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Divorce Decree

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

PRINCE LAWRENCE Complainant

VS

BEATRICE LAWRENCE Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~DEEDS AND CONFESSES~~
~~XX 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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,
and that the said PRINCE LAWRENCE
is forever divorced from the said

BEATRICE LAWRENCE

for and on account of adultery

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and DECREED that in lieu of alimony the
Complainant shall pay to the Respondent the sum of Two Hundred Dol-
lars, in monthly payments of \$25.00 each commencing July 1st, 1944,
in full satisfaction of Respondent's claim in and to the dwelling
now occupied by Respondent and which is being purchased by the
parties jointly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent retain the custody and
control of the child of the marriage, Alice Lawrence, a daughter
aged seven years, pending further orders of this Court, the ex-
penses of whose support are to be paid by Complainant. This Court
retains control of the cause for the purpose of properly protecting
the interests of the minor child as same may become necessary.

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 both parties
be, and are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of
this suit.

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

This 14th day of June, 19 44

W. W. Hall
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 June, 19 44

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

PRINCE LAWRENCE

vs. Complainant,

BEATRICE LAWRENCE

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA; IN EQUITY

Comes PRINCE LAWRENCE, and by this his Bill of Complaint,
presented against BEATRICE LAWRENCE, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That ^{he} and the said Beatrice Lawrence are both over the
age of twenty-one years, and bona fide residents of Baldwin County
for more than five years. That they were married September 1st,
1934 in Fairhope where they have lived together since until Febru-
ary 13th, 1944, when they parted for the reason here set out.

SECOND: That Complainant has for some time suspected his wife
of unfaithfulness and on February 13th last discovered her in a com-
promising situation. He accused her of wrongdoing which she at
first vehemently denied but later confessed to acts of adultery
which confirmed his earlier suspicions.

THIRD: Complainant charges his said wife with continued acts
of adultery committed with various men in the past twelve months at
or near their home Southeast of Fairhope but the details of time
and place of such acts, other than the occurrence of February 13th,
last, he is as yet unable to state.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that said Beatrice
Lawrence be made party defendant to this Bill, and by proper process
required to answer same within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause
a decree be rendered forever divorcing him from said Beatrice
Lawrence, granting him the right to marry again, and such other
further or different relief as to Equity may seem meet.


Solicitor for Complainant

PRINCE LAWRENCE
Complainant

Vs.

BEATRICE LAWRENCE
Respondent

E Q U I T Y
CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

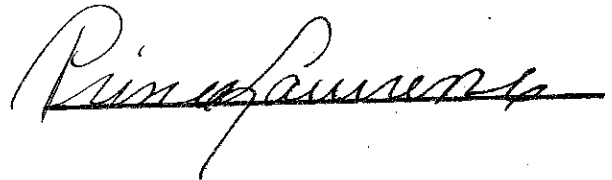
DEPOSITIONS OF PRINCE LAWRENCE AND WILLIAM KENNEDY,
WITNESSES FOR COMPLAINANT

The said witnesses being duly sworn to tell the truth, upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant, testified as follows:

PRINCE LAWRENCE

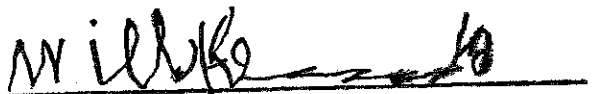
I am the Complainant in this cause. On September 1, 1934 I married Beatrice Lawrence, the Respondent, in Fairhope and we lived together as husband and wife since that time until the 13th of last February. For some time, however, I have suspected my wife of unfaithfulness and on February 13th found her with one James Weston under circumstances that left no doubt in my mind but that she had committed adultery with him. I have been told by others the same thing and now charge my wife with this. We are both over twenty-one years of age. We are both natives of Alabama.

We have one child, a girl, Alice, age 7 years, who is with her mother and for whose support I am willing to provide but want nothing further to do with my wife.



WILLIAM KENNEDY

I am a resident of the town of Fairhope and am assistant to the Town Marshal. I have known Beatrice Lawrence, wife of Prince Lawrence, ever since her childhood. She lives near me. She comes of a family whose morals have been lax and I have for quite a while known that she was untrue to her husband as in his absence she goes with other men. I have had no direct knowledge, however, of her adultery with other men until about three weeks ago when another man and I saw her slip off in the woods at night with a man while her husband was away. She and he stayed in the bushes about a half hour and then came out together. I know that she committed adultery with him while there but this is the first time I have seen her with other men when I practically caught her in the act. I do not hesitate to say that she is unfaithful to her husband and that this has been going on for a long time.



I, Mary Frances Thomson, acting as Commissioner by agreement of parties hereby certify that in the case of PRINCE LAWRENCE Vs. BEATRICE LAWRENCE pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused PRINCE LAWRENCE and WILLIAM KENNEDY, witnesses for the Complainant, to appear before me at my office in the Bank Building, Fairhope, Alabama, where, after being duly sworn upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant, they testified as is above written and, their testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by them.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor or kin to either party of the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

In witness thereof, I hereto set my hand and seal as Commissioner this the 12th day of June, 1944.

Mary Frances Thomson
Commissioner

PRINCE LAWRENCE

Complainant

vs

BEATRICE LAWRENCE

Respondent

E Q U I T Y

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Comes BEATRICE LAWRENCE, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the bill of complaint says she denies each and every allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives service and notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony of the time and place set for talking same and of the right to introduce evidence in her own behalf. She further agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.

Beatrice Lawrence
RESPONDENT

Before me the undersigned Notary personally appeared BEATRICE LAWRENCE who acknowledged that she executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents. Witness my hand and official seal this the 20th day of May, 1944.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

PRINCE LAWRENCE
Complainant

Vs.

BEATRICE LAWRENCE
Respondent

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Done June 13, 1944
Beatrice Lawrence

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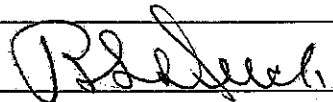
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This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____

and ~~Testimony of Prince Lawrence, and William Kennedy~~

and in behalf of Defendant upon ~~Answer and Waiver.~~

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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day of June, 1948

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