMES

ABNER J. SMITH, PROPRIETOR

DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF BALDWIN COUNTY AND HER PEOPLE

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

TELEPHONE No. 7, LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Mrs. Abner Smith, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the FOREMAN of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of  
Notice to Non-Resident

Will Kennedy

vs

Ida Kennedy

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

Date of first publication	<u>March 9th, 1922</u>	Vol. <u>33</u>	No. <u>4</u>
“ “ second “	<u>March 16th 1922</u>	Vol. <u>33</u>	No. <u>5</u>
“ “ third “	<u>March 23rd, 1922</u>	Vol. <u>33</u>	No. <u>6</u>
“ “ fourth “	<u>March 30th, 1922</u>	Vol. <u>33</u>	No. <u>7</u>

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this 8th day of May 1922.

D W Pickens  
Clerk Circuit Court

Mrs. Abner Smith  
Foreman.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin

County.

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No. 334. CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Will Kennedy

Complainant

vs.

Ida Kennedy,

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Ida Kennedy,

Defendant

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

This 8th, day of May, 19 22.

W. H. Hawkins

Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin.....County,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Will Kennedy

vs.

Ida Kennedy

MOTION FOR DECREE  
PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE.

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*W. H. Johnson*  
Register.

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Register.

Will Kennedy

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.

vs.

Ida Kennedy.

State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Personally appeared before me, T. W. Richerson,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, W. H. Hawkins, who being by me first duly  
sworn doth depose and say:-

I am the solicitor for complainant in the case of Will Kennedy vs.  
Ida Kennedy, and I have been informed and believe that the res-  
idence of Ida Kennedy is unknown, and I further believe that she is  
a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

*W. H. Hawkins*  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd. day of March 1922.

*T. W. Richerson*  
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Clerk of Circuit Court.

Will Kennedy

vs.

Ida Kenney.

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 -proconfesso and testimony of Will Kennedy and

E. S. Rosecrans.

and in behalf of Defendant upon.....

*D. W. Ricusson*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

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Will Kennedy,

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

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Filed in Open Court this 15th .....

day of May, 1912

*T. W. Pickens*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 334, Spring Term, 1912.

Will Kennedy, Complainant.

vs.

Ida Kennedy, 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 W.H. Hawkins,

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.

W.H. Hawkins,  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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

Will Kennedy,

vs.

Ida Kennedy,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed May 15th, 1922

*D. W. Ransom*  
Register

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*Exhibit "A"*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Baldwin County.

No. 336. Spring Term, 1922.

In the Matter of the Petition of.....

To Be Relieved from the Disabilities of Non-Age.

This cause coming on to be heard in.....

having been submitted for Decree on the Petition and ex-parte affidavits of H. J. Yanny and H. M. Love

thereupon, upon consideration thereof, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court

that Tomy Reding a minor who is over the age of eighteen years,

be and he is relieved from the Disabilities of Non-Age, and he is vested with the right to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, to buy, sell and convey Real Estate, and generally to do and perform all acts which such minor could lawfully do if he were twenty-one years of age, except.....

It is further decreed that the said Tomy Reding.....

pay the cost of this proceeding, for which execution may issue.

833 Code.

This the 25th day of March 1922.

John D Leigh, Judge.



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

.....County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

PETITION OF

DECREE RELIEVING MINORS FROM  
DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

.....County.

I hereby certify that the within Decree  
was received in this office for record

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and examined.

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Judge of Probate.

Register Fee, \$.....

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court In Equity.

I.T.W. Richerson, Clerk of the  
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  
25th day of March, 1922. in the  
Cause of Petition of Tomy Reding  
to remove disabilities of non-  
-age. as appears of record in said  
Court.

*I.T.W. Richerson*  
Oct 13/22 = Register

The State of Alabama, }

CIRCUIT COURT.

Baldwin County

To T. E. Tucker

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 Reubena Hall Reding

as witnesses in behalf of Reubena Hall Reding in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Reubena Hall Reding is

Complainant

and

Tomy Reding

Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon interrogatories to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 2 day of Oct 1922

[Signature] Register.

