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

VERA MAULDEN COWART. Complainant

VS

WILLIAM T COWART. Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decrees 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 Vera Maulden Cowart. is forever divorced from the said

William T Cowart.

for and on account of 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 Vera Maulden Cowart and William T Cowart. be, and ~~they are~~ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 10th day of April. 19 44

[Signature]
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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The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

vs. Complainant.

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT. IN EQUITY.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon William T. Cowart to appear, and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof to the bill of complaint filed in this Court by Vera Maulden Cowart against him. A Copy of the said bill of complaint is attached hereto. HEREBIN fail not, and make due return of this writ.

WITNESS my hand this the 17th day of March, 1944.

[Handwritten Signature]

Register.

Vera Maulden Cowart,)
Complainant,)
versus)
William T. Cowart,)
Respondent.)

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The complainant, Vera Maulden Cowart, brings this her bill of complaint against the respondent, William T. Cowart, and alleges unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. Complainant is now, and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing hereof a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama. The respondent now resides in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama. Complainant and respondent are each over the age of twenty-one years.

2. Complainant and respondent were lawfully married to each other on June 8, 1937, and lived together as man and wife until, to-wit: February 15, 1943, and have not lived together as man and wife, or otherwise, since said last date.

3. On said last date of, to-wit: February 15, 1943, the respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of complainant and has remained away therefrom continuously since said last date. The abandonment occurred at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and was without fault or consent on complainant's part. Complainant therefore charges the respondent with voluntary abandonment of her bed and board more than one year next preceding the filing hereof.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, complainant prays that the said William T. Cowart be made party respondent to this her bill of complaint and that due process of law issue for service upon him. Complainant further prays that upon the final hearing of this cause your Honor and the Court will be pleased to and will give and grant to her a decree of absolute divorce from respondent, with permission to complainant to again marry should she see fit to do so. And complainant further prays for all such other and further relief, orders and decrees as she may be entitled to receive, the premises considered.

H. E. Smith

Solicitor for the Complainant.

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VERA MAUIDEN COWART.

VS WILLIAM T COWART.

& WAIVER

ANSWER OF RESPONDANT

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VERA MAULDEN COWART,

VS

WILLIAM F COWART.

COMPLAINT.

Filed 4/19/44
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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

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

Vera Maulden Cowart Complainant.

VS.

William T. Cowart Respondent.

I, ~~Mary S. Duboisson~~

R. S. Duck

as ~~Registered~~ ^{Register &} Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Vera Maulden Cowart and

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 18 day of March
1944, at the office of H. E. Smith, Attorney-at-Law
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Vera Maulden Cowart
doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Vera Maulden Cowart. I am the complainant in this
cause, and have brought my bill of complaint against the respondent,
William T. Cowart. I am now and have been for more than one year
next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint a bona fide
resident citizen in Baldwin County, Alabama. The respondent now
resides in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama. We are each
over the age of 21 years.
We were lawfully married to each other on or about June 8, 1937,
and lived together as man and wife until February 15, 1943. And
we have not lived together as man and wife, or otherwise, since
said last date. On said last date of February 15, 1943, the
respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board, and has remained
away therefrom continuously since said last date. The abandonment
occurred at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and was without
fault or consent on my part. I therefore charge the respondent
with voluntary abandonment of my bed and board for more than one
year next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint in this
cause.
Respondent became very neglectful, before our separation, of me
and did not give me sufficient means of my support. I do not know
(over)

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, R S Duck ^{Register} ~~Register~~ Commissioner hereby certify
 that the foregoing depositions ~~was~~ ^{were} taken down in writing by me in the words
 of the witness ~~es~~ 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 ~~es~~ or had proof 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 18th day of March 1944.

..... (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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Vera Maulden Cowart

vs. Complainant

William T. Cowart

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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... what he did with his money except drinking... Not having sufficient means for my support, I have been forced to work for my living... before and after our separation. I am now working and making my own living.

Direct Court

And the said *W. J. Hall*, doth depose and say as follows:

My name is *W. J. Hall*. I am over the age of 21 years and have known both the complainant and the respondent in this cause for a period of many years. Both the complainant and the respondent of this suit are residents of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, have been such residents for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause and are each over the age of 21 years.

I remember ^{about} when they got married to each other on or about June 8, 1937, and I know that they have been separated more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause. I have seen the complainant almost continuously since February 15, 1943, and know that they have not lived together as man and wife, or otherwise since February 15, 1943.

The complainant is working at and employed by one of the restaurants at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and is making her own living and has done so for the past several years.

VERA MAULDIN COWART,

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

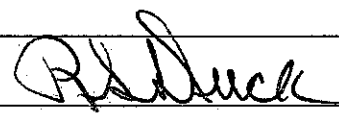
VS.

WILLIAM T COWART.

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint; _____
and testimony of Vera Maulden Cowart and W J Hall.

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

 Register.