

The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ALICE STRAUM RUFFA

Complainant

VS

WILLIAM RUFFA

Respondent

Answer and Waiver

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confessa~~

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 Alice Straum Ruffa is forever divorced from the said

William Ruffa

for and on account of desertion

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Complainant shall have the right to resume the use of her maiden name, Alice N. Straum,

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 Alice Straum Ruffa

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

It is further ordered that \_\_\_\_\_

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

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1943.

J. M. Hare  
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

**ALICE STRAYM POEFA**  
vs. Complainant.

**WILLIAM POEFA**  
Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREEE

It is further ordered and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry until after the expiration of the term of this decree 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 given to each party to this suit.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Straym PoeFA

\_\_\_\_\_  
William PoeFA

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Circuit Court

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

Comes the Complainant., Alice Straum Ruffa, and respectfully exhibits this, her Bill of Complaint against William Ruffa and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First. Complainant and Respondent herein, both of whom are past the age of twenty one years and both of whom are and have been for more than one year past residents of the State of Alabama, presently being residents of Fairhope in Baldwin County, intermarried on October 4th 1940 at Houston, Texas, and subsequent thereto lived together as man and wife in said Fairhope until February 9th 1941.

Second. On February 9th 1941, Respondent deserted Complainant and has continued said desertion with complete and total neglect of the marital covenant on his part to be performed until the date of this complaint

Prayer for Process

The premises considered, Complainant prays that William Ruffa the Respondent herein, be made Defendant to this Bill and by appropriate process be required to answer the same within the time prescribed by law and to obey such orders and decrees as may be made in the premises.

Prayer for Relief

Complainant prays upon the hearing of this cause that a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from Respondent, granting her the right to resume the use of her maiden name, Alice Straum, granting her the right to remarry should she so desire and granting her such other, different and further relief as to Your Honor may appear meet and proper; also that she be granted the right to resume the use of her maiden name, Alice N. Straum.

Alice S. Ruffa  
Complainant

E. Crane  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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 Complainant :  
 vs : Circuit Court  
 William Ruffa : Baldwin County  
 Respondent : Alabama.

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint says that he denies each and every allegation therein set forth except such allegations as relate to residence, ages, dates and the existence of said marriage and that he, Respondent, is not a member of the armed forces of The United States of America.

Respondent further waives notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses, the issue of formal commission to take testimony, notice of the time and place of taking same and the right to cross examine or introduce evidence in his own behalf and agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time without further notice to him on the pleadings and complainant's testimony as noted by the Register.

William Ruffa  
 Respondent (William Ruffa)

State of Mississippi  
 County of DeWitt

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared William Ruffa who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer with full knowledge of its contents and that he did so voluntarily.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, A. D. 1943.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public  
 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

*I have no notary public here so am sending paper back with Ruffa's signature hoping it will be sufficient. I witnessed it.*

*Yours Truly*  
 D. W. Upchurch, Sergeant  
 Camp 6.

*Received at Fairhope, June 18-1943. E.A. Brown*

Richard V. Sullivan  
Secretary

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

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

ALICE STRAUM RUFFA

Complainant.

VS.

WILLIAM RUFFA

Respondent.

FRANCES G. CRAWFORD

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
as Register and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

have called and caused to come before me Alice Straum Ruffa and Maxine Ruffa

witness <sup>es</sup> named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25 day of June  
1943, at the office of E. Cramer, Attorney at Law,  
in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness <sup>es</sup> to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Alice Straum Ruffa

doth depose and say as follows:

William Ruffa and I were married on October 4th 1940 at Houston, Texas. We lived thereafter as husband and wife in Fairhope, Alabama, until February 9th 1941, at which time my husband left me. He has never lived with me nor contributed to my support since that date. We have both had residence since in Fairhope, Alabama, although, at present, he is a prisoner in Parchman Prison in Mississippi, serving some years upon a conviction for burglary. I desire to resume the use of my maiden name, Alice N. Straum. My husband and I are both past 21 years of age.

Alice S. Ruffa

And the said Mxine Ruffa doth depose and say as follows:

I am the sister in law of Alice Straum Ruffa and have been very intimate with her since her marriage to William Ruffa. I know that he deserted her in the early part of 1941. I know also that he became interested in another woman. I know that he has not contributed to his wife's support since that date. I believe that he had no just cause for leaving her.

Maxine Ruffa

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Frances G. Crawford, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s 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 ..... at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof 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 25th day of June, 1943 ~~1922~~

Frances G. Crawford (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Alicia J. Ruffin  
vs.  
Complainant

William Ruffin  
Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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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, \_\_\_\_\_

and Testimony or Alice S Ruffa. and Maxine Ruffa.

and in behalf of Defendant upon A nswer & W aiver.

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**The State of Alabama,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**IN EQUITY**

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Alice S Ruffa.

VS.

William Ruffa.

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 28th  
day of June. 1943

R. D. [Signature]  
Register.