

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 397.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Louis Williams,

Complainant

vs.

Rebecca Williams,

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,

Louis Williams,

It is further ordered, that the said

be, and he he is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

Louis Williams,

It is further ordered, that the said

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 Rebecca Williams,

Louis Williams,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said

Rebecca Williams,

shall not again marry except to said

until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to

Rebecca Williams,

said during the pendency of said appeal

This 12th day of January, 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 1924, 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 1924

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Louis Williams,

vs.

Rebecca Williams,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 12th

day of January, 1924

D. W. Beckman
Register.

E. O. M.

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FILED TO STATE
RECORDS

[Handwritten signature]

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY
IN EQUITY

Humbly complaining your orator, Louis Williams, as complainant, brings this bill of complaint against Rebecca Williams, as respondent, and respectfully shows:

ONE

Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is now and for more than five years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint has been a bona fide resident of Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama. The respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and now resides at 521 east 37th street, in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois, but up to about three years ago resided at Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

TWO

Complainant and respondent were married to each other at Stockton, Alabama, in the year 1911, and they lived together in Baldwin County, Alabama, until to wit, July 14, 1920, at which time the respondent voluntarily abandoned complainant and has since that time continuously remained away from him and has had nothing to do with him and complainant now charges him with voluntary abandonment for more than two years.

The premises considered, complainant prays that your Honor will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this bill of complaint and by proper process issuing to her from this Honorable Court the respondent, Rebecca Williams, be required to answer the charges herein made against her within the time and in all things as required by the rules and practise of this court.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of the

evidence in this cause your Honor will order, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between complainant and respondent be forever dissolved; that complainant be permitted to contract another marriage should he so desire and that he shall be granted such other, further and different relief as in equity and good conscience may be due him in the premises.

Brooks & McMillon

Attorneys for Complainant.

NOTE:

The respondent, Rebecca Williams, is required to answer each allegation and paragraph of the foregoing bill of complaint but her oath thereto is hereby expressly waived.

Brooks & McMillon

Attorneys for Complainant.

RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Rebecca Williams

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 19

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M. Williams
Registered*

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 171

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J. W. Richardson

(NAME OF SENDER)

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1923
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BAY MINETTE, A. A.

State of Alabama

Baldwin County,

Before me W. H. McMillen, a Notary Public

in and for said State and County, personally appeared

Lewis Williams, who being sworn says on oath

that each allegation and paragraph in the Bill

of Complaint filed in this cause of affiance

to Rebecca Williams in the Circuit Court of

~~the~~ Baldwin County and number

ed — on the docket through is true.

Lewis Williams

sworn to and subscribed

before me this 28th day of July

1907. W. H. McMillen

N. P. A. C.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

} CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
No. 397. Vacation Term, 19 23

Louis Williams

Complainant

vs. Rebecca Williams,

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication here-
tofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 9th
August, 19 23, in the Baldwin
a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County,
Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court
House door in Baldwin County, on the 9th day of
Aug 19, and a copy of notice mailed Deft.

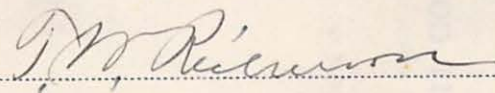
And it now further appearing to the Register T.W. Richerson, that the said

Rebecca Williams,

having to the date hereof failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, there-
fore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register T.W. Richerson, that the
Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Rebecca Williams,

This 10th, December, 19 23 day of



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Louis Williams

vs.

Rebecca Williams

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PUBLICATION.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 397 Vacation Term, 1914

Louis Williams, Complainant

vs.

Rebecca Williams, 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 Brooks & Mc Millan,

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.

Brooks & Mc Millan,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
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Louis Williams,

vs.

Rebecca Williams,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Lous Williams,

Complainant

VS.

Rebecca Williams,

Respondent

No. 397.

In Circuit Court,
In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by his solicitor and submits the same for Final

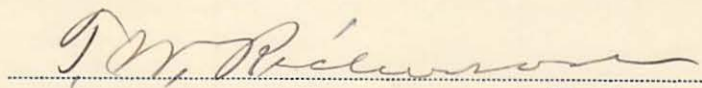
decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto decree pro confesso.

, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Testimony of Louis Willams and Tom Branch,

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

This 9th day of January, 1924.



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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Circuit Court in Equity

Louis Williams

Complainant

vs.

Rebecca Williams

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT.