Commissioners Fee \$

Witness Fee's \$

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No. ....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

..... County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Complainant.....

vs.

Defendant.....

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION  
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

REUBENA REDING,  
COMPLAINANT

VS

TOMY REDING,  
DEFENDANT

CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

Comes the defendant in the above styled cause  
and ratifies all things done in the premises by his attorneys,  
Rickarby & Beebe, and consents that this cause be set for  
final hearing upon the testimony heretofore taken, without  
further notice to him.

*witness*  
*Witness*

*Tomy Reding*  
Defendant

REUBENA HALL REDING, )  
COMPLAINANT )  
VS )  
TOMY REDING, )  
DEFENDANT. )

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY.

Comes the denendant in the above styled cause and  
for answer to complainant's complaint and to each material  
allegation thereof denies each and all allegations therein  
made and demands strict proof thereof.

*Richard R. Rube*  
Defendant's solicitors.

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Filed October 3rd, 1922.  
*W. H. Bennett*  
Registrar.

*W. H. Bennett*

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State of Alabama, )  
Baldwin County, )

Before me, T.W. Richerson, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County and State, this day personally appeared H.D. Moorer, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is of counsel to the Complainant in the Cause pending on the equity docket of this Court, wherein Reubena Hall Reding, is complainant and Tomy Reding is defendant, and that the testimony of Reubena Hall Reding and Lily Hall, will be material to the cause of complainant and that the answers to the foregoing interrogatories propounded to such witnesses, is true and full answers be given thereto, will be material to the cause of said complainant.

*H.D. Moorer*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_ day of October, 1922.

Clerk of Circuit Court.

J. E. Tucker, who resides at Dothan, Ala is suggested as a suitable person to be appointed commissioner to take the deposition of Reubena Hall Reding under the foregoing interrogatories; and J. W. Richerson who resides at Bay Mills, Ala is suggested as a suitable person to act as commissioner to take the deposition of Lily Hall under the foregoing interrogatories.

*J. W. Richerson*

Solicitors for Complainant.

REUBENA HALL REDING, )  
COMPLAINANT. )  
VS )  
TOMY REDING, )  
DEFENDANT. )

CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

Cross-interrogatories propounded by solicitors for defendant to Reubena Hall Reding, and Lily A. Hall, witnesses for complainant.

To Reubena Hall Reding:

- If you say that defendant drew a pistol on you,  
1st: State when and where defendant drew a pistol on you and threatened to kill you? Who was present or who say such act? Did you call for help.  
2nd: Did he ever strike you or threaten to strike you? Who saw him strike you or heard him threaten to strike you?  
3rd: If you state that defendant was cruel to you and was continuously fussing at you, abusing you or threatening you, state what was the cause of such conduct on his part or what reason he gave for such actions.

To Lily Hall:

- 1st: Is it not a fact that you and your husband opposed the marriage of complainant and defendant; that you immediately after the marriage set about to separate them? Give your reasons for such conduct.  
2nd. If you say that defendant was cruel to complainant state how you know this to be a fact.

*Rick Kirby Beebe*  
Solicitors for Defendant.



Reubena Hall Reding,	)	
Complainant	)	In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
	)	Alabama. Equity.
vs	)	
	)	
Tomy Reding, Defendant	)	

Interrogatories propounded by complainant's solicitors to Reubena Hall Reding and Lily Hall, material witnesses, for Complainants:

To Reubena Reding separately:

- 1st: State your name, age and place of residence. State how long you have resided in the State of Alabama, and in this County.
- 2nd: State the age and place of residence of defendant. Where is he residing now. How long have you known him.
- 3rd: State whether or not you and defendant Tomy Reding are married. If you say you are married, state when and where you married.
- 4th: State where you resided after your marriage. If you say that you resided after your marriage at Loxley and Roberts-dale state with whom, if any one, you lived.
- 5th: State whether or not defendant was cruel to you, give times, places, language and acts, of such conduct.
- 6th. Are you and he living together as husband and wife now? If not state when and where and the cause of your separation.

