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vs.

Robert P. McGuinn

In the Circuit Court No. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY

The above entitled cause being at issue,

is to say:

TESTIMONY taken at the office of George Arnold Frick, Examiner, on Saturday, April 13, 1935, at ten o'clock in the morning.

Present: Thurgood Marshall, Counsel for the Plaintiff. E. Everett Lane, Counsel for the Defendant.

Thereupon:

WILLIE MAE McGUINN, the Plaintiff, produced as a witness on her own behalf, being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith as follows - that is to say -

#### BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q- State your name, residence and occupation?

A- Willie Mae McGuinn, 1404 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

2 Q- What is your occupation?

A- House keeper.

3 Q- You a re the Plaintiff in this proceeding? A- Yes, sir.

4 Q- How long have you known the Defendant, Robert P. McGuinn?

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A- I have known him since 1913.

BY MR. MARSHALL:

5 Q- Mrs. McGuinn, have you been a resident of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes.

6 Q- When, where and by whom were you married?

A- I was married in New York, by a Justice of the Peace where you get the marriage license.

7 Q- What year was that?

A- It was 1925, October 6.

8 Q- Were there any children born as the result of your marriage?

A- Yes, two.

9 Q- Names and ages?

A- Ruth, nine; and Roberta, three.

10 Q- Have you the care and custody of these children at the present time?

A- Yes.

11 Q- Have you always been a kind, chaste and affectionate wife towards your husband?

A- Yes. -2-

12 Q- Are you living together now?

A- No.

13 Q- When did you separate?

A- 1932, January.

14 Q- Which one left the other?

A- He left me.

15 Q- Did you give him any just cause or provocation to leave you?

A- No.

16 Q- What did he say when he left you, if anything?

A- He said he wasn't going to live with me any more. 17 Q- Do you think that his desertion and abandonment of you was his final and deliberate act?

A- Yes.

18 Q- Is there any expectation of a reconciliation between you and your husband?

A- No.

19 Q- Has this separation continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes.

20 Q- Do you want the care and custody of your two children?

A- Yes.

21 Q- What do you consider a reasonable amount for the support and maintenance of the children in this case?

A- Well, I have agreed to accept, the least I could get along with now is fifty dollars a month, and as he makes more that is to be increased.

MR. MARSHALL : That's all.

CROSS E XAMINATION BY MR. LANE:

1 XQ- Mrs. McGuinn, do you have any objection to Mr. McGuinn seeing the children at any time?

A- No.

2 XQ- And should you be compelled to leave the City would you object for him to have the care and custody of the children for any short period of time and to visit him?

A- No, but that is not to interfere with their school. 3 XQ- Of course, that is not to interfere with their education?

A- Yes.

4 XQ- Do I understand that the money is to be paid monthly - is that the idea?

A- Every two weeks I would rather have it.

5 XQ- How do you want this money paid; direct to you or through the Probation Department?

A- Through the Probation Department.

6 XQ- And that is to begin as of the date of the decree? A- Yes.

7 XQ- Of course, he is paying you something now each week?

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A- Yes, he is paying regular now.

8 XQ- And that is to start as of the date of the decree? A- Yes.

MR. IANE: That is all.

QUESTION BY THE EXAMINER:

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be of benefit or advantage to the parties to this suit or either of them or that may be material to the subject of this your examination or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer. Answer

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SARAH COLLINS FERNANDIS, produced as a witness on behalf of the Plaintiff, being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith as follows - that is to say -

### BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q- State your name, residence and occupation?

A- Sarah Collins Fernandis, 1427 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

2 Q- What is your occupation?

A- Social Worker.

3 Q- Do you know the parties to this suit, Mr. and Mrs. McGuinn?

A- Yes.

4 Q- How long have you known them?

A- I have known Mrs. McGuinn for about five years.

5 Q- How long have you known him?

A- Just about the same time. I knew him by sight, just an acquaintance, no more.

BY MR. MARSHALL:

6 Q- Mrs. Fernandis, you were not present at the wedding? A- No.

7 Q- Did Mr. and Mrs. McGuinn live together as man and wife and hold themselves out as such and were they so treated

## Sarah Collins Fernandis

by their friends and acquaintances and relations?

A- Yes, sir.

