

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

CIRCUIT COURT OF
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 2nd day of January 1923, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

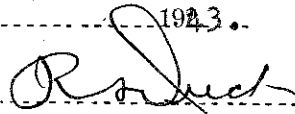
Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the 11th day of January 1923, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE

Defendant

This the 15th day of March 1923.



Register,

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The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

Complainant

VS

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decress Pro Confesso on After Notice by Registered Mail and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the 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 that the said KATIE SEALS HOUSE is forever divorced from the said

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE

for and on account of

Abandonment.

That Katie Seals House be and she hereby is awarded the care, custody and control of her minor children, Katie Lee House and Miriam House.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that KATIE SEALS HOUSE AND LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that KATIE SEALS HOUSE the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 8th day of April, 1913

J. M. Stone
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, _____, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 19____

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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The State Of Alabama
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

vs. Complainant.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREEE

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,)	
)	
Complainant,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
)	
Vs.)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
)	
LELAND ONEAL HOUSE,)	IN EQUITY.
)	
Respondent.)	

Comes your Complainant Katie Seals House and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leland Oneal House and shows unto your Honor as follows:-

FIRST:

That your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Blacksher, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that she has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that the respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his last known Post Office address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach-Station, San Diego, California.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the respondent were married on heretofore to-wit, February 9, 1929 and lived together as man and wife until February 15, 1940 when the respondent abandoned your Complainant; that said respondent voluntarily abandoned your Complainant and has failed and refused to live with her more than two years next immediately preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

THIRD:

That there were born to your Complainant and the respondent two children, namely: Katie Lee House who is eleven years of age and Miriam House who is four years of age; that your Complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said minor children and is able to properly educate and support them; that said respondent is not a fit and proper per-

son to have the care, custody and control of said minors and would not properly support them; that on account of the tender age of these minor children it is necessary that they have the care of your Complainant who is their mother.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF.

The premises considered your Complainant prays that the above named Leland Oneal House be made party defendant to this Bill of Complaint by the usual Writ of process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; the respondent being a non-resident of the State of Alabama, your Complainant prays that you will cause the Register of this Court to send a copy of this Bill of Complaint together with a summons, to answer the same within thirty days from the receipt thereof, such Complaint and summons to be sent by registered mail postage prepaid marked: "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed", and a return receipt requested addressed to the Register of said Court; that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said respondent and that your Honor will award your Complainant with the care, custody and control of her minor children, Katie Lee House and Miriam House, and that your Honor will also decree that your Complainant be allowed to remarry if she sees fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for that there be granted to her such other, further, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

✓ Katie Seals House
Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, John Chason, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared Katie Seals House who is known to me and who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath as follows:-

That she is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Blacksher, Alabama; that Leland Oneal House who is the respondent in the foregoing Bill of Complaint is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his last known Post Office address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego, California; that all the allegations contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct.

✓ Katie Seals House

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, a Notary Public,
whose seal is hereto affixed
this 30 day of December, 1942.

H. H. Hudson
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, Erin Stuart, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Katie Seals House who is known to me and who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath as follows:-

That her name is Katie Seals House; that she is a married woman over the age of 21 years and a resident of Blacksher in Baldwin County, Alabama; that she is the Complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, in which Leland O'Neal House is the Respondent; that the said Leland O'Neal House is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego, California; that the said Leland O'Neal House was not at the time of the filing of the Bill of Complaint in said cause on December 30, 1942, nor is he at this time, a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America within the meaning of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940.

Katie Seals House

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, a Notary Public,
whose seal is hereto affixed
this 3rd day of April, 1943.

Erin Stuart
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

TO ERIN STUART:

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

KATIE SEALS HOUSE AND

P. J. CLARK

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

Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein KATIE SEALS HOUSE is

Complainant

and LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE is

Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon them

to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 15th day of March 1968

As such

REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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No.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALA.

