

DIVORCE DECREE

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

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

, Complainant

vs.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree and Answer~~ on Respondent's answer & 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

Ruby Nell Strickland is forever divorced from the said Donald Elliot Strickland for and on account of abandonment

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the written agreement entered into by the complainant and respondent and submitted to the Court, is hereby ratified and approved, and the care, control and custody of the minor children is awarded to Ruby Nell Strickland, the mother and complainant with rights of visitation in the father, Donald Elliot Strickland at reasonable times and places without undue interference.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed in accordance with said agreement that Donald Elliot Strickland, the father of the minor children pay to Ruby Nell Strickland for the support and maintenance of the minor children of the marriage the sum of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) on or before the first day of each and every month, hereafter until further orders of this Court.

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 Ruby Nell Strickland the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 15 day of February, 1955

Hubert M. Hall

Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Alice J. Duck, 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 February, 1955

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

Complainant

vs.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND

Respondent

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MISS I. BOLA, REGISTER

AMMENDED BILL OF
COMPLAINT

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RUBY NELL STRICKLAND)	
Complainant)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
)	
VS.)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
)	
DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND)	IN EQUITY
Respondent)	

TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Your complainant, Ruby Nell Strickland, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor: this her amended bill of Complaint:

1. That the 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 for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that Donald Elliot Strickland is over the age of twenty-one years, whose address is Route 1, Box 128, Atmore, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about to-wit: June 24, 1950, in Bay Springs, Florida and of this marriage there are two children, Donald Elliot Strickland II, born June 15, 1952 and John Douglas Strickland, born June 25, 1953.

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 or in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.

4. The complainant and respondent have entered into an agreement for the control, custody and support of the minor children of the said marriage, a copy of which is hereto attached as exhibit A and made a part hereof, and by the terms of which agreement, Ruby Nell Strickland, the mother and complainant is to have the care, control, and custody of the minor children, Donald Elliot Strickland II and John Douglas Strickland, and the father, Donald Elliot Strickland, the respondent will pay to the complainant support and maintenance for said children, each month.

Complainant avers that this is a reasonable, just and proper agreement and prays the court that in the event a decree of divorce is given in this cause that the court will decree that the parties keep and abide by the terms of said agreement.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said Donald Elliot Strickland a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that the complainant may have the relief herein prayed for, may it please your Honor to cause the State's writ of subpoena to be issued, directed to the said Donald Elliot Strickland, 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 the respondent; and that your Honor will grant such other, further or different relief as unto your Honor may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.


Solicitor for Complainant

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ALICE L. BOOK, Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**** IN EQUITY ****

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant.

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
Respondent

AMENDED
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ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALA.

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

Comes the respondent in the above-styled cause and accepts service of a bill of Complaint hereto filed in this cause: waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in this 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 complaint heretofore filed in this cause the respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations in paragraph one of said bill of complaint.
2. He admits the allegations of paragraph two of said bill of complaint.
3. He denies each and every material allegation contained in paragraph three of the said bill of complaint and requires and demands strict proof thereof.
4. The respondent for answer to paragraph four avers that said agreement is a just and fair agreement and prays the court that should the court grant the complainant a divorce, the said agreement be incorporated into the decree and made a part thereof.

Ronald Elliott Strickland
Respondent

Hugh N. Nolle
Witness

Massy Bradford
Witness

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ALICE L. DICK, Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
Respondent

ANSWER AND WAIVER

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ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MOLEY, ALA.

RUEY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

Personally appeared before me, Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court, Arthur C. Epperson, solicitor of record for complainant in the above entitled cause, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is informed and verily believes that Donald Elliot Strickland, the respondent in the above styled cause, is a nonresident of Alabama, and whose residence is Walnut Hill, Florida and post office address is Route 1, Box 128, Atmore, Alabama and that said respondent is in the belief of affiant over twenty-one years of age.

Arthur C. Epperson
~~Register of the Circuit Court~~
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 18th day of January, 1955.

~~Register of the Circuit Court~~
Register of the Circuit Court

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

RESPONDENTS ADDRESS:

Donald Elliot Strickland
Route 1, Box 128
Atmore, Alabama

AGREEMENT OF PARTIES

EXHIBIT "A"

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That whereas, Donald Elliot Strickland, herein-
after called the husband, and Ruby Nell Strickland, hereinafter called the wife,
have separated and divorce proceedings have been commenced in the Circuit Court of
Baldwin County, Alabama, by the said Ruby Nell Strickland, and whereas the parties
desire to make an agreement as to the custody and maintenance of their minor children.

Now therefore, I, Donald Elliot Strickland, do hereby agree that I will grant
to the Complainant custody and maintenance of the minor children, Donald Elliot
Strickland, II and John Douglas Strickland, in the amount of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars
per month to be paid the said Complainant by the said Respondent; said payments to
be due and payable on the first day of each month.

