

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 405.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Minnie Hall,

Complainant

vs.

C.Hall.

Defendant

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

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

on account of voluntary abandonment,

Minnie Hall,

It is further ordered, that the said

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

Minnie Hall,

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

C.Hall,

execution for such costs may issue against the said

Minnie Hall,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said

C.Hall,

shall not again marry except to said

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

C.Hall,

said during the pendency of said appeal

This 10th day of June, 1927.

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.

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No. 405.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Minnie Hall,

vs.

C. Hall,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 10th

day of June, 1927

J. M. Williams

Register.

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ADDRESSES OF PARTIES

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

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The State of Alabama, Mobile County

Minnie Hall,
Complainant

No. *S. Hall,* vs.
Defendant

Baldwin
Circuit Court of ~~Mobile~~ County

IN EQUITY

The *Complainant*

requests the oral examination of the following named witness

on *her* behalf, viz.: *Minnie Hall*

said witnesses reside in the County of *Mobile*

State of Alabama.

Mr. J. H. Chisolm
who reside at *Mobile Ala (Box 704)*

is suggested as *a* suitable person to be appointed Commissioner to take deposition of said witness on such oral examination

George B. Chisolm
Solicitor for *Complainant*

No. 405

Circuit Court of Mobile County

Mobile, Alabama

IN EQUITY

Minnie Hall

vs.

C. Hall

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

Filed Mar 19 1927

J. W. Williams

Register

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Minnie Hall,.....

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vs.

C. Hall,.....

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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,-----
Testimony of Minnie Hall and Katie Lewis,
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and in behalf of Defendant upon.....

T. W. Rice

Register.

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No. 405.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Minnie Hall,

vs

C. Hall

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 21st
day of May 1927.

J. W. Beckwith
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Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.

:- In the Circuit Court, Equity Side.

C. Hall, Defendant.)

Come the complainant, by counsel, and moves the Court to order a reference to the Register to take proof and state what would be a reasonable sum to be paid by the defendant to the complainant as alimony pendente lite, and also what would be a reasonable sum to be paid by the defendant to the complainant as an attorney's fee.

G. B. ...
Attorney for complainant.

Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.

:- In the Circuit Court of Baldwin Co., Ala.,
In Equity.

C. Hall, Defendant.)
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Depositions of Katie Lewis and Minnie Hall,
witnesses for the complainant, taken at the office of George Bowen
Cleveland, Mobile, Ala., On May 13th, 1927, at 1 and 5:25 P.M.

Katie Lewis testified as follows:

My name is Katie Lewis. I am the
mother of the complainant. We are colored people. I know that Minnie, the
complainant, was married to C. Hall, and lived with him in Baldwin Co.
for a long time. She came to my home in Mobile between seven and eight
years ago. She has worked ever since and supported herself and me, ~~from~~
C. Hall has not done anything for her, sent her any money, or supported
her in any way. He has lived separate and apart from her during that time,
I know, and has not contributed to her support.

Katie Lewis
made

Minnie Hall, a witness for complainant, testified as follows:-

I am a boni fide resident of Alabama and was for the three years next preceding the filing of the complaint in this case. In fact all my life. My husband resides in Baldwin county, Alabama, and resided there at the time I filed the bill of complaint herein. We are both over 21 years of age.

The defendant and I were married August 12th, 1912. We lived together until about December, 1919, when he ordered me to leave. He had told me a number of times to go. He ordered me to get up the.....road. He cursed and abused me, and twice he cut down a pine sapling and beat me with it. He had a woman in my bed, Eugenia Heard, and when I spoke to him about it when I returned from nursing my mother, he cursed me all the way home from church. He told me to get up the..... road. He compelled me to leave him and I charge that he was guilty of desertion and abandonment of my bed and board for the two years next preceding the filing of the bill in this case, voluntarily. I also charge that he was guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment of me, with actual violence to my person, with danger to my life and health, and there is reasonable apprehension of the recurrence of the same if I attempted to live with him again. I also charge him with adultery with Eugenia Heard, who he had in my bed all night with him.

He did not support me well when I lived there. I sent to my mother for shoes and other things. She also sent me food, often. Since my return to Mobile, between seven and eight years ago, he has not contributed to my support or lived with me.

I am informed he has two children since I left. He seduced the daughter of the deacon of the church. She was with child by him before I left there. Her name was Ada Jones. The child was born afterwards. She was a school girl about 14 years old. I am informed she says both of her children are by him.

Minnie Hall

I, John H. Cleveland, do hereby certify that I caused the foregoing witnesses to come before me at the office of George Bowen Cleveland and that they testified as is set down. That the same was reduced to type-writing for me. That they were duly sworn by me and the testimony was read over to them and signed by them. I am not related to either of the parties to the suit or of counsel for either of them.

Witness my hand this May 17, 1927.

John H. Cleveland
Commissioner.

(Comes for \$2.00)

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT.

To Hon. John H. Cleveland,

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 Minnie Hall and Katie Lewis,

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

Minnie Hall,

Complainant

and C. Hall,

Defendant,

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

Witness 12th day of May 1927

J. W. Reimann
Register.

Commissioners Fee \$

Witness Fee's \$



No. 405.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Minnie Hall,

Complainant

vs.

C. Hall,

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION
ON INTERROGATORIES.

COMMISSIONER:

John H. Cleveland,

WITNESSES:

Minnie Hall

Katie Lewis,



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Aug 18 1927
W. R. ...

