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# The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ETHEL H. SHARRETTS, Complainant

vs. .

SHARRETTS ARCHIE \_. Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Degree Pro Confiesd Answer and Waiver 011. 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

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Complainant shall have full and legal right to the use of the surname, Gudgen, which shall henceforth be her legal name.

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 Archie Sharretts

Respondent the\_ pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue. This 2 day of Judge Circuit Court In 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 of.... -, 19\_\_\_\_\_ Register of Circuit Court, In Equity. ale a stale is is is a far a set a



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## THE STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama (In Equity)

\_Complainant

\_\_\_\_\_Respondent

ETHEL H. SHARRETTS

VS.

## ARCHIE SHARRETTS

<u>Lorna</u> Underwood Ι.

as Register and Commissioner <u>in chancery</u> have called and caused to come before me \_\_\_\_Ethel H. Sharretts and Ada M. Choron

witness <u>es</u> named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the <u>24th</u>day of January 194 51, at the office of <u>C. G. Chason</u>

Foley\_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses\_\_\_ to speak the in \_\_\_\_ truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Ethel H. Sharretts and Ada M. Choron \_\_\_\_\_ doth depose and say as follows:

## TESTIMONY OF ETHEL H. SHARRETTS:

My name is Ethel H. Sharretts; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident citizen of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, having been such a resident citizen for more than one year; I married Archie Sharretts on November 2, 1949; we lived together as man and wife until November 11, 1950; I knew that Archie Sharretts used in-toxicating beverages prior to our marriage but have always known him to be very temperate; for a part of the time that we have been married he drank very little, but for approximately the last six months he has been drinking constantly; he started keeping whiskey under his bed and -would get up several times during the night and drink and would drink a pint or better each morning after arising and would drink constantly through the day in excess of a quart each day; he drank so much that employment as a barber in Foley, and has been forced, because of his drinking, to sell his business as he was unable to attend to his work; I believe that he has become an alcoholic and I am convinced that he is an habitual drunkard. My name was formerly Ethel Gudgen and I have requested the Court for authority to use this as my legal name. We requested the Court for authority to use this as my legal name. We have no children born of this marriage.

Other H. Sharrett

## TESTIMONY OF ADA M. CHORON:

My name is Ada M. Choron; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama; I am personally acquainted with Archie Sharretts and Ethel H. Sharretts; they were married on November 2, 1949; in my opinion Archie Sharretts has, since marriage, become addicted to the habitual use of alcohol.

Mrs. ada M. Choron

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#### ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lorna Underwood \_\_\_\_\_\_, 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 <u>es\_\_\_</u>and read over to <u>\_\_\_\_\_them\_\_</u>and <u>\_\_\_\_they</u> signed the same in the presence of myself <u>\_\_\_\_\_and C. G. Chason</u>

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 24th day of January 1945]

arna Underwood (L.S.)

CECIL G. CHASON ATTORNEY AT LAW FOLEY, ALABAMA

24 January 1951

Mrs. Alice J. Duck Clerk of Court Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Duck:-

Enclosed herewith are divorce proceedings of Sharretts vs. Sharretts. If you find everything to be in order please present it to Judge Mashburn for his signature.

After rendition of the decree please furnish us two copies. We had forms for only one, therefore, we will need an additional copy.

Yours very truly,



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Comes the respondent in the above styled cause and waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

And for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, respondent says :-

 He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the said Bill of Complaint.

2. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the said Bill of Complaint.

3. He admits the allegations contained in Para-

4. He denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 3 of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, on this 20 th day of January, 1951.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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ETHEL H. SHARRETTS, ) ( Complainant, ) ( IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF -vs- ) ( BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA ARCHIE SHARRETTS, ) ( IN EQUITY Respondent. ) (

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, Sitting in Equity:

Your complainant, Ethel H. Sharretts, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of said State and County, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Archie Sharretts is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit, November 2, 1949.

3. Complainant further avers and alleges that the respondent, since her marriage with him, has become addicted to habitual drunkenness and that said habit has continued to the filing of this Bill.

4. Complainant further avers that prior to her marriage to the respondent her lawful name was Ethel Gudgen; complainant further avers that there are no children of her marriage to the respondent.

### PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED: Your complainant prays that Archie Sharretts be made a party defendant to this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this cause, that your complainant be granted a divorce from said respondent and that she be allowed to use the name, Ethel Gudgen. Should your complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her

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such other, different and general relief to which she may be entitled, and as in duty bound, she will ever pray.

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