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STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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_____ , being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Notice to Non-Resident

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT
JAYNE THOMPSON
No. 1138
JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON
The State of Alabama, Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY
This the 12th day of July, 1944.
In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Jayne Thompson, that the Respondent, John William Thompson is a non-resident of the State of Alabama; and further, that in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said John William Thompson to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 14th day of August 1944, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.
R. S. DUCK, Register
BEEBE & HALL
Solicitors for Complainant 24-4tc

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I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid ~~(paid)~~

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Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Ford Cook

Publisher.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. _____ Term, 194_____

Jayne Thompson

_____, Complainant

Vs.

John William Thompson

_____, Defendant

Hon. R. S. Duck

To _____, Register

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by **Beebe & Hall**

_____ Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Solicitor for Complainant.

Jayne Thompson

VS.

Jhon William Thompson

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,
decree pre confesso against the Respondent on publication, and testimony of
Jayne Thompson and Mellie Norman

and in behalf of Defendant upon

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Jayne Thompson

Complainant

Vs.

John William Thompson

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against John William Thompson

Defendant

in the annexed stated cause. on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 26th day of September 1944

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Solicitor.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

TIMES PRINTING CO., BAY MINETTE

JAYNE THOMPSON.

No. 1138.

vs.

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON.

The State of Alabama.

Baldwin. County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 18th day of July, 1944

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Jayne. Thompson.

that the ~~Defendant~~ Respondent, John William Thompson.

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said John William Thompson.

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 14th ~~18th~~ day of August, 1944, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

R S Duck.

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 1138 Sept. , Term, 1944

~~Jayne Thompson.~~ Complainant

Vs.

John William Thompson, Defendant

R S Duck.

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 13th day of July, 1944, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin, County, on the 12th day of July, 1944 and

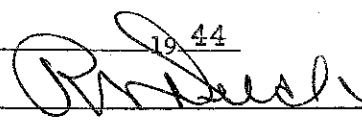
And it now further appearing to the Register R S Duck. that the said

John William Thompson,

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register R S Duck

that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said John William Thompson,

This 18th day of Sept. 1944



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

JAYNE THOMPSON

Complainant

VS

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decrees Pro Confesso on **PUBLICATION** 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 **JAYNE THOMPSON** is forever divorced from the said **JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON**

for and on account of **Cruelty**

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant be and she is hereby granted the right to resume her maiden name: **JAYNE NORMAN**.

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 **Jayne Thompson and John William Thompson** be, and **they** hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This **11th** day of **October**, 19 **44**.

J. M. Hale
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 _____

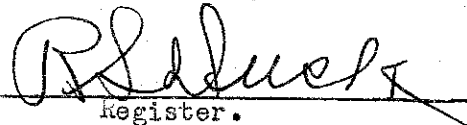
Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - - - GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery Jurisdiction within sixty days after the service of the summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by JAYNE THOMPSON against the said JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ, with your execution thereon, to our said court immediately upon the execution thereof.

21-23 WITNESS R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the
day of June, 1944.


Register.

JAYNE THOMPSON,
COMPLAINANT

VS

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Now comes your Complainant, Jayne Thompson, and humbly complaini~~g~~ against the Respondent, John William Thompson, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant, Jayne Thompson, is over twenty one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the Respondent John William Thompson is over twenty one years of age, and a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being: Care Stateville Penitentiary, Bellville, Illinois.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married at Charleston,

Missouri, on May 9th, 1943; that they lived together as husband and wife until May 19th, 1943.

3.

That the Respondent is a man of vile and ungovernable temper; that while they were living together as husband and wife he cursed, threatened and abused the complainant and threatened to take her life by shooting her with a gun; that his conduct was such that it was absolutely impossible for the complainant to live with him; that his conduct was such as to give the complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe, and she did actually believe, that if she continued to live with the Respondent he would carry out his threats and do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said John William Thompson party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that your Honor will enter a decree restoring to her her maiden name, Jayne Norman.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof, your honor will give and grant unto her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent, and that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different and general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

BEEBE & HALL

By 
Solicitors for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Complainant _____

Vs.

Defendant _____

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso
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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 11th

day of Oct 1944

[Handwritten Signature]

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

**REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION**

Filed 18 11, 1944

R. J. [Signature]
Register.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Jayne Thompson.

Vs.

John William Thompson.

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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JAYNE THOMPSON
COMPLAINANT

VS

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON
RESPONDENT

SUBMONS AND COMPLAINT.

Filed June 21, 1944
W. J. [Signature]

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The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

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vs. Complainant.
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Respondent.
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DIVORCE DECREE

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BERNE & HALL

By *J. M. Hall*
Solicitors for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery Jurisdiction within sixty days after the service of the summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a bill of complaint lawfully exhibited by JAYNE THOMPSON against the said JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ, with your execution thereon, to our said court immediately upon the execution thereof.

That WITNESS R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the
day of June, 1944.

R. S. Duck
Register.

JAYNE THOMPSON,
COMPLAINANT

VS

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

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2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married at Charleston,

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

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

JAYNE THOMPSON

Complainant.

VS.

JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON

Respondent.

I, Virginia Keel

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Jayne Thompson and Mellie Norman

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 7th day of October
1944, at the office of Beebe & Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Jayne Thompson

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Jayne Thompson. I am the complainant in the above cause. I am a
bona fide resident of Robertsedale in Baldwin County, Alabama and have been for
more than twelve months next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this
cause. I am over twenty-one years of age.

The Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non resident of the state of
Alabama, his address being care Stateville Penitentiary, Ballville, Illinois.

The respondent and I married at Charleston, Missouri on May 9th, 1943. We lived
together as husband and wife until May 19th, 1943.

The Respondent while we were living together as husband and wife cursed, threatened
and abused me and threatened to take my life by shooting me with a gun; that the
conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension
to believe and I did actually believe that if I continued to live with him he would
carry out his threats and do violence to my person, which would necessarily
endanger my life and health; that it was and is absolutely impossible for me to
live with the respondent.

Jayne N. Thompson

I am personally acquainted with the Complainant and the Respondent in this cause.

I was with and around them during the short time that they lived together as husband
and wife. I know that the Respondent often mistreated the Complainant, and cursed

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Virginia Keel, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify

that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Hubert M. Hall

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness; 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 7th day of October, 1944 1944

Virginia Keel (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs. Complainant

Respondent

Oral Deposition

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Virginia Keel, Register.

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... I know that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every

... reasonable apprehension to believe and I know that she did actually believe that

... if she continued to live with the Respondent he would carry out his threats and do viol
to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

Mellie Norman

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