

DIVORCE DECREE

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

MARY FRANCIS STENNETT, Complainant
vs.
JACK LEVON STENNETT, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on RESPONDENT'S 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

MARY FRANCIS STENNETT is forever divorced from the said JACK LEVON STENNETT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE COMPLAINANT AND THE RESPONDENT TOUCHING THE CUSTODY OF THE MINOR CHILD OF THE MARRIAGE AND ALIMONY FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF MICHAEL LEVON STENNETT, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT THE SAID WRITTEN AGREEMENT IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND APPROVED, AND THE CARE, CONTROL AND CUSTODY OF THE SAID MINOR CHILD OF THE MARRIAGE NAMELY MICHAEL LEVON STENNETT, IS AWARDED TO MOTHER, THE COMPLAINANT.
2. THAT THE RESPONDENT JACK LEVON STENNETT PAY OVER TO THE COMPLAINANT THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) PER MONTH AS ALIMONY FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAID MINOR CHILD, SAID PAYMENTS TO BEGIN AUGUST 1, 1954 AND BE PAYABLE MONTHLY.

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 MARY FRANCIS STENNETT the COMPLAINANT pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 9th day of JULY, 1954

Hubert M. Hale

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 _____ day of JULY, 1954.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

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ALICE A. DICK, REGISTER

The State of Alabama,
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Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
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MARY FRANCIS STENNETT

Complainant

VS.

JACK LEVON STENNETT

Respondent

I, Dixie A. Peterson

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Mary Francis Stennett
and Estelle Yarbrough

witness ES named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 9th day of July

1954, at the office of Dixie A. Peterson

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

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Mary Francis Stennett and
Estelle Yarbrough doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Mary Francis Stennett, I am over eighteen years of age and am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. I have lived in Foley, Alabama for the past five years. Jack Levon Stennett is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

I legally married Jack Levon Stennett, November 18, 1951 at Waynesboro, Mississippi, and we have one child, Michael Levon Stennett, born August 27th, 1952.

When we got married we came back to Foley and lived with my parents. I wanted a home of our own but Jack never made any effort to find us a place for us. My folks were nice to him and me but he never did anything to help pay expenses. He spent nearly all of his money on himself. Jack didn't want the baby and after it was born he seemed to resent it. About a month after the baby was born he voluntarily abandoned me and the baby and went to live with his folks. We have lived separate and apart since that time and we have not in anyway recognized each other as husband or wife. He has not given me any money for my or the baby's support since he left.

Last April, Jack and I entered into an agreement for the control custody and support of the baby which agreement was made a part of the bill of complaint for divorce. The agreement provided that I was to have the care and custody of the baby and Jack was or is to pay me twenty-five dollars a month for the baby's support and maintenance. The agreement marked Exhibit A is a fair and just agreement.

Mary Francis Stennett

My name is Estelle Yarbrough. I am over the age of twenty-one years. I have known and lived as a close neighbor, Mary Francis Stennett for about five years. Shortly after Mary Francis's baby was born, her husband Jack Stennett moved away and left her and the baby with her folks without any apparent cause. They have not lived together or in anyway recognized each other as husband and wife since he moved out. Jack left Mary Francis at least a year and a half ago.

Mary Francis has worked with me while her folks looked after the baby during the day so that she could buy it the things it needed and her own clothing. I do not believe that Jack has ever paid for anything.

Estelle Yarbrough

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Dixie A. Peterson, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition son 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 A. 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 9th day of July, 19 54

Dixie A. Peterson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: DIXIE A. PETERSON

FOLEY, ALABAMA

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 MARY FRANCIS STENNETT
AND ESTELLE YARBROUGH

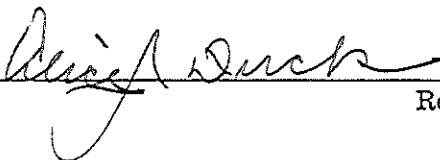
as witnesses in behalf of MARY FRANCIS STENNETT in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein MARY FRANCIS STENNETT

Complainant
and JACK LEVON STENNETT

Respondent

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

Witness 9th day of July, 1954


Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MARY FRANCIS STENNETT

Complainant—

vs.

JACK LEVON STENNETT

Defendant—

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WITNESSES:

ALICE L. DUCK, Register

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this the first day of April, 1954, by and between Mary Francis Stennett, hereinafter referred to as the party of the first part, and Jack Leon Stennett, hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the parties hereto have been husband and wife since November 18, 1951; and as a result of such union have one minor child, Michael Levon Stennett born August 27th, 1952; and

Whereas, the parties have been separated and living apart for over a year and have definitely concluded that it is impractical for them to live together as man and wife; and

Whereas, the party of the first part is contemplating bringing an action for divorce and it is the desire to settle the matter of the care, control, custody, support and maintenance of the said minor child without litigation.