To Lily Hall separately:

- 1st. Give your name? State whether or not you know Reubena Hall Reding, complainant, and Tomy Reding, defendant. State what relation, if any you are to them or either of them.
- 2nd: Did they live in your home during the time they were together as husband and wife, and did you have occasion to observe their relations. Were they congenially mated? Did you ever hear or see them quarreling, state if defendant made any threats or abused complainant.

*Jay: Mow*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Solicitors for Complainant.

REUBENA HALL REDING )  
Complainant, ( )  
-VS- ( )  
TOMY REDING, ( )  
Respondent, )

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

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to Complainant's complaint ~~and~~ denies each and every material allegation therein made and demands strict proof of the same.

*Rickarby & Beebe*  
Solicitors for Respondent.

Respondent in the above styled cause wavier notice of taking testimony, the right to appear at the taking of the testimony and consents that said cause be heard upon motion of the Complainant, in vacation, without further notice to Respondent.

*Rickarby & Beebe*  
Solicitors for Respondent.

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 Tomy Redding,

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

Reubena Hall Redding

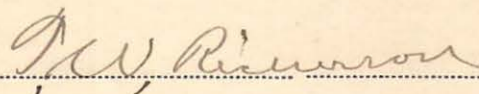
against said

Tomy Redding,

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 17th, day of February,

1922



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

No. ....

SUMMONS

Reubena Hall Redding.

vs.

Tomy Redding.

Page and Moorer ,  
Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this .....  
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Sheriff

Executed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
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by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Tomy Redding

Defendant

W.R. Stuart

Sheriff

By .....  
Deputy Sheriff

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. .... CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Reubena Hall Reding

Complainant.....

vs.

Tomy Reding

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.

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It is further ordered, that the said Reubena Hall Reding 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 Tomy Reding 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 Reubena Hall Reding

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Reubena Hall Reding shall not again marry except to said Tomy Reding until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days She shall not marry again except to said Tomy Reding during the pendency of said appeal.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1922

*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 ..... 1922, 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 ..... 1922.....

Register.

No. ....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Vs.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 22

day of Oct, 1922

M. McClellan

Register.

E. O. M. ....

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of October, 1922.

Deputy

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Reubena Hall Reding Complainant

vs.

Tomy Reding Defendant

Deposition of Lily Hall

By virtue of the appointment 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, \_\_\_\_\_, Register of said Court of said County, have called and caused to come before me, Lily Hall

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 Lily Hall. I know Reubena Hall Reding and Tomy Reding, she is my daughter and he my son-in-law, They lived in my home after they were married and I saw their relations. They were not congenially mated and I opten heard him fussing at her and cursing her and threatening her. I saw him carry a pistol around with him all the time at home and elsewhere. Shortly before they separated he drew his pistol on her and was about to shoot her when I went in and stopped him. He would have killed her if he had not been stopped. It was dangerous to live with him.

To Defendants cross-interrogatories she says:

It is not a fact that we opposed the marriage of Reubena with Tomy. We did not try to separate them but tried to help them make a living and to be contented with each other. We took them into our home. Of course when he mistreated her so that it was dangerous for her to live with him, I objected to this conduct and when I saw there was no doing anything with him I thought it best for them to separate. I did not want to see her killed.

I know that he was cruel to her for I heard him curse and abuse her and ~~xxxxxxkixkxykxshakxhaxx~~ he often sat up half the night with a pistol in his hands.

Lily A. Hall

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of  
October, 1922.

J. W. Rice  
Register.



I, J. M. Rice, the said Register, hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness, and were read over to her, that th she assented, swore to and subscribed the same in my presence, the 13th day of Oct, 1922, at Rayville, 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 deposed 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 13th day of October, 1922  
J. M. Rice, 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,**

*Greenville* COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

*Reubena Hall Redding*

vs. Complainant,

*Tommy Redding*

Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.**

Deposition of *Litmus*

for *Complainant*

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*J. M. Beckman*  
Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING  
~~REUBENA HALL REDING~~

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon .....