In Equity.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

Decree Pro Confesso After
Notice By Registered Mail.

Filled in office this 15th day of

March 1933.

R. D. ... Register

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NO. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

Complainant

VS.

IRLAND O'NEAL HOUSE

Defendant

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

ERIN STUART

Witnesses:

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

P. J. CLARK

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO AFTER NOTICE
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

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

FILED MARCH 15th, 1943.

R. J. Judd
Register.

AFFIDAVIT.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

VS.

LLELAND O'NEAL HOUSE.

Respondent.

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

FILED APRIL 28, 1943.

Richard
Register.

NO. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

Complainant

VS.

IRLAND O'NEAL HOUSE

Defendant

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

ERIN STUART

Witnesses:

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

P. J. CLARK

892

No.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALA.

In Equity.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

Decree Pro Confesso After
Notice By Registered Mail.

Filed in office this 15th day of

March 1934

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Register

Entered in O. B. Page

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO AFTER NOTICE
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

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

FILED MARCH 15th, 1943.

Robert
Register.

AFFIDAVIT.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

VS.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE.

Respondent.

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

FILED APRIL 30, 1943.

Richard
Register.

AFFIDAVIT.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

VS.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE.

Respondent.

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

FILED APRIL 30, 1943.

Richard
Register.

ORAL EXAMINATION

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

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 15th day of March, 19 43,

Erin Stuart (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant

Vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed 15th March, 19 43

Register

Erin Stuart

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Register

TESTIMONY OF KATIE SEALS HOUSE.

My name is Katie Seals House. I am the Complainant in that suit for divorce filed by me against Leland O'neal House in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity. At the time of the filing of said suit I was over the age of 21 years and a resident of Blacksher, Baldwin County, Alabama, and had been a resident citizen of the State of Alabama for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of the Bill of Complaint in said cause. Leland O'neal House, the respondent in said suit, was at the time of the filing of the Bill of Complaint over the age of twenty-one years and a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego, California. I married Leland O'neal House on February 9, 1929 and lived with him as his wife until February 15, 1940, when he abandoned me without just cause or legal excuse. He has failed and refused to live with me since he left on February 15, 1940, and this was more than two years before I filed the suit for divorce against him. Out of our marriage there were born two children, my daughter Katie Lee House, who is eleven years of age and Miriam House, who is four years of age. I am a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of these minor children and I am able to educate and support them. Their father is not a fit and proper person to have their care, custody and control. On account of their tender age it is necessary that they be properly looked after and I have them at the present time in a good home and will keep them properly if I am awarded their custody.

Katie Seals House,

TESTIMONY OF P. J. CLARK.

My name is P. J. Clark. I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, having resided here all of my life. I am personally acquainted with Katie S_aals House and Leland O'neal House and have known them for about thirty years. Katie S_eals House is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such a resident for many years ~~next~~ ^{last} past. Leland O'neal House is over the age of twenty-one years and in my opinion is a non-resident of the State of Alabama. I do not personally know where he now lives. Katie S_eals House and Leland O'neal House were married about February 9, 1929 and lived together as man and wife until about February 15, 1940, when Leland O'neal House voluntarily abandoned Katie S_eals House. He left her without any just cause or legal excuse and he has failed and refused to live with her or to support her or their children since that time. They have two children, Katie Lee House who is about eleven years of age and Miriam House who is about four years of age. They have been in the custody of their mother and she has been supporting them and sending the older child to school for several years. She is a fit and proper person to have their care, custody and control and their father is not a fit and proper person. In my opinion she should have the continued custody of these children and I believe she will properly educate, support and maintain them.

P. J. Clark

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

Vs.