Now therefore, I, Ruby Nell Strickland, do hereby agree that Donald Elliot
Strickland shall have the right to visit said minor children at reasonable times
and places without any interference.

The parties hereto humbly request the Judge of the Circuit Court to take
cognizance of this agreement and to award the custody of said minor children and
the amount to be paid for the maintenance and support in accordance therewith.

In Witness Whereof we have set our hands and seals the 11th day of
February, 1955.

Donald Elliot Strickland (SEAL)
HUSBAND

Ruby Nell Strickland (SEAL)
WIFE

WITNESS AS TO HUSBAND

Hugh H. Boyle

Mary Bradford

WITNESS AS TO WIFE

Arthur C. Gibson

Willena Boyd

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JULIE I. DUCK, Register

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
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, Ruby Nell Strickland, respectfully represents
and shows unto your Honor:

1. That the 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 for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that Donald Elliot Strickland is over the age of twenty-one years, whose address is Route 1, Box 128, Atmore, Alabama.

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about to-wit: June 24, 1950, in Bay Springs, Florida, and of this marriage there are two children, Donald Elliot Strickland II, born June 15, 1952 and John Douglas Strickland, born June 25, 1953.

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 or in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.

4. Complainant further avers and alleges that the minor children of this marriage are living with your complainant, the mother; and that your complainant does not have adequate means for support and maintenance of the said minor children; and further that your complainant is without funds with which to pay her Solicitor of record in this cause.

The premises considered, your complainant makes the said Donald Elliot Strickland a party respondent to this bill of complaint, and in order that the complainant may have the relief herein prayed for, may it please your Honor to cause the State's writ of subpoena to be issued, directed to the said Donald Elliot Strickland, 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 the respondent; granting the care, control and custody of the minor children to the complainant; granting the complainant alimony, support and maintenance for herself and the said minor children in the sum of \$150.00 per month; granting complainant's Solicitor of Record Attorney's fees in the sum of \$250.00 and that your Honor will grant such other, further or different relief as unto your Honor may seem just and proper, and your complainant will ever pray.

Arthur C. Eperson
Solicitor for Complainant

RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS:
Donald Elliot Strickland
Route 1, Box 128
Atmore, Alabama

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ALICE I. DOCK, Register

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
Respondent

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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Alice J. French
Register*

ARTHUR C. EPPERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALA.

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

vs.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND

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, _____

~~Respondents answer and waiver, Agreement of Parties,~~ _____

and Oral Depositions of Complainant's witnesses. _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

Arthur C. Epperson
Solicitor For Complainant

Willie J. Leuck
Register.

No. 3292

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

vs.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

Complainant

VS.

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND

Respondent

I, Willena Boyd
as Register and Commissioner
have called and caused to come before me Ruby Nell Strickland and
Susie Ann Stewart

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the day of February
1955, at the office of Willena Boyd
in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Ruby Nell Strickland
and Susie Ann Stewart doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Ruby Nell Strickland. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been a bona fide resident for more than two years before filing for divorce. I am over twenty-one years of age.

Donald Elliot Strickland is over the age of twenty one years of age and resides in Walnut Hill, Florida. We were married at Bay Springs, Florida, June 24, 1950. We have two children named Donald Elliot Strickland II, born June 15, 1952 and John Douglas Strickland, born June 25, 1953.

In June, 1953, Donald Elliot Strickland brought me to my parents home in Robertsedale and left me and the children without any fault on my part. He has not supported me or the children since that time nor have we lived together as husband and wife since that time.

We have entered into an agreement relative to the care, custody, control, support and maintenance, which agreement is hereto attached as exhibit A and which I believe is a just and fair agreement.

Ruby Nell Strickland

My name is Susie Ann Stewart. I am the Mother of Ruby Nell Strickland. In June, 1953, Donald Elliot Strickland brought Ruby and the children to our house and left them. She and the children have lived with me and my husband since that time without support of any kind from Donald Elliot Strickland, Ruby Nell's husband.

Susie Ann Stewart

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ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Willena Boyd, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions 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 Willena Boyd 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 15th day of February, 1955

Willena Boyd (L. S.)

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RUBY NEIL STRICKLAND	
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO:

William Boyd

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine

Ruby Nell Strickland and
Susie Ann Stewart

a witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Ruby Nell Strickland, Complainant
and Donald Elliott Strickland

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

Witness 15 day of Feb, 1955

W. J. [Signature]
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

STATE OF ALABAMA
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY
IN EQUITY

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

Petitioner

vs.

Docket No. 3293

DONALD ELLIOTT STRICKLAND

Respondent

The undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, hereby certifies:

1. That on 6th July, 1954, a petition was verified by the above named petitioner and duly filed in this Court in a proceeding against the above named respondent commenced under the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (Act No. 879, approved 12 September, 1951), to compel the support of the dependent(s) named in that petition.

