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# The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

\_\_\_\_\_ ANNIE RUTH STANTON \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant  
 VS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ WILLIAM E. STANTON \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decress 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 ANNIE RUTH STANTON is forever divorced from the said

WILLIAM E. STANTON  
 for and on account of Voluntary abandonment and Desertion

~~It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant, Annie Ruth Stanton, shall have and keep custody of the child, Janice Stanton~~

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

It is further ordered that ANNIE RUTH STANTON the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of september, 19 43.

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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 Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.



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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

vs. Complainant.

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

I, the undersigned, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original decree as entered in the above case, which said decree is on file and recorded in my office.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge of Circuit Court in Equity

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 Register of Circuit Court in Equity

ANNIE RUTH STANTON  
COMPLAINANT

VS

WILLIAM E. STANTON  
RESPONDENT

In the Circuit Court

Baldwin County

Alabama

In Equity.

To the Honorable F. W. HARE, Judge of said Court, sitting in Equity:

Comes Your Complainant, Annie Ruth Stanton, and respectfully exhibits this, her Bill of Complaint, against William E. Stanton and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First. Complainant, who is past the age of 21 years and who has been a resident of Fairhope, Alabama, since birth, and Respondent, who is past the age of 21 years, intermarried at said Fairhope on July 18th 1938 and lived in said Fairhope as husband and wife thereafter until September 1st 1938 at which time Respondent voluntarily abandoned Complainant and has continued said abandonment ever since with total neglect of the marital covenant on his part to be performed.

Second: There was born to said marriage a child, namely, Janice Stanton, now aged 4 years.

Prayer for Process

The premises considered, Complainant prays that the Respondent be made a party and defendant to this Bill and, by appropriate process, be required to answer the same within the time prescribed by law and that Respondent be required to obey such orders or decrees as may be entered against him.

Prayer for Relief.

Complainant further prays that, upon the hearing of this cause, a decree be rendered forever divorcing Complainant from Respondent,; granting either party the right to remarry should they so desire and granting Complainant such other, further and different relief as to Your Honor may seem proper in the premises,

*including custody of said child*

*E. Cramer*

Solicitor for Complainant

ANNIE RUTH STANTON  
COMPLAINANT  
  
VS  
  
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RESPONDENT

In Equity  
  
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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, dates, ages, issue of said marriage and the existence of said marriage.

Respondent further waives 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 on 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 Registrar.

*William E. Stanton*  
William E. Stanton, Respondent.

State of N. Carolina  
County of Pasquotank

Before me, Edna A. Sawyer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared William E. Stanton, who is known to me, and who acknowledged that he voluntarily executed the foregoing answer with full knowledge of the contents thereof.

Given under my hand and official seal this 8th day of September, 1943.

(Seal)

Edna A. Sawyer  
Notary Public  
County of  
State of  
My commission expires June 1, 1944

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Answer

Feb 11, 1945  
D. J. [unclear]  
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Bill of Complaint

Atlanta v. State

July 17 1894  
D. J. [unclear]



THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County

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

Annie Ruth Stanton

COMPLAINANT

VS.

William E. Stanton

RESPONDENT

I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me George Baldwin and Annie Ruth Stanton

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 10th day of September  
1943, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Attorney,

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~to~~ to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said George Baldwin

doth depose and say as follows:

I am a resident of Fairhope, Alabama, and 77 years of age. I know William E. Stanton and Annie Ruth Stanton and have known them for many years prior to their marriage. I know that they were married July 18th 1938, at Fairhope, Alabama, and I know that William deserted Annie Ruth about September 1st 1938 and has not supported her ever since that date. I know that Annie Ruth has not lived with William since September 1938.

Geo Baldwin

And the said Annie Ruth Stanton doth depose and say as follows:

I am 26 years of age and have been a resident of Baldwin County from birth. My husband, William E. Stanton, and I were married at Fairhope, Alabama, on July 18th 1938. He is 23 years of age. We lived in Fairhope after the marriage until September 1st 1938, at which time, he left me and has never returned to me since. He has never supported me or made any attempt to return to me or take care of me in any way. I had a daughter, born of said marriage, now aged 4 years, and named Janice Stanton. I desire to have full custody of my daughter.

Annie Ruth Stanton

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 e 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 e or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness—; 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 10th day of September, 1943.

Frances G. Crawford (L. S.)

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

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

Annie Ruth Stanton

Complainant

Vs.

William E. Stanton

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**ORAL DEPOSITION**

Filed Sept 11, 1943

Frances G. Crawford Register

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ANNIE RUTH STANTON

VS.

WILLIAM E. STANTON

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 of George Baldwin and Annie Ruth Stanton

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answering Waiver

B. Duck Register.

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY**

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VS.

WILLIAM B. STANTON

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 11th

day of Sept. 1943.

*R. H. Reed*  
Register.