

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

L. T. Oliphant, Complainant  
vs.

Leona B. Oliphant, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ 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 L. T. Oliphant is forever divorced from the said Leona B. Oliphant for and on account of voluntary abandonment by the Respondent of the Complainant more than one year before the filing of the Bill of Complaint

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the maiden name of the Respondent, viz: Leona Burgess, be, and the same hereby is, restored to her, and to her full use.

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 L. T. Oliphant the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1953

Hubert M. Haer  
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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**DIVORCE DECREE**

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
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L. T. Oliphant

Complainant

VS.

Leona B. Oliphant

Respondent

I, James R. Owen

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Floyd Renshaw

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 22 day of October

1953, at the office of CHASON & STONE

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Floyd Renshaw

doth depose and say as follows:

That his name is Floyd Renshaw and he is forty-four years of age. That he is personally acquainted with L. T. Oliphant and has known him for about five years, having lived next door to him in Mobile, Alabama, during two of those years. That during the last five years L. T. Oliphant has lived and resided in Mobile, Alabama, and he has not been living with Leona B. Oliphant as man and wife during any of that time.

Floyd Renshaw  
Floyd Renshaw

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, James R. Owen, ~~as Register and Commissioner~~ hereby certify that the foregoing deposition...on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness...and read over to him and he signed the same in the presence of myself and Norborne C. Stone, Jr.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness... 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 22 day of October, 1953

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L. T. Oliphant Complainant

VS.

Leona B. Oliphant Respondent

I, James R. Owen as

~~as Register~~ and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me L. T. Oliphant and

witness as named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 22 day of October

1943, at the office of Chason & Stone

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness as to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said L. T. Oliphant

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is L. T. Oliphant and I am over twenty-one years old and live in Mobile, Alabama, where I have lived all of my life. I married Leona Burgess on November 8, 1942 in Lucedale, Mississippi and shortly thereafter was sent to the South Pacific in the Merchant Marine. I returned to the United States in June of 1944 at which time my wife abandoned me and since that time we have not lived together. My wife is presently residing in San Francisco, California, and she has been living in that State since we separated in June of 1944. We do not have any children and have not lived together as man and wife for more than nine years.

L. T. Oliphant  
L. T. Oliphant

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, James R. Owen, as ~~Register~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition...on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness.....and read over to him and he signed the same in the presence of myself and Norborne C. Stone, Jr.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness.... 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 22 day of October, 1953

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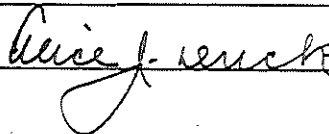
Leona B. Oliphant,Respondent

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, Answer and Waiver of the Respondent, Demand for Oral Examination, Commission to take Depositions, and the Depositions of the Complainant and

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver and prayer to have maiden name restored



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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L. T. Oliphant,

Complainant

vs.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Hon. James R. Owen, Esq.

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 L. T. Oliphant and Floyd Renshaw

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our  
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein L. T. Oliphant is

Complainant  
and Leona B. Oliphant is

Respondent

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

Witness 22nd day of October, 1953.

Alfred J. Renshaw  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

L. P. Oliphant

Complainant  
vs.

Leona B. Oliphant

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

WITNESSES:

L. T. Oliphant  
Complainant,  
VS.  
Leona B. Oliphant  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.  
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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from  
Bay Minette, in the County of Baldwin  
Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit: L. T. Oliphant and Floyd Renshaw

2. That said complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a commissioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

Melvin G. Stone, Jr.  
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of Hon. James R. Owen, Esq.,  
as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

CHASON & STONE  
By: Melvin G. Stone, Jr.  
Solicitor for Complainant.

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

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

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*W. J. [Signature]*.....  
Register.

L. T. OLIPHANT,	I	
Complainant,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
vs.	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
LEONA B. OLIPHANT,	I	IN EQUITY.
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ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes now the Respondent, Leona B. Oliphant, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed against her in said cause says as follows:

That she denies each and every allegation of the said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

And for further answer to said Bill of Complaint the Respondent hereby accepts service of a copy and notice of the filing of the said Bill of Complaint and hereby waives any further notice to her of the day set for hearing, the taking of testimony or the submission for final decree of the above styled cause and does hereby consent that the same may be submitted and testimony taken without further notice to her.

And for further answer to said Bill of Complaint your Respondent alleges that prior to her marriage to the Complainant that her name was Leona B. Burgess and that she is desirous of resuming her maiden name and having the same restored to her and that she again be premitted to use the same, and be known as Leona B. Burgess if, upon a final determination of this cause, a decree is entered dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and your Respondent.

*Leona B. Oliphant*  
 Leona B. Oliphant, Respondent.

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of September, 1953.

*J. Walter Burke*  
 Notary Public, San Francisco  
 County, California.

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION.

.....L. T. Oliphant.....

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Vs.

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Respondent.

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COUNTY, ALABAMA—IN EQUITY.

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*W. J. [Signature]*  
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TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY  
AND TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE THEREOF:

Comes your Complainant, L. T. Oliphant, and files this his  
Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leona B. Oliphant and re-  
spectfully represents and shows unto this honorable Court as  
follows:

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are both over the  
age of twenty-one years; that your Complainant is a bona fide re-  
sident citizen of the State of Alabama and has been for more than  
twelve months next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint;  
that the Respondent is a resident citizen of the State of California  
residing in San Francisco, California.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on here-  
tofore, to-wit, the 8th day of November, 1942 in Lucedale, Miss-  
issippi, and that they lived together as man and wife until the  
month of June, 1944 when the Respondent voluntarily abandoned your  
Complainant and they have not lived together as man and wife since  
said time.

THIRD:

That no children were born to your Complainant and the Re-  
spondent.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

The premises considered, your Complainant respectfully prays  
that the Respondent, Leona B. Oliphant, be made party to this cause  
by the usual writ or process by this honorable court requiring her  
to appear and plea, answer or demur to this Bill of Complaint within  
the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this  
honorable court and the statutes in such case made and provided.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will enter an order or decree granting unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from the said Respondent and that in or by the terms of said decree that your Honor will also provide that your Complainant be allowed to remarry if he sees fit. Your Complainant prays for such other, further and different reliefs which he may be entitled and which will be meet and proper.

L. T. Oliphant  
Complainant.

CHASON & STONE

BY: Marion C. Stone, Jr.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, Marion C. Stone, Jr., a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared L. T. Oliphant, who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, says:

That the allegations contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true.

L. T. Oliphant

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1953.

Marion C. Stone, Jr.  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.



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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

VERNA MAE SMITH WILSON

vs.

ONREE WILSON

, Complainant

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ 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 VERNA MAE SMITH WILSON is forever divorced from the said ONREE WILSON for and on account of abandonment.

IT IS FURTHER ordered, adjudged and decreed that the complainant shall have the right to resume her former name, Verna Mae Smith.

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 Verna Mae Smith Wilson the complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 24 day of October, 1953

Hubert M. Hae

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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BALDWIN COUNTY

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VERNA MAE SMITH WILSON

Complainant

vs.

CHIEF WILSON

Respondent

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