Commissioner for ...

Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs .

:- In the Circuit Court. In equity.

C. Hall, Defendant.)

To the Hon . Circuit Judges:-

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Complainant states that the defendant and she both reside in Alabama and are over the age of 21, and she has resided here for more than the three years next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, and has been a boni fide resident of this state for the three immediately ~~xxxx~~ preceding the filing of this suit.

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That the defendant and she were married August 12th, 1910, and that the defendant has been guilty of actual violence to her person, attended with danger to her life and health, and from his conduct there is reasonable apprehension of his again being guilty of the same if she attempts to live with him. Further he has so often cruelly beat her that she was compelled to leave him and that ~~therefore~~ he has voluntarily abandoned her bed and board for the two years immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint.

premises considered, complainant prays that the defendant, C. Hall, be made such by due process, and required to answer this bill, but his oath is waived. That she be given a full divorce from him, with alimony pendente lite and permanent, and that he be required to pay her attorney's fees and expenses of this suit, as she has but what she earns with her hands, being a colored domestic servant.

G. B. Leland Jr.
Attorney for complainant.

Note:-Defendant is required to answer paragraphs one and two, but his oath is waived.

G. B. Leland Jr.
Atty. for Complainant.

Minnie Hall, Complainant.

vs.

C.Hall, Defendant.

In the Circuit Court

Baldwin County, Ala,

In Equity.

This cause coming on to be heard ,upon motion of the Complainant, for an order of reference to ascertain the amount of of Attorneys Fees and alimony pendante lite as prayed for in the Complaint in this cause and it appearing to the Court that the said motion was filed Aug 14th,1925, Defenant having failed to file answer and de proconfesso having been taken against Defendant Febuary 16th 1925, It is ordered and decreed by the Court that said motion should be granted.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the Register be and he is hereby ordered and directed to hold a reference in this cause to ascertain the value of the proerty and the earning capacity of the Complainant, C.Hall, and to ascertain a suitable amount to be paid Defendant by the said ~~Complainant~~ to the ~~Defendant~~ Complainant as alimony pendente lite and attorneys fee for the Complainant in this cau e and that the findings on the reference be duly reported in accordance with the rules and practices of this Court.

Done this ~~24th~~ ^{24th} day of ~~August~~ ^{August} 1925

John D. Leigh
Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit.

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 C. Hall,

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

Minnie Hall,

against said C. Hall,

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 26th, day of Sept,

192 3.

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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Serve on _____

Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity

No. _____

SUMMONS

Minnie Hall,

vs.

C. Hall,

G. B. Cleveland, Jr.,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this 26th,
day of Sept, 1923.

Sheriff.

Executed this 29th day of
Oct 1923

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

L. Hall.

Defendant.

H. R. Stuart

Sheriff.

By B. D. Higgins
Deputy Sheriff.

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Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.)

:- In the Circuit Court of Baldwin Co., Ala. Equity

C. Hall, Defendant.)

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Amendment to Bill of Complaint.

Comes the complainant and mends her bill of complaint by adding thereto an additional ground of divorce as follows: (Before prayer)

"Complainant further charges that she and the defendant have lived apart and not co-habited, nor had marital intercourse, for the period of the five years next preceding the filing of the complaint, and during that time, and particularly the two years next preceding the filing of this suit, she has received no support whatever, or anything, from the defendant."

George Bowen Chabland,
Attorney for Complainant.

Note: The defendant is required to answer the above amendment and the bill as so amended.

George Bowen Chabland,
Attorney for Complainant.

Defendant hereby accepts
service and notice of
above this May 6, 1927

Norman Horn
Solicitor for Dept

Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.

:- In the Circuit Court Baldwin Co., Ala., in equity

Charles Hall, Defendant.)

Motion.

Comes the complainant by counsel and moves the Court to enter a decree pro confesso against the defendant ^{because of} for his failure to plead, demur or answer within the time fixed by law after personal service.

[Handwritten Signature]
Attorney for complainant.

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 405.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Minnie Hall

Complainant.....

vs.

C.Hall,

Defendant.....

In this cause it appears to the Register,
that a Summons requiring the Defendant C.Hall,

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after the service of said

Summons upon C.Hall,

was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the

29th day of October, 1925

And the said Defendant..... having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date,

it is now, therefore, on motion of Hon. George B. Cleveland, Solicitor for

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 C.Hall,

Defendant... aforesaid.

This 16th day of February, 1925

T. W. Richardson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Minnie Hall

Vs.

B. Hall

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued February 10 1928

J. Williams

Register.

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AMERHILL
BOND

Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.

:- In the Circuit Court In Equity.

C. Hall, defendant.)

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Motion.

Comes the complainant, through counsel, and moves the Court for an order publishing the testimony and that the Court take a submission of the cause for final decree.

George B. ...
Attorney for Complainant.

Minnie Hall, Complainant,)

vs.

: - In the Circuit Court of Baldwin Co., Alabama.

G. Hall, Defendant.)

.....:

To the Register: -

Complainant requests the oral examination of the following witnesses on her behalf, viz: -

Minnie Hall and Katie Lewis, who reside in Mobile county, Alabama.

Mr. John H. Cleveland is suggested a suitable person to be appointed commissioner to take the depositions of said witnesses. He resides at Mobile, Mobile Co., Alabama.

5/11/1927

George Powell Cleveland
Attorney for Complainant.