LELAND ONEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

Comes your Complainant Katie Seals House and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leland Oneal House and shows unto your Honor as follows:-

FIRST:

That your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Blacksher, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that she has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that the respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his last known Post Office address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego, California.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the respondent were married on heretofore to-wit, February 9, 1929 and lived together as man and wife until February 15, 1940 when the respondent abandoned your Complainant; that said respondent voluntarily abandoned your Complainant and has failed and refused to live with her more than two years next immediately preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

THIRD:

That there were born to your Complainant and the respondent two children, namely: Katie Lee House who is eleven years of age and Miriam House who is four years of age; that your Complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said minor children and is able to properly educate and support them; that said respondent is not a fit and proper per-

son to have the care, custody and control of said minors and would not properly support them; that on account of the tender age of these minor children it is necessary that they have the care of your Complainant who is their mother.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF.

The premises considered your Complainant prays that the above named Leland Oneal House be made party defendant to this Bill of Complaint by the usual Writ of process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; the respondent being a non-resident of the State of Alabama, your Complainant prays that you will cause the Register of this Court to send a copy of this Bill of Complaint together with a summons, to answer the same within thirty days from the receipt thereof, such Complaint and summons to be sent by registered mail postage prepaid marked: "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed", and a return receipt requested addressed to the Register of said Court; that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said respondent and that your Honor will award your Complainant with the care, custody and control of her minor children, Katie Lee House and Miriam House, and that your Honor will also decree that your Complainant be allowed to remarry if she sees fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for that there be granted to her such other, further, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

✓ Katie Seals House
Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, John Chason, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared Katie Seals House who is known to me and who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath as follows:-

That she is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Blacksher, Alabama; that Leland Oneal House who is the respondent in the foregoing Bill of Complaint is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his last known Post Office address being in care of Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego, California; that all the allegations contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct.

✓ Katie Seals House

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, a Notary Public,
whose seal is hereto affixed
this 30 day of December, 1942.

Hudson
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, { No. 892.
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY

Dec. _____ TERM, 194 2

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA :

You are hereby commanded to summon Leland Oneal House.

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against_____

L eland Oneal House. _____, Defendant_____

by Katie Seals House. _____

Plaintiff_____

Witness my hand this 30th day of December, 1942

W. K. Duck Clerk.

8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE PTC CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. _____ Term, 192

KATIE SEALS HOUSE, _____, Complainant

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE, _____, Defendant

To R. S. DUCK _____, 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 _____

HYBART & CHASON

_____ 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.

..... *Hybart & Chason*
Solicitor for Complainant.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

VS.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE

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, Summons,
Certificate of Register As To Registered Mail, Motion for Decree
Pro Confesso After Notice by Registered Mail, Decree Pro Confesso
After Notice by Registered Mail, Request for Decree in Vacation,
Certificate as to Non-Military Service, and Testimony of Katie
Seals House and P. J. Clark.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

Register.

*1 copy paid to Charles
Salcedo's of Recorder's Comp.*

KATIE SEALS HOUSE

Complainant,

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin

COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

I, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Court, do hereby certify that I

did, on the 2nd day of January 1943, send to

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE, Defendant.

whose address was c/o Brown Military Academy, Pacific Beach Station, San Diego,
California

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the Bill

of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court; and that such

receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the 11th day of January 1943.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of March 1943.

No.....

CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY.
IN EQUITY.

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

vs.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO NOTICE
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this 15th

day of March 1923.

R. Ducl

Register.

No. _____

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

Complainant,

VS.

LELAND O'NEAL HOUSE,

Respondent.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 3rd

day of April 1943.

Robert

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

KATIE SEALS HOUSE,

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Respondent.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

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R. Duck
Register

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(Date)

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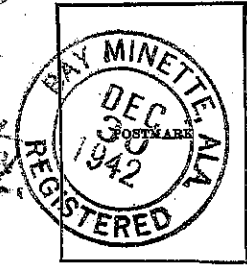
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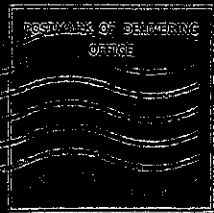
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No. _____ State _____