Now, Therefore, in consideration thereof, and the mutual agreements hereinafter made, they have mutually agreed to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the care control and custody of the said minor child be in the mother, the party of the first part, with rights of visitation at reasonable times and places in the father, the party of the second part.

2. That the party of the second part pay to the party of the first part the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) on or before the first of each and every month until changed by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

3. That in event the party of the first part insists on her express determination to file a suit for divorce against the party of the second part, it shall be thoroughly understood that the party of the second part denies and expects to deny that the party of the first part is in anyway entitled to a divorce, and in the event that the Court, upon hearing should decide that the party of the first part is entitled to a divorce, then it is agreed and understood that this agreement and all of its terms may be submitted to the Court for its approval, and shall not be executed until and unless the Court does approve the same.

This agreement has been made and executed by the parties hereto in good faith on the day and date hereinabove setout, with full understanding of all of its provisions, and with the mutual promise on the part of each to comply therewith faithfully and completely.

Dixie A. Peterson
Witness

Hennith R. Butler
WITNESS

Mrs. Mary Francis Stennett
Party of the First Part

Jack Leon Stennett
Party of the Second Part

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EXHIBIT A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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MARY FRANCIS STENNETT
COMPLAINANT

VS

JACK LEON STENNETT
RESPONDENT

AGREEMENT OF PARTIES.

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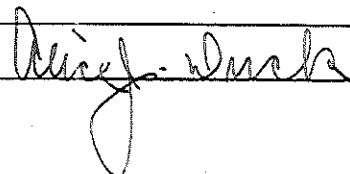
This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____

AGREEMENT OF PARTIES, ORAL DEPOSITION OF COMPLAINANTS WITNESSES

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____ ANSWER AND WAIVER , AGREEMENT OF PARTIES


Solicitor for Complainat


Register.

No. 3296

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

MARY FRANCIS STENNETT

vs.

JACK LEVON STENNETT

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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ALICE L. DICK, Register

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MARY FRANCIS STENNETT)
COMPLAINANT)
VS.)
JACK ~~LEON~~^{LEYON} STENNETT)
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 Mary Francis Stennett, respectfully
represents and shows unto your Honor:

1. That the Complainant is over the age of Eighteen
years and is a resident of said County and State, and has been
a bona fide resident of said State for more than two years ~~LEON~~^{LEYON}
preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that Jack ~~Leon~~^{LEYON}
Stennett is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident
of Baldwin County, Alabama.

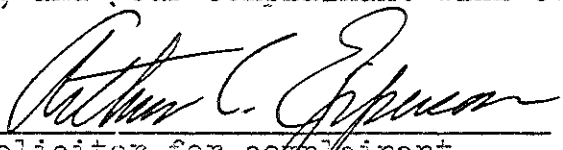
2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully
married on or about, to-wit: November 18th, 1951 at Waynesboro,
Mississippi, and that of this marriage there was born one child,
Michael Levon Stennett, born August 27th, 1952.

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

4. Complainant and respondent have entered into an
agreement for the control, custody and support of the minor child
of the said marriage, a copy of which is hereto attached as Ex-
hibit A and made a part hereof, and by the terms of which agree-
ment, Mary Francis Stennett, the complainant and mother of said
child is to have the care, control and custody of the Minor child,
Michael Levon Stennett, and the father and respondent Jack ~~Leon~~^{LEYON}
Stennett agrees to pay to the complainant for said child's support
and maintenance the sum of Twenty-five Dollars each and every
month.

Complainant avers that this is a just and reasonable
agreement and prays th Court that in the event a decree of div-
orce is granted 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
Jack ~~Leon~~^{LEYON} Stennett a party respondent to this bill of complaint,
and in order that the 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 Jack Leon Stennett,
commanding him to answer, plead or demur to this bill of com-
plaint whithin the time required by law; and that on a final
hearing of this cause, that your Honor will enter a decree div-
orcing 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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MARY FRANCIS STENNETT
COMPLAINANT

VS

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JACK LEON STENNETT
RESPONDENT

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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Complainant

VS

JACK LEVON STENNETT
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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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.

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 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 that should the court grant the complainant a divorce, that said agreement be incorporated into the decree and made a part thereof.

Jack Levon Stennett
Respondent

Doris A. Peterson
Witness

Kennith R. Butler
Witness

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