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of Baldwin 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 .....

REUBENA HALL REDING

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against said TOMY REDING .....

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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 3rd day of October  
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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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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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day of ..... 192.....

Sheriff

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

Defendant

Sheriff

By .....  
Deputy Sheriff

I hereby accept service of  
the within summons, this  
the 3rd day of October, 1922.

*Tomy Reding*  
Defendant.

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 TOMY REDING

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

REUBENA HALL REDING

against said TOMY REDING

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 3rd day of October

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*T. W. Richerson*

Register.

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Deputy Sheriff

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Reubena Hall Redding Complainant

vs.

Tomy Redding Defendant

Deposition of Complainant.

By virtue of the appointment 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,

R. W. Kierion, Register of said Court of said County, have called and caused to come before me Reubena Hall Redding and Lily A. Hall.

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:

Testimony of Reubena Hall Redding:

My name is Reubena Hall Redding. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have resided in said County and State my entire life. I am over ~~twenty~~ eighteen years of age and reside at Loxley, Alabama.

Tomy Redding is about 19 years of age and live at ~~Loxley~~, Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Tomy Redding and myself were lawfully married on February 1st, 1921 and lived together as man and wife until the latter part of May, 1921. Tomy Redding was cruel to me and often made threats to do me bodily harm or to shoot me. During the latter part of May 1921 and at the time of the said seapARATION Tomy Redding put a pistol in my face and said he would kill me and I knew that if we lived together longer he would carry out his threats and my life and health was in danger the entire time when he was around. He carried a pistol with him practically all the time, both at home and when away, and was always saying he would kill me. From his conduct there was reasonable apprehension of such violence as to endanger my health

Testimony of Mrs. Reubena Hall Redding con.

or life. The pistol was loaded when he would point it at me and I knew that if we did not separate he would sooner or later kill me. We were living in Baldwin County, Alabama at the time we separated and at the time he pointed the pistol at me and made the threats. In fact we have lived in Baldwin County since we were married continuously.

*Reubena Hall Redding*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of February, 1922.

*T. W. Richardson*  
Register in Chancery.

Testimony of Mrs. Lillie Hall:

My name is Mrs. Lillie Hall. I am the mother of Reubena Hall Redding. I know Tomy Redding. Reubena Hall Redding and Tomy Redding are husband and wife. They stayed at my home some after they were married and Tomy Redding was practically always nagging Reubena Redding his wife and was very harsh and cruel to her and would make threats against her whenever she would not do as he wished. He carried a pistol most all the time and one time while they were at my home he got furiously mad and threatened to use the pistol and we were forced to take it from him and the pistol is now at my home in Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama. Reubena Hall Redding is over eighteen years of age and lives with me at Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama.

*Lily A. Hall*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of February, 1922.

*T. W. Richardson*  
Register in Chancery.



I, D W Rice, 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 to them, that they assented, swore to and subscribed the same in my presence, the 28th day of February, 1922, at Bayminette, 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 28th day of February, 1922  
D W Rice, 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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- ..... words at 20 cents per hundred..... \$

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Rebecca Hall Redding

vs. Complainant,

Pony Redding

Defendant.

Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.

Deposition of Complainant

for

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D. W. Rice Register.

REUBENA HALL REDING )  
COMPLAINANT ) CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
VS )  
TOMY RDEING, Defendant )  
IN EQUITY

It is hereby agreed that this cause be submitted  
for final decree, on the evidence as taken.

This April 22, 1922.

*Page & Moore*  
Solicitors for Complainant

*Rickard & Beale*  
Solicitors for Defendant

Reubena Hall Reding,

Complainant.

vs.

Tomy Reding, Defendant.

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,

answer of Defendant, testimony of Reubena Hall Reding and Lily  
Hall

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*O. M. ...*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

vs.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

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Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. .... Oct. 13th, Term, 1922.