8 Q- Has Mrs. McGuinn been a resident of the State of Maryland for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes.

9 Q- Any children born as the result of this marriage? A- Yes, two.

10 Q- Do you know their names and ages?

A- Yes, Ruth, nine; and Roberta, three.

11 Q- Who has the custody of these children now?

A- Their mother.

12 Q- Is she a fit and proper person to have the care and custody of these children?

A- Most certainly.

13 Q- Was Mrs. McGuinn always a kind, chaste and affectionate wife towards her husband?

A- Absolutely so.

14 Q- Are they living together now?

A- No.

15 Q- When did they separate - about what year?

A- 1932, January.

16 Q- Which one left the other?

A- He left her.

17 Q- Did she give him any just cause or reason to leave

## Sarah Collins Fernandis

her?

A- No.

18 Q- Was his desertion of her his deliberate and final act?

A- Yes.

19 Q- Has this separation continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes.

20 Q- Do you think there is any reasonable hope of a reconciliation between them?

A- No, I don't think so.

21 Q- Is she the proper person to have the care and custody of the children?

A- Yes.

MR. MARSHALL: That's all.

MR. LANE: Cross Examination Waived.

# QUESTION BY THE EXAMINER:

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be of benefit or advantage to the parties to this suit or either of them or that may be material to the subject of this your examination or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

Answer: CB.

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DANETTE M. SMALL, produced as a witness on behalf of the Plaintiff, being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith as follows - that is to say -

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q- State your name, residence and occupation?

A- Danette M. Small, 624 N. Carrollton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

2 Q. What is your occupation?

A- School teacher.

3 Q- Do you know the parties to this suit? A- Yes.

4 Q- How long have you known them?

A- I have known Mr. McGuinn since 1929, and Mrs. McGuinn since 1928.

BY MR. MARSHALL:

5 Q- You were not present at the wedding, were you? A- No.

6 Q- Did they live together as husband and wife and hold themselves out as such and were they so treated by their friends and relatives?

A- Yes.

7 Q- Has the Plaintiff been a resident of the City of

#### Danette M. Small

Baltimore and the State of Maryland for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes, she has.

8 Q- Any children born as the result of this marriage?
A- There are two.

9 Q- Names and ages, if you know?

A- Roberta three, and Ruth nine.

10 Q- Who has the care and custody of these children now? A- Mrs. McGuinn.

11 Q- Do you think she is the fit and proper person to have the care and custody of those children?

A- I do.

12 Q- Has Mrs. McGuinn always been a kind, affectionate and chaste wife towards her husband?

A- She has.

13 Q. Are they living together now?

A- No.

14 Q- When did they separate?

A- January, 1932.

15 Q- Which one left the other?

A- Mr. McGuinn left Mrs. McGuinn.

16 Q- Did she give him any just cause or provocation for leaving her?

A- She did not.

17 Q- Was his deliberate and abandonment of her/deliberate

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and final act?

A- It was.

18 Q- Has this separation continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A- Yes, it has.

19 Q- Do you/think there is any reasonable hope or expectation of a reconciliation between the parties?

A- No.

MR. MARSHALL: That's all.

MR. LANE: Cross Examination Waived.

## QUESTION BY THE EXAMINER:

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be of benefit or advantage to the parties to this suit or either of them or that may be material to the subject of this your examination or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

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I, GEORGE ARNOLD FRICK, the Examiner before whom the foregoing depositions were taken, do hereby certify that I was employed in assigning a day and taking the said depositions upon two days, on both in Cross Bill, of which I was employed by the plaintiff. and on none by the defendant......

Examiner.

44 30-1935 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY -WILLIE MAE MCGUINN VS ROBERT P. MCGUINN Cross-lile of Complaint Mr. Clerk: Please file etc. Thurgered Marshall. No 36776 D. 15> THURGOOD MARSHALL ATTORNEY AT LAW 604 PHOENIX BUILDING BALTIMORE, MD. FILED 1935

vs \* CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2 \* OF ROBERT P. McGUINN \* BALTIMORE CITY

WILLIE MAE MCGUINN \* IN THE

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

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Your Oratrix, Willie Mae McGuinn, complaining says:

FIRST: That heretofore, Robert P. McGuinn, the husband of your Oratrix, filed his Bill of Complaint against her in this Court alleging, among other things, that your oratrix had without just cause abandoned the said Robert P. McGuinn and that such abandonment had continued uninterruptedly for at least three years, and was deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties was beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation, and thereupon the said Robert P. McGuinn prayed that he might be divorced a vinculo matrimonii from your oratrix.

