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

Julius Bassett

Complainant

VS

Annie May Bassett

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decrees Pro Confesso on \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Julius Bassett is forever divorced from the said

Annie May Bassett

for and on account of drunkenness.

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

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

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1944.

J. M. Hare  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R. S. 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 September, 1944

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

Julius Bassett

VS.

Annie May Bassett

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

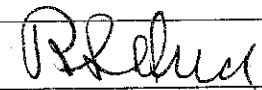
IN EQUITY  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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

~~Decree pro confesso on publication and depositions of the~~  
~~witnesses in behalf of complainant, namely: Julius Bassett,~~  
~~the complainant, and ~~Annie May Bassett~~ Eugene Broughton.~~

and in behalf of Defendant upon

  
Solicitor for Complainant

  
Register.

Julius Bassett  
Complainant  
vs.  
Annie May Bassett  
Respondent

In the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama  
In Equity.

Affidavit of Non-Residence

Personally appeared before me, ~~Perusse~~ Clara B. Hastie, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, Julius Bassett, who, being first by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the complainant in the foregoing cause and that the respondent, Annie May Bassett, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her place of residence and post-office address being and is 12 Mangold Street, Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Affiant further deposes and says that he is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that both he and the respondent are over the age of twenty-one years -

Witnesses:  
H. S. Smith

his  
Julius Bassett  
Mark  
~~Clara B. Hastie~~

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 27th day of June, 1944

Clara B. Hastie  
Notary Public  
Baldwin County, Ala

# The BALDWIN Times

ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S- BEST NEWSPAPER  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Ford Cook, 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**  
Julius Bassett, Complainant.  
No. 1147  
Annie Mae Bassett, Respondent.  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.  
**Circuit Court in Equity**  
On this 28th day of June, 1944,  
in this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the Affidavit of Julius Bassett that the Defendant Annie Mae Bassett is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her place of residence and Post Office address being and is 12 Mangold Street, Hazelhurst, Mississippi, 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 Defendant, the said Annie Mae Bassett, to answer or demur the Bill of Complaint in this cause, by the 27th day of July, 1944, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against Annie Mae Bassett.  
R. S. DUCK,  
Register.  
22-4tc

### COST STATEMENT

172 WORDS @ 4 1/2 cents ..... \$ 6.34

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

Ford Cook  
Publisher.

Was published in said newspaper for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication June 29, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 22  
Date of 2nd publication July 6, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 23  
Date of 3rd publication July 13, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 24  
Date of 4th publication July 20, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 25

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1944.

Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Ford Cook  
Publisher.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 1147. ~~Sept~~, Term, 19 44

Julius. Bassett. Complainant

Vs.

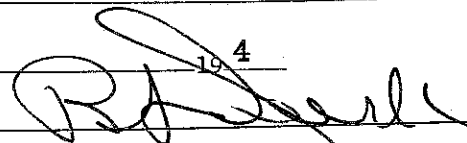
Annie Mae Bassett. Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register R S Duck. that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 29th day of June., 19 44, 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 28th day of June. 1944 and

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

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 Annie Mae Bassett.

This 29th day of August. 19 4

 Register.



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Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

Issued August 28th 19 ~~24~~

*R. S. Bassett*  
Register.

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No. 1147

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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VS.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 5<sup>th</sup>

day of April 1944

Edmund  
Register.



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**The State Of Alabama**

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

**Julius Bassett**.....

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Respondent.....

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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R.S. Munch  
Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

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

Julius Bassett COMPLAINANT

VS.

Annie May Bassett RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Julius Bassett and Eugene

Broughton

witness ~~es~~ named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 9th day of September

19 44, at the office of myself

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~es~~ to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Julius Bassett

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Julius Bassett and I am the complainant in this cause for divorce against my wife, Annie May Bassett. We are each over the age of twenty-one years. I am now and have been for more than one year next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint in this cause ~~xxxxxxx~~ a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at, and her post-office address is, Hazelhurst Mississippi.

I and the said respondent were lawfully married to each other on the 15th day of February, 1944, and ~~we~~ lived together as man and wife until May 6th, 1944. We were married at the Court House in Mobile, Alabama, by the Probate Judge of Mobile County, Alabama.

On said date of May 6, 1944, complainant ceased to live with respondent as man and wife, and since said last date has not lived with her as man and wife or otherwise. She became addicted after marriage to habitual drunkenness and drank intoxicating liquors to excess every day and her conduct was unbearable to me. I am a colored man, 51 years of age, and have a good home of my own at Stockton, Alabama, in this county, and she was just above 40 years of age. There are two beer joints just several hundred yards from my home. I work with Bacon-McMillan Veneer Company at Stockton, Ala., and of course was gone all during the day time on work days and got home late. I would leave money with her to buy groceries with and she would go to one of these joints and ~~spend~~ spend it all for that. If I did not leave any money she would go there anyway and let anybody who would buy her beer or give her intoxicating liquors of another kind. She not only would drink it while I was gone at work, but got so bad that she would just go on down there to one of these places, leaving me at home, and come home under the influence of it. She neglected my home entirely and me also. She was also very free with the men around there and I just told her the best thing she could do was to go back to her folks, which she did. I do not drink myself, but go to church every Sunday, and so could not stand her being drunk, and under the influence of drink, all the time.

Julius Bassett

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. S. Duck, 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 witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and H. E. Smith, Solicitor for Complainant at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proof made before me of the identity of said witnesses; 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 September, 1944.

*R. S. Duck*

(L. S.)

Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

*Bassett*

Complainant

Vs.

*Bassett*

Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed Sept 9, 1944

*R. S. Duck* Register

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Eugene Broughton, a witness for the complainant, being first by me duly sworn, testified in substance as follows:

My name is Eugene Broughton. I am over the age of twenty-one years and know both the complainant and the respondent in this cause and live not very far from them and saw them very frequently, at least several times a week. I remember when they got married, which was in February, 1944, and I also remember when they separated in May 1944.

I have read over the testimony of Julius Basset and know that it is substantially true.

The last time that I saw her drinking was on the night they separated and she went home next day. She was at one of the beer joints at Stockton, Alabama, and had not been home for some time. She had drunk so much beer or something else that she was drunk. Her husband came for her and she refused to go home with him, but stayed on there drinking with other men until they closed up about midnight. I had seen her ~~do~~ doing that on several occasions and know that she neglected her home and did not think about anything but hanging around these joints. She did not have a good reputation at all in the community, but her husband is a good man, goes to church and does not drink. I do not see how he put up with it as long as he did.

Eugene Broughton