

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County  
Circuit Court, In Equity

EDWINA HALFORD

, Complainant

vs.

OBEN HALFORD

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on 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 Edwina Halford is forever divorced from the said Oben Halford for and on account of cruelty

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, by the Court that the Complainant be, and she is hereby to resume her maiden name, Edwina White.

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 Edwina Halford

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

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1950.

J. J. Fair J. M. Halliburton  
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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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

EDWINA HALFORD

Complainant  
vs.

OBEN HALFORD

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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*5-16-50*

*Alice H. H. H.*

*Reg*

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

EDWINA HALFORD

Complainant

VS.

O BEN HALFORD

Respondent

I, Louise Peasley

as Register and Commissioner in the above styled cause

have called and caused to come before me Edwina Halford and Gladys McCaw

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 13 day of April  
19450, at the office of H. M. Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Edwina Halford and Gladys McCaw  
doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Edwina Halford. I am over twenty-one years of age, and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been for more than five years, next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint in this cause.

The Respondent Oben Halford is over twenty-one years of age and a non resident of the State of Alabama, his last known address being Canadian Texas.

The Respondent and I married at Lucedale, Mississippi, on December 6, 1949. We lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, until January 2, 1950. Immediately after our marriage I found that the Respondent and I could never live together as husband and wife. He often threatened and abused me and often threatened to do actual violence to my person, which would necessarily endanger my life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I did actually believe that if I continued to live with him he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

I was living with my father, Carl White, near Bay Minette, at the time I ceased to live with the Respondent. I have not since that time heard directly from the Respondent and he has contributed nothing toward my support.

Edwina Halford

Gladys McCaw, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am personally acquainted with the Respondent, Edwina Halford. I have known the Complainant practically all of her life and have during this past year and especially since January 2, 1950 had occasion to see her from time to time at least once a week.

I know that the Complainant and the Respondent have not lived together since the Respondent left her about the 1st of January of this year. I know nothing about the Respondent abusing the Complainant, of my own personal knowledge, however, the Complainant often complained to me and in my presence that the Respondent was mistreating her. Apparently conditions are such as to render it impossible for the Complainant and the Respondent to live together as husband and wife.

Gladys McCaw

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Louise Beasley, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself H. M. Hall

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; 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 13 day of April, 1945

Louise Beasley (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

EDWINA HALFORD

vs. Complainant

OBEL HALFORD

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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Edwina Halford

Vs.

Oben Halford

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY

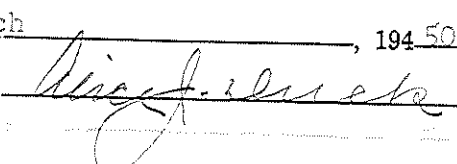
In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 28th  
day of January, 19450, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was  
sent to Oben Halford

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  
10th day of February, 19450, 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 Oben Halford

Defendant

This the 20 day of March, 19450

  
Register.

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**In Equity.**

Edwina Halford

**Vs.**

Oben Halford

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO AFTER  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL**

Filed in office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Register

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons Oben Halford, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity, by Edwina Halford, as Complainant and against Oben Halford, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of January, 1950.

Alice J. Duck  
Register

EDWINA HALFORD  
COMPLAINANT  
VS  
OBEN HALFORD  
RESPONDENT

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

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHEURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Edwina Halford, respectfully represents and shows  
unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than five years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause; that the respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being, when last heard from Canadian, Texas.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Lucedale, Mississippi on December 6, 1949, and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, until January 2, 1950.

3.

That on January 2, 1950, and several occasions prior thereto the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and often threatened to do actual violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually believe that if she continued to live with him he would carry out his threats and do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE the premises considered your Complainant prays that  
yours Honor will by proper process make the said Oben Halford, party  
respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring him 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 make and enter a decree forever barring the bonds of matrimony~~  
existing between your Complainant and the Respondent; that the court  
will enter a further order and decree restoring to your Complainant,  
her maiden name "Edwina White"; that she be granted such other, further,  
different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience  
entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for the Complainant



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*Edwina Halford*

Complainant

*Wm. Halford*

Respondent

Bill of Complaint

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*Wm. L. Smith*  
*Reg*

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

No. .... CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Edwina Halford

Complainant.....

Vs.

Oben Halford

Defendant.....

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against .....

Oben Halford

Defendant.....

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant....., and that said summons was duly served by Registered Mail, according to law, and that said Defendant..... ha..... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 16 day of March, 1950.

J.M. Hall

Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Edwina Halford

Vs.

Oben Halford

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO  
AFTER NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL

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EDWINA HALFORD

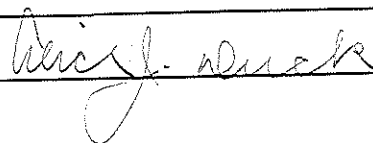
vs.

OBEN HALFORD

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin CountyIN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
Testimony of Complainant and Decree pro confesso on Registered Mail  
on Respondent.

and in behalf of Defendant upon



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

EDWINA H. HOLFORD

VS.

OSCAR HOLFORD

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 11th

day of May, 1947

*W. J. Church*  
Register.

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COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: JONICE BRASLEY

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 EDWINA HALFORD

as witnesses in behalf of EDWINA HALFORD in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein EDWINA HALFORD

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant  
and \_\_\_\_\_

OREN HALFORD

\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent

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

Witness 13 day of April, 194 50

W. J. Duck  
Register.

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

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

EDWINA HALFORD

Complainant

vs.

OBEN HALFORD

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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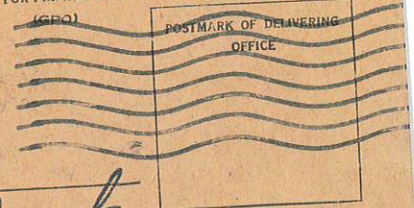
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