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 WILL EDWARDS  
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 COMPLAINANT  
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 VS.  
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 RUBY EDWARDS  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 RESPONDENT  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
 and testimony of Will Edwards, Hardred Barnes, and Jim Atkison.

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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_ Answer and waiver of Respondent.

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*R. Deech* Register.

Original

State of Alabama,

Mobile, County.

I, Ruby Edwards, the respondent in the cause of Will Edwards vs. Ruby Edwards, hereby acknowledge service of a copy of the bill of complaint in the above entitled cause, and hereby demands strict proof of the allegations of the complaint and each paragraph thereof and waive all notices of interrogatories or any other notices, and agree that this shall be my answer, and that decrees pro confesso may be taken against me at once without waiting 30 days.

Witness my hand this the 12 day of May 1943.

Witness.

Ruby Edwards

Ruby Edwards.

Miss [illegible]

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*Action after [illegible]*

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# The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILL EDWARDS

Complainant

VS

RUBY EDWARDS

Respondent  
Answer & Waiver

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 WILL EDWARDS is forever divorced from the said

RUBY EDWARDS

for and on account of VOLUNTARILY 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 WILL EDWARDS & RUBY EDWARDS

be, and ~~THEY ARE~~ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that WILL EDWARDS

the COMPLAINANT pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 19 43.

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R. S. Duck, 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 July, 19 43

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Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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Circuit Court in Equity

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Baldwin County

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Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party in this said cause shall be entitled to any further relief or remedy in this cause, and that a copy of this decree shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Baldwin County, Alabama, and a copy of the same shall be delivered to each party to this cause.

It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Baldwin County, Alabama, shall cause a copy of this decree to be published in some newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama, for a period of thirty days.

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This is the full and complete decree of the Court in this cause, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Baldwin County, Alabama, shall cause a copy of the same to be published in some newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama, for a period of thirty days.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of August, 1912.

Register of the Court

Bill of Complaint.

Will Edwards, Complainant.

vs.

In Circuit Court of Baldwin County,  
in Equity.


Ruby Edwards, Respondent.

To the Hon. F. W. Hare, Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit:-

Complainant, Willie Edwards, ~~humbly~~ humbly complaining alleges and states that he is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of this county for more than two years next before the filing of this bill of complaint and he is over the age of 21 years, and that respondent, Ruby Edwards, is over the age of 21 years and now reside at 510 ElMorris St., Mobile, Alabama.

That complainant, Will Edwards and respondent were married in Mobile, Ala., in the year 1937, and lived together as man and wife until te-wit.:- April 7, 1941, when Ruby Edwards voluntarily abandoned complainant, and refused to return to him. This voluntary abandonment was in no way caused by complainant, but was wholly caused by respondent, Ruby Edwards.

Now, therefore, complainant requests that Ruby Edwards, be made party respondent to this cause and that proper proceedings may be had to secure service of process on her, and that on the hearing thereof, a decree may be rendered granting to complainant an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and such further and other relief as in equity may seem proper. And complainant, will ever pray etc.

  
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Solicitor for complainant.

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Answer

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**The State of Alabama,**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY**

**IN EQUITY**

**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY**

WILL EDWARDS

VS.

RUBY EDWARDS

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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Will Edward

SS

Ruby Edward

Captain

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WILL EDWARDS  
COMPLAINANT  
VS  
RUBY EDWARDS RESPONDENT.  
THE TESTIMONY OF WILL EDWARDS:

My name is Will Edwards, I am the Complainant in the case of Will Edwards, Vs Ruby Edwards. I am resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been a bona fide resident of this County for more than two years before the filing of this complaint. Willie Edwards and Ruby Edwards are over the age of twenty one years, and Ruby Edwards now resides in Mobile, Alabama. Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards were married in Mobile, Alabama in the year of 1937, and lived together as man and wife until April 7th, 1941. Ruby Edwards voluntarily abandoned complainant, and refused to return to me. This voluntarily abandonment was in no way caused by me but was wholly caused by the Respondent, Ruby Edwards. Since the voluntarily abandonment of Ruby Edwards she has never returned to me and never has lived with me as man and wife.

Will Edwards (his mark)

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My name Hardred Barnes, I live in Bay Minette, Alabama, and know Willie Edwards and Ruby Edwards. I have been knowing them for about twelve years. I knew that Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards were married and that they lived together as man and wife until April the 7th, 1941. Then Ruby Edwards left Willie Edwards and Ruby Edwards never did return to Willie Edwards and since said separation she has never returned to Willie Edwards. I know that this abandonment of Ruby Edwards from Willie Edwards was voluntarily and in no way caused by the said Willie Edwards, it was wholly the fault of Ruby Edwards. I knew that both Willie Edwards and Ruby Edwards are over the age of twenty one year and that Will Edwards has been a bona fide resident of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, for more than two years before the filing of this cause.

Hardred Barnes (his mark)

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My name Jim Atkinson, I live at Bay Minette, Alabama, and have been for about ten years. I know Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards and have been knowing them for about ten years. I knew that Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards are over the age of Twenty one year, and that Will Edwards lives at Bay Minette, Alabama and has lived at Bay Minette, Alabama for more than two years before the filing of this complaint. I know and have been informed that the Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards were married in Mobile, Alabama in 1937 and I knew that they lived together as man and wife until April the 7th, 1941 the n Ruby Edwards voluntarily abandoned Willie Edwards and refused to return to him. I knew that this abandonment was caused by Ruby Edwards and not by Will Edwards. I also knew that since said voluntarily separation on April 7th, 1941 that Will Edwards and Ruby Edwards has not lived together as man and wife. And I understand that since said separation Ruby Edwards has lived continuously in Mobile, Alabama.

Jim Atkinson