To Hon. William W Kilcrease,

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 Louis Williams, and Tom Branch,

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

Louis Williams

is Complainant

and

Rebecca Williams

is 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 5th, day of January, 1924

[Signature] Register.

Commissioners Fee \$

Witness Fee's \$

No. 397.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Louis Williams,

Complainant.....

vs.

Rebecca Williams,

Defendant.....

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

Hon. Wallace W Kilcrease,

WITNESSES:

Louis Williams,

and Tom Branch,

LOUIS WILLIAMS,
Complainant,

v.

REBECCA WILLIAMS,
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

Personally appeared before me, ^{William} William W. Kilcrease, commissioner named in the attached commission, Louis Williams and Tom Branch, material witnesses for the complainant in the above entitled cause, who being by me first duly sworn depose and say:

DEPOSITION OF LOUIS WILLIAMS

FIRST.

My name is Louis Williams. I am now and was when this bill was filed over the age of 21 years. I live at Stockton in Baldwin County, Alabama, and am now and for more than five years next before the filing of this bill have been a bona fide resident of Stockton, Alabama, residing there continuously. The respondent, Rebecca Williams, was over the age of 21 years when the bill of complaint in this cause was filed. When said bill was filed and now she resides in the city of Chicago and State of Illinois and her specific address is No. 521 East 37th Street in said city of Chicago. Up to about three years before this bill was filed she resided in Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND.

I am complainant in this suit and was married to the respondent, Rebecca Williams, at Stockton, Alabama, in the year 1911 and we lived together at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, until July 14, 1920, at which time the said respondent voluntarily abandoned me and the home I had provided for her and went to Chicago to live. She has continuously remained away from me since that time and has refused to come back to me or to have anything to do with me. She voluntarily abandoned me in the year 1920 and such abandonment has continued for more than two years next preceding the filing of this bill. The respondent's abandonment of me was entirely without fault on my part and it was voluntarily on her part. I have always

treated her properly and have provided a support for her and I tried to get her to return to me but she refused. We were married in Baldwin County and up to and at the time the respondent left me we lived at Stockton and the abandonment took place at Stockton.

Louis Williams

DEPOSITION OF TOM BRANCH.

FIRST.

I live in Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, and am over the age of 21 years. I know Louis Williams, the complainant in this suit, and also knew Rebecca Williams, the respondent in this suit, and knew them while they lived together at Stockton. They have not lived together since the year 1911. Louis Williams lives at Stockton, Alabama, at which place he has lived continuously for more than five years. Rebecca Williams, the respondent, did live at Stockton, Alabama, up to the time she left Louis and she left Baldwin County during the year 1920 and went away. My information is that she went to Chicago, Illinois and has lived there ever since. I know she has not lived in Baldwin County since that year.

SECOND.

While complainant and respondent lived together at Stockton, I was with them and saw them very frequently and I know that Louis always treated her properly and that her leaving him was without fault on his part. Louis Williams, the complainant, is a hard working man and he is considered honest and has a good reputation and I know that he provided his wife a support while she was with him. I do not know why Rebecca Williams left him but I know that it was not due to the complainant's fault and have every reason to suppose that Rebecca Williams, the respondent, merely got tired of her husband and voluntarily abandoned him.

Tom Branch, x

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONER.

Williams
I, ~~William~~ W. Kilcrease, the commissioner named in the commission hereto attached, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said witnesses, Louis Williams and Tom Branch, and know them to be the identical persons named in said commission; that they were duly sworn by me to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and examined as above stated; that their evidence was taken down as near as might be in their own language and was subscribed by them in my presence on the 5th day of January 1924, at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to any of the parties to this cause nor in any way interested in the result thereof. Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of January, 1924.

William W. Kilcrease (SEAL)
Commissioner.

Louis Williams
v.
Rebecca Williams

in the Circuit
Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama.

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C. Williams
Register*

*Spent by order
of Court
Jan 8/1924
C. Williams
Register*

Mr. Thomas W. Richerson,
Register in Chancery,
Circuit Court,
Bay Minette, Ala.

~~William M. Tilden~~
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Louis Williams,

No. 397.

vs.

Rebecca Williams.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 6th, day of

August, 19 23

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

Louis Williams, the Complainant.

that the Defendant Rebecca Williams,

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and ~~and~~ her present place of 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 ~~her~~ the said Louis

Williams,

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 10th, day of September, 19 23,

or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him,

J. M. ...

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