

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LOUISE REED JOHNSON

, Complainant

vs.

JOSEPHUS JOHNSON

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Conesso~~ on Answer and Waiver 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 Louise Reed Johnson is forever divorced from the said Josephus Johnson for and on account of abandonment

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 the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Josephus Johnson the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of June, 1950.

Telfair J. Madlbury Jr.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY, ALABAMA


TO THE

HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN,  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:  
IN EQUITY:

This case is submitted on the original Bill, Answer  
and Depositions of Louise Reed Johnson and Kermit Smith, wit-  
nesses for the Complainant.

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

By

  
E. G. Rickarby, Jr.  
Solicitors for the Complainant

  
Alice J. Rickarby  
Register

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

LOUISE REED JOHNSON

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VS.

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Respondent

I, Martha W. McReavy  
as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Louise Reed Johnson and  
Kermit Smith

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 30th day of May  
1950, at the office of Rickarby & Rickarby, Attorneys  
in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Louise Reed Johnson  
and Kermit Smith doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Louise Reed Johnson and I am suing Josephus Johnson for a divorce. We are both over the age of twenty-one years and both have been for more than five years bona fide residents of the State of Alabama and are now living in Fairhope, Alabama. We were married on the 16th of September 1948 and lived together until about 1 November 1948, but have not since lived together. On about 1 November, 1948, my husband, Josephus Johnson, left me and as I had been a good wife he had no legal excuse for leaving me. Since that time we have lived separately and apart. We had no children to our marriage. I feel that if Josephus does not want to live with me and has left me, I should get a divorce from him.

Louise Reed Johnson  
LOUISE REED JOHNSON

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 30th day of  
May, 1950.

Martha W. McReavy

Baldwin County, State of Alabama

My name is Kermit Smith and I have known both Louise Reed Johnson and her husband, Josephus Johnson a long time and they have both been residents of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama for the last five years. They were married sometime in 1948 and I see them both frequently and I know that Josephus left her and has been gone for over a year. She and Josephus had no children.

Kermit Smith  
KERMIT SMITH

Subscribed and sworn  
to before me this the  
30th day of May, 1950.

Martha W. McReavy

Baldwin County, State of Alabama

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Martha W. McReavy, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself \_\_\_\_\_

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proom 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 30th day of May, 1950.

Martha W. McReavy (L. S.)

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Oral Deposition

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Comes Josephus Johnson, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint says he denies each allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony; of the time and place set for taking same and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf. He further agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.

Josephus Johnson  
Respondent.

Before me, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared JOSEPHUS JOHNSON, who is known to me to be the Respondent above named and who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 30 day of May, 1950.

Franklin

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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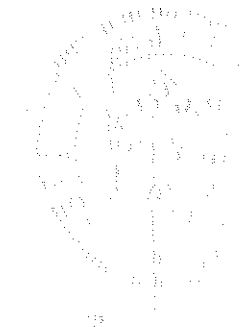
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TO THE

HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN,  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:  
IN EQUITY:

Comes LOUISE REED JOHNSON and by this her Bill of Complaint presented against JOSEPHUS JOHNSON, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years; that both are now and have been for more than five years next preceeding the filing of this Bill bona fide residents of the State of Alabama, and now are residents of Fairhope, Alabama, getting their mail at Fairhope, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married at Fairhope, Alabama, on 16th of September, 1948, and lived together until about November 1, 1948, but have not since lived together.


THIRD: That About November 1, 1948, Defendant voluntarily abandonned Complainant and her bed and board and that for one year next preceeding the filing of this her Bill of Complaint Complainant and Defendant have not lived together.

FOURTH: There are no children to this marriage.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that JOSEPHUS JOHNSON be made party defendant to this cause, and by proper process required to answer this Bill within the time preseccribed by Law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from said JOSEPHUS JOHNSON, granting her the right to marry again should she so desire, and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

RICKARBY & RICKARBY  
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E. G. Rickarby, Jr.  
Solicitors for Complainant

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