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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

LEON WILLINGHAM

vs.

, Complainant

HILDA F. WILLINGHAM

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on Answer and Waiver 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 LEON WILLINGHAM is forever divorced from the said HILDA F. WILLINGHAM for and on account of Adultery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, that the said Hilda F. Willingham, Respondent, be and she is hereby awarded the use of her maiden name, Hilda Foster.

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

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1951

*Jeffrey J. Marshall*  
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Alice J. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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LEON WILLINGHAM

Complainant

vs.

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Respondent

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

LEON WILLINGHAM

Complainant

VS.

HILDA F. WILLINGHAM

Respondent

I, Lois Paul

as Register and Commissioner in the above styled cause

have called and caused to come before me Leon Willingham and Thomas M. Hobbs

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 24 day of February  
1941, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson  
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 Leon Willingham and  
Thomas M. Hobbs doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Leon Willingham. I am over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been more than two years next preceding. The Respondent is over the age of 18 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been more than two years next preceding. We were married March 27 1945 at Bay Minette, Alabama and lived together as husband and wife until about May 22, 1950 at which time the respondent abandoned me and went to live with one Lee Levins and they lived together until the two were arrested and charged with vagrancy. There are no children as fruits of this marriage.

Leon Willingham

That my name is Thomas M. Hobbs. I know both parties to this cause and that they have lived in Baldwin County more than two years next preceding. I know they were married and lived together as husband and wife and I was present in court at the time cases for vagrancy were charged against Hilda Foster Willingham and Lee Levins. I know that the respondent and the complainant have not lived together as husband and wife since their last separation.

Thomas M. Hobbs

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

LEON WILLINGHAM

vs. Complainant

HILDA F. WILLINGHAM

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

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I, Lois Paul, 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 C. LeNoir Thompson at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses 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 24th day of February, 1951

Lois Paul (L. S.)

LEON WILLINGHAM  
COMPLAINANT  
VS  
HILDA F. WILLINGHAM  
RESPONDENT

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

Now comes the Respondent and accepts service of summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, residences and marriage, but denies all other allegations contained in the bill of complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses; and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further notice.

Respondent petitions the court for the right to resume her maiden name of Hilda Foster.

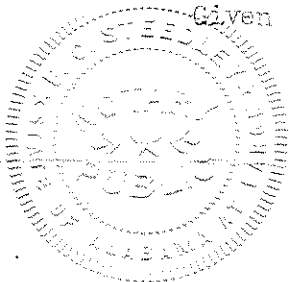
WICK NAME

*Hilda Foster*  
*Hilda F. Willingham*

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I, *P. C. Heston*, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Hilda F. Willingham, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me this day that, being informed of the contents of said conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 26 day of February, 1951.



*P. C. Heston*  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
*State of Alabama at Large*

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LEON WILLINGHAM

COMPLAINANT

VS

HEIDA F. WILLINGHAM

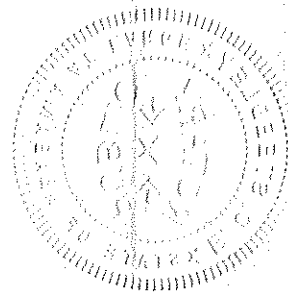
RESPONDENT

Answer and Waiver

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From the law offices of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Bay Minette, Alabama



LEON WILLINGHAM

vs.

WILDA E. WILLINGHAM

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 Leon Willingham and Thomas M. Hobbs and Answer and Waiver

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

*C. Lewis Thompson*  
attorney,

*W. J. Welch*

Register.



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

LEON WILLINGHAM

VS.

HILDA F. WILLINGHAM

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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Attest: J. DUCK Register.  
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COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lois Paul

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 Leon Willingham and Thomas M. Hobbs

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Leon Willingham

and Hilda E. Willingham, Complainant

Respondent  
on oath, to be by you administered, upon Lois Paul  
to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1948

W. J. New

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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

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

**CIRCUIT COURT**

LEON WILLINGHAM

Complainant

VS.

HILDA F. WILLINGHAM

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONER:**

Lois Paul

**WITNESSES:**

Leon Willingham

Thomas M. Hobbs

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY }

You are hereby commanded to summon HILDA P. WILLINGHAM, 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 LEON WILLINGHAM, as Complainant, and against HILDA P. WILLINGHAM, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1951.

Register

LEON WILLINGHAM

COMPLAINANT

VS

HILDA P. WILLINGHAM

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

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

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

1.

That your Complainant and the Respondent are both bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one and your Respondent is over the age of eighteen.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married in Bay Minette, Alabama on March 27th, 1945 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama until on to-wit, May 22, 1950.

3.

Your Complainant further avers and alleges that said Respondent has been guilty of adultery with one Lee Levins and other divers parties and persons whose names to your Complainant are unknown.

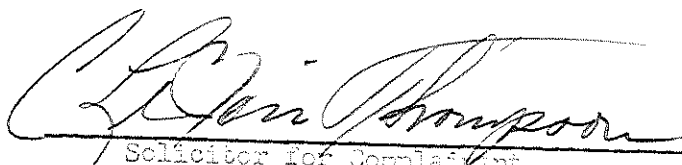
4.

There are no children as fruits of this marriage and no property to be divided.

WHEREFORE, THE premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said HILDA P. WILLINGHAM

party Respondent to this bill of complaint requiring her 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.

Your Complainant further prays that upon final hearing hereof your Honor will grant to him an absolute divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and Respondent, and your Complainant prays for such other further, different or general relief as he may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for Complainant

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