2. That the above named respondent is believed to be residing or domiciled in WALNUT HILL (ESCAMBIA COUNTY) FLA., and that the Circuit Court of Escambia County, Fla., may obtain jurisdiction of the respondent or his property.

3. That the undersigned, a Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, has examined the petitioner under oath and she has reaffirmed the allegations contained in the petition; and that according to the testimony of the petitioner the needs of the dependent(s) named in the petition for support from the respondent are the sum of \$ 15⁰⁰ per (week) (~~month~~).

4. That in the opinion of the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, the respondent should be compelled to answer such petition and be dealt with according to law.

Wherefore, it is hereby Ordered that this certificate together with certified copies of the petition be transmitted to the

Circuit Court of Escambia County, Fla.

Hubert M. Hall

HUBERT M. HALL
Circuit Judge

Done this 6 day of July, 1954.

STATE OF ALABAMA
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY
IN EQUITY

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND

(Petitioner)

Vs.

DONALD ELLIOTT STRICKLAND

(Respondent)

The petition of RUBY NELL STRICKLAND respectfully shows:

1. That she is the wife of DONALD ELLIOTT STRICKLAND,
the respondent; that petitioner was duly married to said respondent
on or about the 24th day of June, 1951 at
BAY SPRINGS, FLA, and now resides at
ROBERTSDALE, Alabama.

2. That petitioner is the mother and said respondent is
the father of the following named dependent(s):

DONALD ELLIOTT STRICKLAND Jr. born 15 June, 1952
JOHN DOUGLAS STRICKLAND, born 25 June, 1953.
_____, born _____, 19 ____ .
_____, born _____, 19 ____ .
_____, born _____, 19 ____ .
_____, born _____, 19 ____ .

3. That petitioner and said child(ren) ~~(is)~~ (are) entitled
to support from the respondent under the provisions of the Uniform
Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of this State (Act No. 879,
1951, approved 12 September, 1951) copy of which is attached and
made a part hereof.

4. That respondent, on or about the 5th day of June,
1954, and subsequent thereto, refused and neglected to provide
fair and reasonable support for petitioner and other dependent(s)
according to his means and earning capacity.

5. That, upon information and belief, respondent now is
residing or domiciled at Walnut Hill, Florida
_____, is earning \$ 60.00 per (week) ~~(month)~~,
and is within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of
Escambia, Fla., which state has enacted a law
substantially similar to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of

Support Act of this State.

Wherefore, the petitioner prays for such an order or support, directed to said respondent, as shall be deemed to be fair and reasonable, and for such other further relief as the law provides.

Ruby Nell Strickland
RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
Petitioner.

Personally appeared before me on this 6th day of July, 1954, RUBY NELL STRICKLAND, to me personally known and made oath that she has read the above petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to matters stated on information and belief, and as to these matters she believes them to be true.

George W. Clark
Clerk of Court.

no 3293.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

RUBY NELL STRICKLAND
COMPLAINANT

VS

DONALD ELLIOT STRICKLAND
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
DALEWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY CASE NO. 3293

DECREE

It appearing to the Court that the above cause is inactive, upon consideration, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that said cause be and hereby is transferred to the inactive docket of this Court, and

It further appearing to the Court that the execution for costs against the Defendant was returned by the Sheriff of this County, "No Property Found", it is therefore, ORDERED and DECREED by the Court that the costs be and hereby are now taxed against the State of Alabama pursuant of Section 119, (b), Title 34, 1955 Cumulative Pocket Parts, Code of Alabama.

This 26 day of May 1957

Robert M. Stone
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

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ALICE J. DUCK, CLERK
REMASTER

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

19 January 1955

Re: State of Alabama
vs.

Case No. ~~3293~~

~~CIRCUIT~~ COURT

To: Mrs Ruby Nell Strickland
Robertsdale, Alabama

According to the records of this office there is \$3.75 due the State of Alabama in the above mentioned case. The money should be paid to Mrs Alice J. Duck, Clerk of Circuit Court, Bay Minette, Alabama, within 15 days. If this money is not paid within the said time limit, it will be necessary to ask the Judge of this Court for an order so that the Sheriff can bring you before the Judge for appropriate action. When these costs have been paid the case will be dismissed. Non-payment on your part will only add additional costs.

If there are any questions concerning the amount due as above stated please contact Mrs. Duck.

PROMPT ACTION ON YOUR PART WILL SAVE YOU MONEY
AND TIME:

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Cooper
Solicitor

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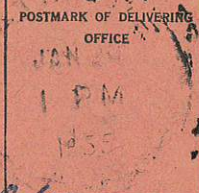
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From Oliver J. Duck elk

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Addressed to Donald Wheat Strickland

RT 1 Box 128 Alton AL



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