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# The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

\_\_\_\_\_ SAM ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant  
 VS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ EDNA ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ SAM ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_ is forever divorced from the said

\_\_\_\_\_ EDNA ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_  
 for and on account of \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTRY \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ SAM ARINGTON & EDNA ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_ be, and \_\_\_\_\_ THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that \_\_\_\_\_ SAM ARINGTON \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLAINANT \_\_\_\_\_ pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of February, 1943,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ J. M. Hall \_\_\_\_\_  
 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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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

vs. Complainant.

Respondent.

**DIVORCE DECREE**

that the bonds of matrimony were

and the same are hereby dissolved

It is further ordered that the husband shall pay to the wife...

It is further ordered that the wife shall pay to the husband...

It is further ordered that the court shall be taxed for which execution may be

*[Handwritten signature]*

Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree entered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above named cause, which was drawn up on the one and seventh day of...

Witness my hand and seal this first day of...

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County }

CIRCUIT COURT

TO Lauds Corwin

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 Sam Arington and Bessie Lee Harris

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

SAM ARINGTON Complainant

and

EDNA ARINGTON Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon to take and certify the deposition s of the witness es and return the same to our Court, with all Convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 2 day of Feb, 1948.

*J. Duck*

REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA ° GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon EDNA ARINGTON 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 SAM ARINGTON against the said EDNA ARINGTON, and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent 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, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this 2  
day of July, 1943. R. S. Duck

SAM ARINGTON, COMPLAINANT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

EDNA ARINGTON, RESPONDENT

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Now comes your Complainant, SAM ARINGTON, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, EDNA ARINGTON, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That the Complainant and the Respondent are both over twenty-one years of age and residents of Baldwin County, Alabama;

2.

That the Complainant and the Respondent married at Newton in the State of Mississippi in October, 1941 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until July 7, 1942.

3.

That on July 7, 1942 the Respondent committed acts of adultery with one Dan Lee Pruitt; that said acts were committed without the consent or approval, and have not been condoned, by the Complainant.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Wherefore, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that

your Honor will by proper process, make the said EDNA ARINGTON, party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, requiring her to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof, your Honor will give and grant unto him an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between him and the Respondent; and that your Honor will give and grant unto him such other, further, different and general relief as he may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

BEEBE & HALL

By: *Shubert*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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EDNA ARINGTON, RESPONDENT

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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
 answer and waiver against the defendant and depositions  
 of Sam Arington and Bessie Lee Harris

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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

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*W. J. ...* Register.

SAM ARRINGTON, COMPLAINANT,

VS

EDNA ARRINGTON, RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN

COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY

Now comes the Respondent and denies each and every allegation contained in the Complainant's bill of complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the taking of evidence on the part of the Complainant, and agrees that this matter be submitted for final decree without notice.

The Respondent waives all notices required by law to be given her.

Edna Arrington

Witnesses:

Mable Vallee



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BALDWIN COUNTY

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 2

day of July 1943

W. R. Luck

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
(In Equity)

SAM ARINGTON

COMPLAINANT

VS.

EDNA ARINGTON

RESPONDENT

I, Lauda Corwin

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Sam Arington and Bessie Lee Harris

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

19\_\_\_\_, at the office of Beebe & Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Sam Arington

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Sam Arington. I live at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama and am over twenty-one years of age.  
The respondent, Edna Arington, is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama.  
The respondent and I married at Newton in the State of Mississippi in October, 1941. We lived together as husband and wife until July 7, 1942.  
On July 7, 1942 the respondent committed the act of adultery with one Dan Lee Pruitt. The said act of adultery was without my consent or approval. I immediately upon learning of said acts of adultery, abandoned the respondent and have not condoned said acts.  
The respondent is at the present time living with another Negro who works at a saw mill north of Bay Minette and whose name I do not know.

Sam Arington

Bessie Lee Harris, a witness for the complainant, being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

My name is Bessie Lee Harris. I live at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am acquainted with Edna Arington, the respondent, in the above styled cause. I know of my own personal knowledge that on July 7, 1942 and at times before and after said date Edna Arington committed acts of adultery with one said Dan Lee Pruitt. The complainant on or about July 7, 1942 ceased living with the respondent and has not lived with her since that time.

The respondent is at the present time living with another Negro here in Bay Minette,

Bessie Lee Harris

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Lauda Corwin, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition— on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself Lauda Corwin

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proof made before me of the identity of said witnesses; 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Lauda Corwin

(L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_  
Vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

ORAL DEPOSITION

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term, 194\_\_\_\_\_

SAM ARINGTON, Complainant

Vs.

EDNA ARINGTON, 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 BEEBE & HALL

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 vaca-

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**The State of Alabama,**

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

**REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION**

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

Register.

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