

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 353

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Coretta Wilson

Complainant

vs.

Frank Wilson,

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. upon the grounds:-

- First, of adultery as alleged in the bill, and
- Second, actual violence committed on the person of complainant by the defendant, attended by danger to life and health of complainant, as alleged in the bill.

It is further ordered, that the said Coretta Wilson 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 Coretta Wilson 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 Frank Wilson

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Coretta Wilson shall not again marry except to said Frank Wilson until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Frank Wilson during the pendency of said appeal but otherwise she is permitted to marry at any time she may see fit after the expiration of sixty days from the date of the final decree of divorce in this case.

This 19th day of November 1923.

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. 353

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Coretta Wilson

vs.

Frank Wilson

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 21st

day of November, 1923.

J. W. Rickey
Register.

E. O. M.

RECORDED

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

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CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

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TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ALABAMA
JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE
BREWTON, ALA.

Coretta Wilson
Complainant,
vs
Frank Wilson
Respondent

In the Circuit Court
Baldwin County Ala
In Equity

This cause was submitted by Solicitors for the respective ^{parties} under written agreement bearing date the 7th day of July 1923, it being agreed therein the Solicitors for respective parties could file briefs if desired.

This cause was submitted to the Court on the 10 day of July, 1923 on the original bill and the demurrers thereto, but no brief come to the Court.

The Court having carefully considered the bill of Complaint and the demurrers addressed thereto and is of the opinion that some are not well taken.

It is ~~ordered~~ ^{adjudged and decreed} by the Court that said demurrers, numbered from 1 to 4 both inclusive be and the same are each and all overruled.

The respondent is hereby allowed thirty (30) days from this date within which to file answer to the bill of Complaint.

Done at Chambers at Brewton Ala, this the 31 day of July 1923
John D. Leigh
Judge of 21st Judicial Circuit

Coretta Wilson, Wesa wasp and
Felix Senders Witnesses for the
Complaint in the esse of

Coretta Wilson, Complainent

Vs

Frank Wilson, Respondent.



L. W. Richardson

REGISTER IN CHANCERY

BALDWIN COUNTY

BAY MINETTE

ALABAMA

Filed Sept 25/1923

J. W. Richardson
Register

Received by Request
of Counsel for
Complainent. W. P. Roach.

W. P. Roach
Register

~~W. P. Roach~~
~~R. P. ROACH~~
LAWYER
MOBILE ALA.

Samuel R. Jansen
Commissioner

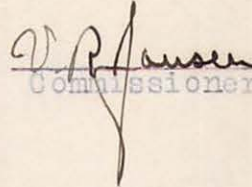
Samuel R. Jansen
Commissioner

Samuel R. Jansen
Commissioner

VERNOL R. JANSEN
LAWYER
617 CITY BANK BUILDING
P. O. BOX 187
MOBILE. ALABAMA

December 26th, 1923.

Received from R.P. Roach Seven and 50/100 (\$7.50) dollars as payment
in full for commissioner's fee in the case of Dorette Wilson
Vs. Frank Wilson.



Commissioner.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN.)

CIRCUIT COURT. IN EQUITY.

CORETTA WILSON,)
)
COMPLAINANT,)
)
VS.)
)
FRANK WILSON,)
)
RESPONDENT.)

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE:

Your Oratrix Coretta Wilson, files this her bill of complaint against Frank Wilson, and for cause of complaint alleges as follows:-

1. Complainant Coretta Wilson alleges that both she and the respondent, Frank Wilson are over the age of twenty-one years, and she the complainant resides at Point Clear, Baldwin County, Alabama, and Frank Wilson, the respondent resides at or near Fairhope in Baldwin County, ALABAMA.

2. Your oratrix, Coretta Wilson was lawfully married to the respondent in Mobile, ALABAMA, on to-wit December 19, 1918, and that she and the respondent lived together in Baldwin County, Alabama, as husband and wife up to about six months ago.

3. Complainant alleges that the respondent Frank Wilson about six months ago committed adultery with one Emma Whitfield, a woman who resided in Fairhope, Alabama, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

4. Complainant alleges that the respondent, Frank Wilson on to-wit August 15, 1922, ~~and on said occasion~~ committed actual violence on her person by striking her in the face and knocking her down, and that this violence was attended with danger to her life and health and from the conduct of the said Frank Wilson there is reasonable apprehension of such violence.