<u>SECOND</u>: That your oratrix has answered said bill of complaint and in her answer has shown that the said Robert P. McGuinn is not entitled to any relief in this Honorable Court, but, on the contrary thereof, your oratrix, of right and by the rules and practice of equity, ought to have relief in the premises, all of which matters will more fully appear by reference to said bill and answer.

THIRD: That although your Oratrix has at all times been a kind, chaste and affectionate wife toward her husband, Robert P. McGuinn, the said Robert P. McGuinn, on or about the 20th day of January, 1932, without just cause or provocation, deserted and abandoned your oratrix. That said abandonment and desertion has been continuous and uninterrupted for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit; was the deliberate and final act of the said Robert P. McGuinn and there is no reasonable hope or expectation of a reconciliation.

WHEREFORE YOUR ORATRIX PRAYS :-

1. That your Oratrix may be divorced a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant, Robert P. McGuinn.

2. That your Oratrix may be awarded the permanent custody of her two minor children, Ruth Servant McGuinn, 8 years of age and Robert Alexander McGuinn, 3 years and 6 months of age with a reasonable sum for their support and maintenance.

3. That your Oratrix may be awarded a reasonable sum as permanent alimony and a counsel fee for her solicitor of record.

4. That your Oratrix may be awarded such other and further relief as her case may require.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Thurgood Marshall.

Service admitted this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1935.

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To the Honorable

# In the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City.

Judge of the Said Court:

The above cause is respectfully submitted

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for decree and the 41st General Equity Rule is hereby waived.

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for Plaintiff, In crore fill

C. Everett Jame

Solicitor for Defendant.

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# To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City:

THE PETITION OF Willie Mae Mc Guinn

in this case, respectfully shows that case, and respectfully prays Standing Examiners of this Court. that leave be granted ker

to take testimony in this to do so before one of the

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Apri 8-1935, that leave be ....day of ..... ORDERED, this....

granted to the parties to the cause, to take testimony, as prayed, before any one of the Standing Examiners of this Court.

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pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

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# Report of Auditor and Master:

Bill for divorce a vinculo matrimonii filed by the husband
against his wife on the ground of abandonment; and cross-bill by
wife against husband for same relief and for the custody of their
minor children on same ground. Code Art. 16, secs. 37-42.
Defendant to each bill answers by solicitor. Testimony
taken on behalf of plaintiff in cross-bill.
Residence of plaintiff in cross-bill in Baltimore City
for more than two years proven.
The marriage proven.
The abandonment by defendant to cross-bill for three years,
its finality, and the irreconcilability of the parties proven.
Case made for giving the custody of said children to the
wife.
More than thirty days have elapsed since the filing of the
cross-bill.
Case submitted and ready for decree. Ward B Pas
Auditor and Master May 2, 1935

44 1930-1935 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY ROBERT P. McGUINN VS WILLIE MAE MCGUINN ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT Mr. Clerk: < 47 Please file etc. Thurgood Marchall THURGOOD MARSHALL ATTORNEY AT LAW 604 PHOENIX BUILDING BALTIMORE, MD. 11-FILED 1935

ROBERT P. McGUINN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2 VS OF BALTIMORE CITY WILLIE MAE McGUINN \*\*\*\*\* 30 B. Dockett No. 44

To the Honorable, the Judge of Said Court:

The Defendant, Willie Mae McGuinn, by her attorney Thurgood Marshall, for answer to the bill of complaint exhibited against her says:

FIRST: She admits the allegations contained in the first paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

SECOND: She denies the allegations contained in the second paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

THIRD: She admits the allegations contained in the third paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

FOURTH: She denies the allegations contained in the fourth paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

FIFTH: She admits the allegations contained in the fifth paragraph of the Bill of Complaint.

And having fully answered the said Bill of Complaint, the Defendant prays that the said Bill be dismissed.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Thurgood Marshall Solicitor for Defendant.

