

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lois Marie Blankenship, Complainant

vs.

Herman Blankenship, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Publication 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 Lois Marie Blankenship is forever divorced from the said Herman Blankenship for and on account of

Voluntary Abandonment

~~IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the Complainant~~

~~be and she hereby is awarded the custody, care and control of the~~

~~minor children, William Gerald Blankenship and Joyce Marie Blankenship.~~

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

This 3rd day of August, 1950.

Jeffrey J. Masbury, 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\_\_\_\_\_

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Lois Marie Blankenship

Complainant

vs.

Herman Blankenship

Respondent

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 2441 Aug, Term, 1950

Louis Marie Blaundership Complainant

Vs.

Herman Blaundership Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register \_\_\_\_\_ that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 8 day of June, 1950, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 8 day of June, 1950 and \_\_\_\_\_

And it now further appearing to the Register \_\_\_\_\_, that the said

Herman Blaundership

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register \_\_\_\_\_

that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Herman Blaundership

This 2 day of Aug, 1950  
W. J. Bluck, Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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Alice F. Quick  
Register.

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The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Ala.

LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP

Complainant

Vs

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP

Respondent

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared Lois Marie Blankenship, who is known to me and who having been by me first duly sworn deposes and says:

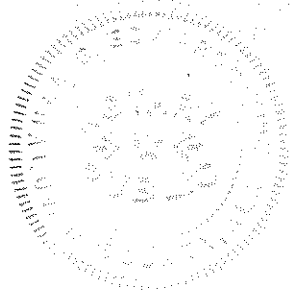
That she is the Complainant in the above styled cause; that she is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that she has made and caused to be made a diligent search and inquiry to find out the address of the Respondent, but that it is unknown and can not be ascertained.

Lois Marie Blankenship

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me this 23 day of March, 1950.

A. G. Edwards  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.  
My commission expires Feb. 3, 1954.  
Bonded by The Employers Liability Assurance  
Corporation



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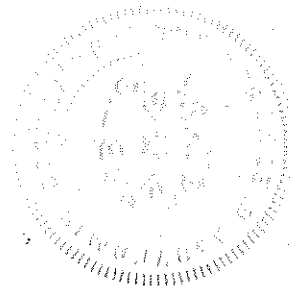
LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP

COMPLAINANT

VS

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP  
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No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
vs.  
HERMAN BLANKENSHIP  
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The State of Alabama,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court, in Equity  
This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 194

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of  
LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP  
\_\_\_\_\_

that the Defendant HERMAN BLANKENSHIP  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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is a non-resident of the State of Alabama \_\_\_\_\_  
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and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ the Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ over the age of 21  
years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper pub-  
lished in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring  
HERMAN BLANKENSHIP the said Defendant  
\_\_\_\_\_

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 2nd day of  
July 19450, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be  
taken against him  
\_\_\_\_\_

H. M. HALL  
Solicitor For Complainant

B. J. [Signature]  
Register.

Copy mailed 6-2-50

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY }

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Herman Blankenship, 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 Lois Marie Blankenship, as Complainant and against Herman Blankenship, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of March, 1950.

*Alvin F. Duck*  
Register

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LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP	}	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COMPLAINANT	}	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.	}	IN EQUITY
HERMAN BLANKENSHIP	}	
RESPONDENT	}	

TO HON. TELFAIR J. MASHBURN JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

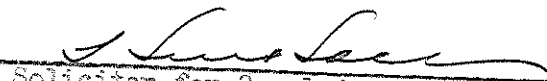
Your Complainant, Lois Marie Blankenship, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age, a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age, a non resident of the State of Alabama and his address cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry.
2. That your Complainant, and the Respondent, married in Bay Minette, Alabama, on May 19, 1944, and lived together as husband and wife, until in May, 1946.
3. That in May 1946, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.
4. That there was born to the marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent two children, William Gerald Blankenship, born December 1, 1944, and Joyce Marie Blankenship, born October 12, 1946; that your Complainant is the suitable, fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said children.

WHEREFORE the premises considered your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process make the said Norman Blankenship, 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 your Honor will upon a final hearing hereof,  
award to her a decree of divorce/<sup>forever</sup>barring the bonds of matrimony existing between  
your Complainant and the Respondent; that she be awarded the custody, care and  
control of the minor children, William Gerald Blankenship, born December 1, 1944,  
and Joyce Marie Blankenship, born October 12, 1946; 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 Complainant

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LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP

Complainant

Vs

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP

Respondent

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

filed 3-9-50  
A. J. French  
By

From the law office of  
H. M. Hall  
Bay Minette, Alabama

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Evelyn Watts

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 Lois Marie Blankenship and Richard Allen Stanford

as witnesses in behalf of Lois Marie Blankenship in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Lois Marie Blankenship

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant  
and Herman Blankenship

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

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

Witness 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1950

Heriberto J. Sanchez  
Register.

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

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

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_

vs.

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES: \_\_\_\_\_

*Filed Aug 2, 1950*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. \_\_\_\_\_, Term, 19\_\_\_\_

Lois Marie Blankenship

Complainant\_\_\_\_\_

Vs.

