

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 381 ..... CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Minnie Racine ..... Complainant.....

vs.

Walter Racine ..... Defendant.....

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, Ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

On account of Cruelty

It is further ordered, that the said Minnie Racine be, and <sup>s</sup> 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 Minnie Racine 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 Walter Racine

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

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 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.....

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No. 381

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Minnie Racine

Vs.

Walter Racine

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this *2nd*

day of *April*, 192*3*

*D. W. Rice*

Register.

E. O. M.

STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
BALDWIN COUNTY. )

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

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

Your Oratrix Minnie Racine, respectfully represents  
and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

That she is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County  
Alabama, resideing near Bay Minette for more than the last  
three preceeding years next before the filing of this bill,  
and that she is over the age of twenty-one years of age.

That Walter Racine is over twenty-one years of age  
and lives at Calvert, Alabama.

That your Oratrix and the said Walter Racine were  
lawfully married some several years ago and lived together  
as man and wife until to-wit: About March 17th, 1922, at  
which time the said Walter Racine struch your Oratrix knowk-  
ing her to the ground; that he threatened to kill your Ora-  
trix and that from his threats and conduct your Oratrix had  
reasonable apprehension of such violence from the said  
Walter Racine as to endanger her life and health. That by  
the lick received on or about March 17th, 1922, your Oratrix  
health or life was endangered, *and that said acts were committed*

The premises considered your Oratrix prays that  
the said Walter Racine be made party respondent to this bill  
of complaint by the usual process of this Honorable Court  
and that he be required to answer, demur or plead the same  
within the time and under the penalties as provided by law,  
or that the same be forever confessed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

That upon the final hearing of this cause Your  
Honor will grant unto Oratrix an absolute divorce from the  
said Walter Racine.

That if your Ortaria is mistaken in the relief  
prayed then Your Honor will grant unto her such other, fur-  
ther, different and general relief as she may in justice

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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, Walter Racine, is required to answer each and every alleagtion contained in this bill of complaint from paragraph numbered 1 to 2, both inclusive but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

P A G E & B M O O R E R ,  
Solicitors 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 Walter Racine,

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

Minnie Racine,

against said Walter Racine,

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 13th, day of March,

1923.

*T. W. Richerson*

Register.

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

*Original*

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Serve on \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

Sheriff

Minnie Racine

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

192\_\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within summons with \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

vs.

Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Sheriff

Walter Racine

I, Walter Racine, hereby accept  
service of the within subpoena  
and waive service of same by the  
sheriff.  
This 14th day of March, 1923.

*Walter Racine*

Witness:

*W. M. Moore*

*W. M. Moore*  
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Solicitor for Complainant

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vs  
  
Walter Racine,  
Respondent.

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

Comes, Walter Racine, and for answer to the original bill filled in the above styled cause denies each and every allegation contained therein, and demands strict proff of same. He waives service of subpoena by the sheriff on said original bill, notice of the filing of interrogatories, or any proceeding to take testimony on oral or written examination as well as the right to cross examine, and consents that this cause be submitted for decree on note of testimony made by the Register in vacation or in term time.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1923.

Witness:

W. M. Ruff  
J. H. Ruff

Walter Racine

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. .... Term, 191.....

*Minnie Raine*

Complainant.....

vs.

*Walter Raine*

Defendant.....

To *T. W. Rice*, 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

*H. D. Moore*

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.

*H. D. Moore*

Solicitor for Complainant.



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

*Minnie Rogers*

vs.

*Walter Rogers*

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed *March 24* 19*23*

*D. W. Williams*

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# NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Minnie Racine

\_\_\_\_\_

Complainant

**VS.**

Walter Racine

Respondent

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Minnie Racine and Maggie Payne

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

This 24th day of March, 193

*J. M. [Signature]*  
Register.

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No. ....

The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Circuit Court in Equity

Minnie Rouse

Complainant

vs.

Walter Rouse

Respondent

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Minnie Racine

Complainant

vs.

Walter Racine

Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the following witnesses:

Minnie Racine, and Maggie Payne,

who reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in Bayminette Alabama,

on this the 24th day of March 1923, and there being present

H. D. Moore Secy. for Plaintiff

The said Witnesses being first sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

My name is Minnie Racine. I have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, during the last ten years. I have lived here for the last ten years just preceeding the filing of this bill for divorce. I am over twenty-one years of age. Walter Racine is over the age of twenty-one years and was over twenty-one years of age when this bill for divorce was filed. Walter Racine and myself were lawfully married about September, 1911 and lived together as man and wife until towit: March 17th, 1922. At this time Walter Racine struch me with his fist knocking me down on the ground and threatened to kill me. He of-tem made threats to kill me and he was constantly abusing me. His conduct was gradually growing worse and I was avraid to live with him. His conduct and threats cused me to beleive he would carry out his threats. From his conduct and threats in connection with his knocking me to the ground caused me to have apprehension of such violence as to endanger my helth and life. From his acts and threats I had reasonable apprehension of such violence from Walter Racine as to endanger my life and health. My life and health was endangered by the lick he gave me on the 17th day of March, 1923, and that said lick was coumtilled in Baldwin county, Ala

Minnie Racine

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of March, 1923.

T. A. [Signature]  
Register.

Testimony of Mrs. Maggie Payne:

My name is Maggie Payne. I know Mrs, Minnie Racine and Walter Racine. They are husband and wife. I know that Walter Racine was continuously abusing and fussing with his wife, Minnie Racine. I did not ever see him strike her but I saw her a short while after he had beat her up about the 17th of last March, 1922. She had a great big blue place under her eye. From the looks of the bruise it must have been a severe lick. She was bruised until her face was almost black. I did not see the difficulty but this was soon after I heard that he had beat her up. It was known by other people that he had beat her up, or rather it was talked over the neighborhood where we lived. We lived in the same neighborhood.

Maggie Payne

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day  
of March, 1923.

J. W. Rice

I, J. W. Richardson, as Register

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition..... on oral examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of the said witness....., or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness as; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause; or in any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court, and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 19 23

J. W. Richardson (L. S.)

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.

- ..... days at \$1.50 per day..... \$.....
- ..... words at 20 cents per hundred..... \$.....

**The State of Alabama,**

*Bedford* COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

*Minnie Rouse*

vs. Complainant,

*Water Rouse*

Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Oral Examination.**

Deposition of *Witness*

for *Complainant*

Filed *24th* day of *March*, 19*23*.

Published by order of the Court, *Conrad*

day of *Mar 24th*, 19*23*

*J. M. Wilkinson*  
Register.