5. Complainant alleges that respondent is an able bodied man and is engaged in lucative employment and has estate sufficient

for the court to make an allowance for complainant's support pending this suit for divorce.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

Complainant prays that the said Frank Wilson be made party respondent to this suit, and to that end that due process issue out of this court to him commanding him to plead, answer, or demur to this bill of complainant within the time prescribed by law, and in default thereof that a decree pro confesso be rendered against him.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant prays that the court take jurisdiction of this cause and upon the hearing will grant her an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony from the respondent, Frank Wilson, and that he be ordered to pay alimony pendente lite sufficient to pay the expenses of this suit and for the support of this complainant pending this suit. Complainant prays for such other and further relief as she may be entitled to under the allegations and proof.

R. P. Roach.

Solicitor for Complainant,

FOOT NOTE:

The respondent is required to answer this bill of complaint from paragraph 1 to 5 inclusive, but not under oath, as the oath of the respondent to the answer is hereby expressly waived.

R. P. Roach.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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 Frank Wilson,

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

Coretta Wilson,

against said

Frank Wilson

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 September

1922.

T. W. Richerson
Register.

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

2nd Original

Serve on.....

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
IN EQUITY.

No.....

SUMMONS.

Coretta Wilson

vs.

Frank Wilson

Fairhope Ala.

R.P. Roach,

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this 7th,

day of September, 1922

W.R. Stuart

Sheriff.

Executed this 10th day of

Oct

1922

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Frank Wilson

Defendant

W.R. Stuart

Sheriff

By

Wm. Steller

Deputy Sheriff.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

No. 353 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Coretta Wilson, Complainant,

vs.

Frank Wilson, Defendant.

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso, against Frank Wilson, the defendant, in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the rendering of a Decree by this Court in this cause on July 31st. 1923, wherein the Court overruled the demurrers filed by the defendant, and allowed the defendant thirty days from July 31st. 1923 within which to file his answer to the Bill of Complaint.

This 8th. day of September 1923.

R. P. Roach

Solicitor for Complainant.

Alabama to state
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Coretta Wilson

vs.

Frank Wilson.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Filed September 8th, 1923.

Register.

4th
State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Coretta Wilson

vs.

Frank Wilson.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Filed September 8th, 1923.

J. W. Pickens,
Register.

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This 8th day of September 1923.
which to file his answer to the Bill of Complaint.

W. B. Smith
Solicitor for Complainant.

and allowed the defendant thirty days from July 31st, 1923 within
wherein the Court overruled the demurrers filed by the defendant,
decreed a Decree by this Court in this cause on July 31st, 1923,
the grounds there more than thirty days have elapsed since the ren-
dering of the Decree in the above stated cause, on
Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso, against

Frank Wilson, Defendant.

vs.

Coretta Wilson, Complainant.

BALDWIN COUNTY,)
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
No. 322 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA)
Baldwin County.)

No.353 CIRCUIT COURT, In Equity.
Coretta Wilson, Complainant

vs.

Frank Wilson

In this cause it appears to the Register of this Court, that a Summons requiring the defendant, Frank Wilson, to appear and demur plead or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after service of said Summons upon said Frank Wilson, and it appears that said Summons was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County Alabama on the 10th, day of October 1922, and said defendant, by his Solicitors, Page & Moorer filed demurrers to said Bill of Complaint on the 31st day of October 1922, which said demurrers were submitted to the Court by a written agreement on July 10th.1923, and the Court rendered a decree in said cause on July 31st.1923 overruling each of said demurrers, and the Court in said Decree further ordered that the defendant is hereby allowed thirty days from the said 31st day of July 1923 in which to file answer to the Bill of Complaint.

And the said Defendant having failed to answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date, it is now therefore on the motion of the Complainant, 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 Frank Wilson, the Defendant, aforesaid.

This 10th day of September 1923.

W. R. R. R.

Register.

5th
STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Coretta Wilson
vs.
Frank Wilson.

Decree Pro Confesso on
personal service.

Issued September 10th. 1923.