Service admitted this \_//tu day of March 1935.

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To the Sheriff Please serve defendant at place of employment - 3712 Woodhaven aderne

EQUITY SUBPOENA The State of Maryland To Willie Max Mc Guinn 1930 TRUE COPY TEST Return Day, 795 REISSUED TO. plea CLERK. of Baltimore City, Greeting:

WE COMMAND AND ENJOIN YOU, That all excuses set aside, you do within the time Kebruary limited by law, beginning on the second Monday of\_ \_\_\_\_, next, cause an appearance to be entered for you, and your Answer to be filed to the Complaint of\_\_\_\_\_

Robert J. Me Junn

against you exhibited in the CIRCUIT COURT No. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY.

HEREOF fail not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril:

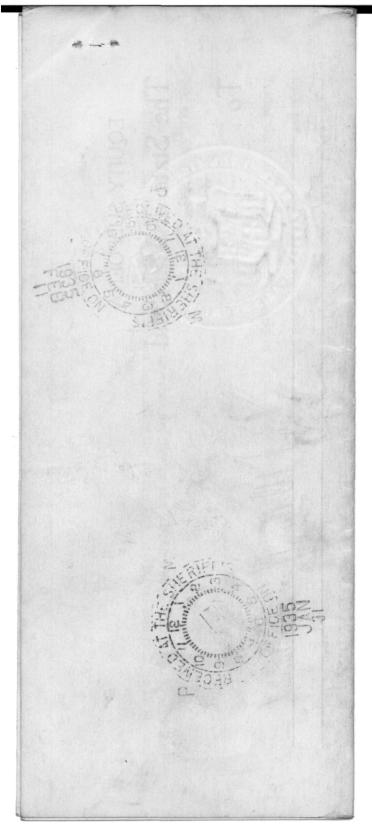
WITNESS, the Honorable SAMUEL K. DENNIS, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore

-, 19 35-14anuary day of\_ City, the\_\_\_\_ anutry 30 in the year 19,35 Issued the\_ day of\_ ohn Clerk.

## **MEMORANDUM:**

You are required to file your Answer or other defence in the Clerk's Office, Room No. 235, in the Court House, Baltimore City, within fifteen days after the return day. (General Equity Rule 11.)

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<u>44 B 30-1935</u> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO.2 of BALTIMORE CITY. ROBERT P. MCGUINN Complainant. Vs. WILLIE MAE MCGUINN Respondent. BILL FOR DIVORCE A VINCULO MATRIMONII No 36776D. Mr. Clerk: (1) Please file. E. Everett Lane Attorney at Law 109 E. Pleasant St. January 1935 d 30-YOUNG & SELDEN CO. FORM NO. 65

ROBERT P. MCGUINN Complainant.	*	IN		
Vs.	*	THE CIRCUIT COURT NO 2		
WILLIE MAE MCGUINN Respondent.	*	OF		
	*	BALTIMORE CITY.		

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT: YOUR ORATOR complaining, respectfully represents:

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1. That on or about the 6th day of October, in the year, 1925, he was married by a civil ceremony, to Willie Mae McGuinn, in the City of New York, State of New York, after which time they resided together untill the 23rd day of January, in the year 1932.

2. That ever since their marriage, your Orator has behaved himself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate husband towards the said, Willie Mae McGuinn, his wife, and his entire conduct has been above reproach.

3. That both your Orator and the Respondent are residents of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and have been for a period of more than two years next preceeding the filing of this. his Bill of Complaint.

4. That the Respondent, Willie Mae McGuinn, abandoned and deserted the Complainant, Robert P. McGuinn, on or about the 23rd day of January, in the Year, 1932, without just cause or excuse. That said abandonment and desertion has been continuous, uninterrupted, deliberate and final for a period of more than three years prior to the filing of this his Bill of Complaint and is beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation. 5. That there are two children born as a result of said marriage, Ruth Servant McGuinn, 8 years of age, and Roberta Alexander McGuinn, 3 years and 6 months of age, respectfully and that they are now in the custody and care of the Respondent, the said Willie Mae McGuinn, residing in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland.