Reubena Hall Reding

Complainant

vs.

Tomy Reding

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 Page & Moorer

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.

*Page & Moorer*

Solicitor for Complainant.

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

vs.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

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Register

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STATE OF ALABAMA, :  
BALDWIN COUNTY. :

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
In Equity.

TO THE HONORABLE, JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. In Equity.

Your Oratrix. Reubena Hall Redding, respectfully represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

1. That she is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Loxley in said County and over the age of eighteen years.

That Tomy Redding is over the age of 18 years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Robertsdale in said County, that his disabilities of non-age have been removed by order of this honorable court.

2. That on or about February 1st, 1922 the said Tomy Redding and Reubena Hall Redding were lawfully married and lived together as man and wife until, to-wit: May 25th, 1921, at which time they separated and have not lived with each other as man and wife since. Tomy Redding often threatened to kill his wife, Reubena Redding by shooting her with a pistol, and that from his conduct there was reasonable apprehension of such violence to endanger the life or health of the said Reubena Hall Redding.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

The premises considered, Oratrix prays that the said Tomy Redding be made a party 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, and that all other orders and decrees be issued that may be necessary to obtain the relief prayed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

That upon the final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto Oratrix an absolute divorce from the said Tomy Redding, and that Oratrix be allowed to again contract



marriage.

That if your Oratrix is mistaken in the relief prayed then Your Honor will grant unto her such other, further, different and general relief as she may in justice and equity be entitled, she will ever pray, etc.

P A G E & M O O R E R ,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, Tomy Redding is required to answer each and every allegation contained in this bill of complaint numbered from 1 to 2, both inclusive, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

P A G E & M O O R E R ,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Reubena Hall Reding Complainant

vs.

Tomy Reding Defendant

Deposition of Reubena Hall Reding

By virtue of ~~the~~ a commission issued out of the Circuit Court, ~~appointment~~ 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. F. Tucker, ~~commissoner~~ named by the ~~Register~~, Register of said Court of said County, have called and caused to come before me. Reubena Hall Reding

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 Reubena Hall Reding, I am 19 years old and reside with my mother and father, P.W. Hall and Lily Hall, at Ioxley I am at present working at Baldwin County, Alabama. I have lived in this state and County All my life. Defendant, Tomy Reding, lives at Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, He is 20 years old. I have known him for several years, I do not know just how long.. Tomy Reding and I were married in this County February 1st, 1921. Afetr our marriage we lived a part of the time at the home of his father, Joe Reding at Robertsdale and a part of the time at my mother's home in Ioxley. We were in Mobile for a short while, but could not get work and returned to Baldwin County. Shortly after we were married Tomy got to fussing and every time he would come home would be angry with me. He would curse me and threateded to strike me. While we were at mother, Lily Hall's, the rxact dates, I do not remember, he cursed me several times, almost every day, and threatened me, without any cause so far as I know and he got to carrying a pistol and a short while beffore we separated he drew a pistol ~~at~~ me and put it in my face and said he was going to shoot me. He cursed me. He ~~carried~~ the pistol with him all the time and kept making his threats

until I was afraid to live with him and I had to leave him, because I was afraid he would kill me. All this happened in my mothers house at Ioxley. I don't remember the exact date, It was in the the faller of 1921. We separated at Ioxley and have not lived together since. ~~Has~~ The disabilities of Tomy Reding<sup>has</sup>/been removed. I attach a copy of decree removing disabilities and mark it exhibit "A" To Defendants cross-interrogatories she says:

He drew a pistol on me at my mothers at Ioxley, it was just before we separated. He threatened me. He did this several times. My mother was in the house and she saw it. I did call for help and if mother hadn't come in and took the pistol from him he would have killed me. He didn't ever hit me with any thing but he would take hold of me and threatened to. I do not know what was the cause of his actions.

*Rubena Hall Redding*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of October, 1922.

*J. E. Tucker*  
Commissioner.

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**The State of Alabama,**

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

\_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant,

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.**

Deposition of \_\_\_\_\_

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