J. M. McCreary
Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA)
Baldwin County.)
Coretta Wilson, Complainant
vs.
Frank Wilson
No. 323 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

In this cause it appears to the Register of this Court that

the defendant, Frank Wilson, to appear and demur

to the bill of complaint in this cause within the time

therein prescribed, and it appears

that the defendant, Frank Wilson, has failed to

appear and demur to the bill of complaint in this cause

within the time therein prescribed, and it is the order of the

Court that the bill of complaint in this cause be taken as confessed

against the said Frank Wilson, the defendant, aforesaid.

This 10th day of September 1923.

J. M. McCreary
Register.

RECORDED

CORETTA WILSON

COMPLAINANT

VS

FRANK WILSON

DEFENDANT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

I, Vernol R. Jansen, Commissioner named in the Commission attached hereto, do hereby certify that the within named witnesses, to-wit; Coretta Wilson, Wash Wasp and Felix Sanders, who are known to me, and who I know to be the identical persons named in said commission; came before me at my office at 617 City Bank Building, Mobile, Alabama, at ten o'clock, Monday, the 24th day of September 1923; that they were duly sworn by me to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and examined as above stated, that their evidence was reduced by me to writing as near as might be in their own language, and was signed by them in my presence on the day and date above written.

I further certify that I am neither of counselor^{or} kin to any of the parties in this cause, nor in any way interested in the result thereof.

Witness my hand this the 24th day of September, 1923.

Vernol R. Jansen

 COMMISSIONER.

Coretta Wilson, the Complainant, being by me duly sworn, testified as follows;

My name is Coretta Wilson. Frank Wilson is the Respondent. I reside at Baldwin County, Alabama at Point Clear. Frank Wilson resides near Fairhope in the same county. Frank Wilson and I were married to each other on December 19th, 1918 and we have lived together as husband and wife up to about six months before the filing of the bill in this suit.

About six months before the bill in the case was filed Frank Wilson committed adultery with one Emma Whitfield in Fairhope, Alabama in Baldwin County. On or about August 15th 1922, Frank Wilson the respondent, committed an assault on me by striking me in the face and breaking my eye glasses that were on my face at the time and knocked me down. This was a violent attack on my person. He had a razor in his hand and said he was going to cut my throat with the razor and when he said that I hollered for my father, Wash Wasp. I was sick in bed for about three weeks and caused to be confined for at least three weeks as a result of this attack. There was reasonable ground to apprehend further violence of the same kind from his conduct at that time.

Frank Wilson is an able bodied man and is working as a mill hand in a saw mill. He is a teamster. I guess he makes good wages and makes enough to allow me alimony of at least fifteen dollars per month in this case. He works regularly and has been so engaged ever since he and I parted.

Frank Wilson and I had parted before he assaulted me on the occasion above named. He had been from time to time before that striking me and treating me rough. This other woman, Emma Whitfield kept up a fuss between Frank and me all the time and I had been forced to leave him. I have not lived with Frank Wilson nor cohabited with him since the assault above mentioned.

Coretta Wilson

Felix Sanders, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth testified as follows,

My name is Felix Sanders. I know Coretta and Frank Wilson. I have known Frank Wilson for about twenty years. He has lived in Baldwin County all his life. He and I went to school together when we were children.

I know that Frank Wilson committed an assault on Coretta Wilson about the 15th of August 1922. He struck her in the face and broke her eye glasses and a piece of the glass got in her eye and she went to the ground. He had a razor and threatened to cut here throat with it. I helped to get the glass out of her eye after he left. When he saw the old man Wash Wasp coming he left her and ran off. I know that about the time of this assault on Coretta Wilson and before that time, ^{Frank Wilson was} living in adultery with Emma Whitfield. Coretta Wilson has not lived with Frank Wilson any more since the occasion when he knocked her down as above stated. From the way he attacked her and his threats, he intended to kill her.

Felix Sanders

Wash Wasp, a witness for the Complainant, being duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows;

My name is Wash Wasp. I ~~am~~ the father of Corette Wilson. I live at Point Clear in Baldwin County, Alabama. Corette lives there with me. I know Frank Wilson the respondent in the case. I have been knowing him some ten or twelve years. Frank Wilson has a good job and works at his work regular and makes about two dollars a day.

