

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Mildred Elizabeth Ward, Complainant
vs.

Tommy Jennings Ward, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on ANSWER & WAIVER OF RESPONDENT 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 Mildred Elizabeth Ward is forever divorced from the said Tommy Jennings Ward for and on account of Voluntary abandonment

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 Mildred Elizabeth Ward the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 8th day of January, 1954

L. L. M. M. M.
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____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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ALICE I. DUCK, Register

Mildred Elizabeth Ward

vs.

Tommy Jennings Ward

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, _____

Oral Deposition for the complainant's witness _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver _____

Arthur C. Epperson
attorney for Comp -

Archie J. Duck

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 8th

day of January, 1954

Alice J. French
Register.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Dixie Arlene Peterson

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 Mildred Elizabeth Ward and Hessie Ross

as witnesses in behalf of Mildred Elizabeth Ward in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Mildred Elizabeth Ward

_____, Complainant
and Tommy Jennings Ward

_____, Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon them
to take and certify the deposition^S of the witness^{es} and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 8th day of January, 1951.

Dixie Arlene Peterson

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$_____

Witness' Fees, \$_____

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ALICE J. DICK, Register

Mildred Elizabeth Ward

Complainant—

VS.

Tommy Jennings Ward

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

WITNESSES:

Mildred Elizabeth Ward

Hassie Ross

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

MILDRED ELIZABETH WARD

Complainant

VS.

TOMMY JENNINGS WARD

Respondent

I, Dixie Arlene Peterson

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Mildred Elizabeth Ward and Hassie Ross

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 8th day of January

1954, at the office of Arthur C. Epperson

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

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mildred Elizabeth Ward and

Hassie Ross doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Mildred Elizabeth Ward, I'm over the age of twenty-one years, and have been a resident of Baldwin County for the past ten (10) years. Tommy Jennings Ward is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Escambia County, Florida. I and Tommy Jennings Ward were legally married on December 9, 1950 at Pensacola, Florida. In February of 1951, Tommy Jennings Ward voluntarily abandoned me in Foley, Alabama, where he left me with my parents. We have not lived together nor recognized each other as husband and wife since that time.

Mildred Elizabeth Ward

My name is Hassie Ross. I am the mother of Mildred Elizabeth Ward. Mildred Elizabeth Ward has been living with me since February of 1951, when Tommy Jennings Ward left her. Mildred Elizabeth Ward and Tommy Jennings Ward have not lived together nor recognized each other as husband or wife since that time.

Hassie Ross

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Dixie Arlene Peterson, 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself

Dixie Arlene Peterson

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 8th day of January, 19 54

Dixie A. Peterson (L.S.)

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The State of Alabama
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Tommy Jennings Ward

Respondent

Oral Deposition

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Complainant

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Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

To the Honorable Hubert M Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court of
Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity:

Your complainant Mildred Elizabeth Ward, 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 two years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that Tommy Jennings Ward is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in Escambia County, Florida.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit, December 9, 1950, at Pensacola, Florida.

3. Complainant further avers that said respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, since which time complainant and respondent have not lived together nor in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said Tommy Jennings Ward a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that complainant may have the relief herein prayed for, may it please your Honors to cause the State's writ of subpoena to be issued, directed to the said Tommy Jennings Ward, commanding him to answer, plead or demur to this bill of complaint, within the time required by law; and that on a final hearing of this cause, that your Honor will enter a decree divorcing your complainant from said respondent; and that your Honor will grant such other, further and different relief as unto your Honor may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.

Arthur C. Epperson
Solicitor for Complainant

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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MILDRED ELIZABETH WARD
Complainant

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Respondent

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Arthur C. Epperson
Attorney at Law
Foley, Ala.

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IN EQUITY

Comes the respondent in the above-styled cause and accepts service of a bill of complaint heretofore filed in said cause; 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:

1. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph One of said bill of complaint.
2. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph Two of said bill of Complaint.
3. He denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph Three of said bill of complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Tommy Ward
Respondent

Mr. Tommy Mario (Witness)

Harvie Rabb (Witness)

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ANSWER AND WAIVER

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