Herman Blankenship

Defendant\_\_\_\_\_

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Herman Blankenship

Defendant\_\_\_\_\_

in the annexed stated cause. on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

August1950

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S. H. H. H.

Solicitor.

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The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lois Marie Blankenship

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_

Vs.

Herman Blankenship

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso  
on Publication

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Alice Leuck  
Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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WITNESS my hand this 9th day of March, 1950.

*Alvin L. Smith*  
Register

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LOIS MARIE BLANKENSHIP

COMPLAINANT

VS.

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

TO HON. TELFAIR J. MASHEBURN JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Lois Marie Blankenship, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age, a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age, a non resident of the State of Alabama and his address cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry.
2. That your Complainant, and the Respondent, married in Bay Minette, Alabama, on May 19, 1944, and lived together as husband and wife, until in May, 1946.
3. That in May 1946, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.
4. That there was born to the marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent two children, William Gerald Blankenship, born December 1, 1944, and Joyce Marie Blankenship, born October 12, 1946; that your Complainant is the suitable, fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said children.

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and Joyce Marie Blankenship, born October 12, 1946; that she be granted such  
other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good  
conscience entitled to receive.

John Lee  
Solicitor for Complainant

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John Lee  
Solicitor for Complainant



conscience entitled to receive.

other, further, different or contrary belief as she may be in equity and good and grace with Blankenship, from October 13, 1919, that she be granted such control of the minor children, William George Blankenship, born December 7, 1917, that Blankenship and the respondent that she be awarded the custody, care and management to her a decree of divorce, putting the bonds of matrimony existing between forever.

Complaint further prays that her Honor will issue a writ vesting heretofore,

Petitioner for Complaint  


Filed 3-9-56  
Alice J. Moore  
Register

Lois Marie Blankenship

vs.

Herman Blankenship

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, \_\_\_\_\_  
Decree pro confesso on Registered Mail, proof of publication, affidavit  
of non-residence and testimony of Lois Marie Blankenship and Richard  
Allen Stanford.

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

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Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

vs.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 30th  
day of August, 1940

Alvin J. Smith  
Register.

Printed by the Baldwin Times

ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S-

# the BALDWIN Times

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

BEST NEWSPAPER

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Jimmy Faulkner, being duly sworn, deposes and says  
that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper pub-  
lished at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Lois Marie Blankenship  
vs. Herman Blankenship

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154 WORDS @ 4 1/2 cents	\$ 6 93
I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).	
<u>Jimmy Faulkner</u> Publisher.	

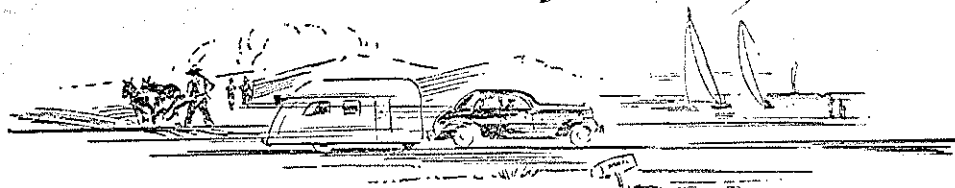
Was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication June 8, 1950 Vol. 61 No. 20  
Date of 2nd publication June 15, 1950 Vol. 61 No. 21  
Date of 3rd publication June 22, 1950 Vol. 61 No. 22  
Date of 4th publication June 29, 1950 Vol. 61 No. 23

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 29 day of June, 1950

Dorothy Martin  
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Jimmy Faulkner  
Publisher.



**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Lois Marie Blankenship Complainant

VS.

Herman Blankenship Respondent

I, Evelyn Watts

as ~~XXXXXX~~ Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lois Marie Blankenship and Richard Allen Stanford

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 19450, at the office of Hubert 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 Lois Marie Blankenship and Richard Stanford doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Marie Blankenship. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age.

The Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non resident of the state of Alabama, and his address cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry.

The Respondent and I married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on May 16th, 1944, and we lived together as husband and wife until in May 1946. The Respondent voluntarily abandoned me and my board in 1946 and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time. I haven't heard anything from the Respondent for more than four years, and he has contributed nothing toward my support or the support of our two children for more than four years. He stayed at home only a short time after my last baby was born, and I have heard nothing from him since that time.

We have two children William Gerald Blankenship now five years old and Joyce Marie Blankenship now three. The Respondent has contributed nothing towards thier support for more than four years. He is not a suitable, fit or proper person to have their care and control. I have had to work for them practically all their lives, and I am the proper person to have their care and control.

Stanford

Richard Allen/a witness for the Complainant being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is personally acquainted with the Complainant and has known her for more than five years and knows of his own personal knowledge that the Complainant and the Respondent have not lived together for more than four years; that the Complainant has had their children all the time and has had to care and support them. The Complainant is the proper person to have the care and control of their children.

Richard Allen Stanford

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ORAL EXAMINATION.

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I, Evelyn Watts, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions 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 and Hubert 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1945.

Evelyn Watts (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Lois Marie Blankenship

vs. Complainant

Herman Blankenship

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed 8-30<sup>th</sup>, 1940

W. J. W. W. W., Register.  
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\_\_\_\_\_, Register.