# WHEREFORE YOUR ORATOR PRAYS:

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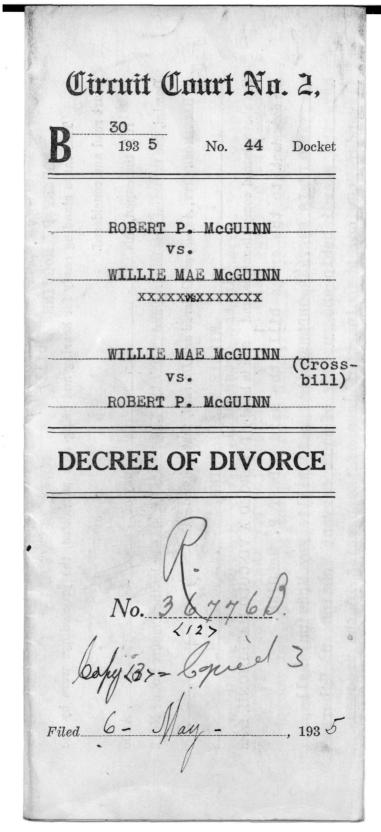
- (a) That a decree be passed divorcing your Orator a vinculo matrimonii, from the Respondent, Willie Mae McGuinn.
- (b) For such other and further relief as your Orator's case may require.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR: To grant unto your Orator the Writ of Subpoena, directed unto the said Respondent, Willie Mae McGuinn, residing at 1404 Madison Avenue, in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, commanding her to be and appear in this Honorable Court, either in person or by solicitor on some day certain to be named therein to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree as may be passed herein.

AND AS IN DUTY BOUND, etc.,

ane Solicitor Complainant. for

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DECREE OF DIVORCE	IN THE
ROBERT P. MCGUINN	Circuit Court No. 2,
WILLIE MAE MCGUINN	OF
*********	BALTIMORE CITY
WILLIE MAE McGUINN vs. (Cross- ROBERT P. McGUINN bill) This cause standing ready for hearing and bein	ng duly submitted, the proceedings were by the
Court read and considered.	11
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OF BALTIMORE CITY, Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed, t	that the said
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that :	said Willie May McGuinn shall
have the guardianship and custody of	
Alexander McGuinn, the minor children	
ings mentioned, with privilege to sat children at all reasonable times; and	
shall pay said Willie Mae McGuinn, th	
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children; all subject to the further	
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And it is further Ordered, that the said Robert P. McGuinnpay the cost of this proceeding.

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I, JOHN PLEASANTS, Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the decree taken from the record of proceedings in said cause.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the said Court, this

\_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_

Clerk Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City.

The within is a proper decree to be passed in this case.

. Eur Auditor and Master

SERVICE OF COPY ADMITTED THIS 74 DAY OF May 1937 WILLIAM L. STUCKERT,

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Chief Probation Officer

44 \$ 30-1935 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO.2 of BALTIMORE CITY. WILLIE MAE MCGUINN Complainant VS ROBERT P. MCGUINN Respondent ANSWER TO CROSS-BILL. No36776B. Mr. Clerk: (6) Please file. Solicitor for Respondent 13-11 arch 1935 E. Evertt Lane 109 E. Pleasant Street Baltimore, Maryland. YOUNG & SELDEN CO. FORM NO. 65

ROBERT P. MCGUINN Complainant	*
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VS	* IN THE
WILLIE MAE MCGUINN Respondent	*
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WILLIE MAE MCGUINN	*
Complainant	BALTIMORE CITY.
VS	* _ 30 B. Dockett No. 44
ROBERT P. MCGUINN Respondent	1935

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The answer of Robert P. McGuinn, Respondent to the Cross-Bill of Complaint heretofore filed respectfully shows:

FIRST: He admits the matters and facts alleged in the first paragraph of said Cross-Bill of Complaint.

SECOND: He admits in part and denies in part the matters and facts alleged in the second paragraph of said Cross-Bill of Complaint.

THIRD: He denies with great emphasis all the matters and facts alleged in the third paragraph of said Cross-Bill of Complaint.

And having fully answered the said Cross-Bill of Complaint this Respondent prays that the said Bill be dismissed.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Solicitor for Respondent.

Service admitted this 13th day of March 1935.

Junger Marshall. Solicitor for Complainant.