About the fifteenth of August 1922, Frank Wilson made an assault on my daughter, Corette Wilson. He knocked her down and knocked her eye glasses off her and she hollered for me. I ran down there and Frank Wilson ran off. She was sick from this assault and caused me to have to send for the doctor and she stayed in bed a week or such a matter, and I know this assault was dangerous to the health of Coretta Wilson.

Coretta and Frank Wilson were married in December 19th, 1918 and lived together up to the time they had this assault above mentioned. They have not lived together since that time. Both

Frank Wilson and Coretta Wilson are over the age of twenty one years and were over twenty one when this bill was filed. They are both bonafide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama for over five years. ^{and have been}

Wash ^{his} Wasp
mark

The State of Alabama, ^{Baldwin} ~~Mobile~~ County,

Coretta Wilson,

Complainant

^{Baldwin} Circuit Court of ~~Mobile~~ County

No.

vs.

IN EQUITY

Frank Wilson,

Defendant

The Complainant

requests the oral examination of the following named witness summoned on her behalf, viz.:

- Wash Wasp, Jennie Wasp,
- Ernest Herd, Felix Sanders,
- Coretta Wilson,

said witnesses reside in the County of Point Clear, Baldwin County, ~~Alabama~~ State of Alabama.

Vernol R. Jansen, Esq'r

who reside at Mobile, Ala.,

is suggested as a suitable person to be appointed Commissioner to take the deposition of said witness^{es} on such oral examination

R.O. Roach

Solicitor for Complainant.

Official for Court Clerk

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No. 353

Baldwin
Circuit Court of Mobile County
 Baldwin Mobile, Alabama
 IN EQUITY

Coretta Wilson,

VS.

Frank Wilson,

Demand for Oral Examination

Filed September 11th. 1923

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Official for Court Clerk

Circuit Court of Mobile County

Official for Court Clerk

Official for Court Clerk

Official for Court Clerk

Circuit Court of Mobile County

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT.

To Hon. Vernol R Jansen,

KNOW YE, That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commission-
er, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and
examine Wash Wasp, Jennie Wasp, Ernest Herd, and Felix Sanders

Coretta Wilson

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant, in a cause pending in our Circuit

Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Coretta Wilson

Complainant

and Frank Wilson,

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 10th day of Sept 1923.

J. M. Rice
Register.

Commissioners Fee \$.....

Witness Fee's \$.....



6th (start)

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Coretta Wilson,

Filed Sept 25th 1923
DeBuccium - Auditor

Complainant.....

vs.

Frank Wilson,

Defendant.....

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

Hon. Vernal R Jansen,,

RECORDED

WITNESSES:

Wash Wasp, Jennie Wasp,

Ernest, Felix Sanders.

Coretta Wilson,



Coretta Wilson,)
Complainant,)
vs.)
Frank Wilson,)
Defendant.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

In Equity.

In the above stated cause it is agreed by and between the Solicitors for the Complainant and the defendant, that said cause is hereby submitted for a decree on the Demurrers filed by the solicitor for the Defendant to the Bill of Complaint.

Either party may file a brief in the cause or send his brief direct to the Judge of the Circuit Court.

Witness our hands this 7th day of July 1923.

R.P. Roach

Solicitor for Complainant.

Jays Mun
Solicitor for Defendant,

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Corretta Wilson
Complainant

vs.

Frank Wilson
Respondent

No. 353

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.

_____, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Decree pro Confesso Sept 10, 1923
Deposition of Corretta Wilson
" " Felix Sanders
" " Wash Wasp

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

This 6th day of Oct, 1923

D. M. Reardon
Register.

8th

No. 353

The State of Alabama

County

Circuit Court in Equity

Coretta Wilson

Complainant

vs.

Frank Wilson

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed 5th day of Oct, 1923

T. M. Williams Register

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

State of Alabama

Coretta Wilson

No 353

Circuit Court

in Equity

Frank Wilson vs Coretta Wilson

I hereby certify that the above note of testimony is correct

The Clerk of the Court

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. Oct 5th Term, 1923

Coretta Wilson

Complainant.....

vs.

Frank Wilson

Defendant.....

To J. W. Recheuson, 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 R. P. Roach

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.

R. P. Roach
Solicitor for Complainant.

9th

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

Corretta Wilson

vs.

Frank Wilson

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION.

Filed *October 5th* 19*23*

J. W. Peterson

Register

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