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

JOSH STEVENS

Complainant

VS

ESTELLE STEVENS

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decrees Pro Confessor~~
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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,
and that the said Josh Stevens
is forever divorced from the said

Estelle Stevens

for and on account of

Adultery

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 Josh Stevens and Estelle Stevens

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

It is further ordered that Josh Stevens

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

This 27th day of July, 19 44.

J. W. Starnes

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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RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

And now comes the Respondent in her own proper person, and accepts service of summons and complaint in this cause, and denies each and every allegation contained in the Complainant's Bill of Complaint, and demands strict proof of same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking testimony on behalf of the Complainant the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses, and agrees that the cause be submitted for final decree without notice.

Estelle Stevnis

WITNESSES:

Helen A. McLawan

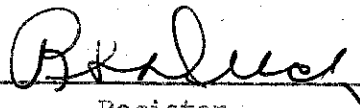
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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

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

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon ESTELLE STEVENS 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 plead, answer or demur without oath to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by JOSH STEVENS, complainant, against the said ESTELLE STEVENS 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 endorsement thereon, to our said court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the 19 day of July, 1944.


Register

JOSH STEVENS,
COMPLAINANT

VS

ESTELLE STEVENS,
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE P. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY:

Now comes your Complainant, Josh Stevens, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, Estelle Stevens, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That the Complainant and the Respondent are both bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and are over the age of twenty-one years;

2.

That the Complainant and the Respondent were married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on September 9, 1932, and lived together as husband and wife until to-wit, the 1st day of May, 1944.

3.

That on, to-wit, May 1, 1944, and at other times prior thereto, the Respondent committed acts of adultery with a man whose name is not known to the

Complainant; that said acts of adultery were without the consent or approval of the Complainant, and Complainant has not condoned said acts.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said Estelle Stevens party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring her 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 upon a final hearing of this cause an order and decree be made granting to him an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between him and the Respondent; that your complainant prays for such other, further different and general relief as he may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

BEEBE & HALL

BY: *W. H. Beebe*

Solicitors for Complainant

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COMPLAINANT

VS

ESTELLE STEVENS,

RESPONDENT.

*Recd July 19 1944
Estelle Stevens
Petitioner*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

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

JOSH STEVENS

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ESTELLE STEVENS

RESPONDENT

I, Helen A. McGowan

~~as Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Josh Stevens and Esaw Stevens

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 15 day of July
19 44, at the office of BEERE & HALL
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the truth,
the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Josh Stevens

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Josh Stevens. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age.

The Respondent Estelle Stevens is over twenty-one years of age, and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama;

The Respondent and I were married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on the 9th day of September, 1932. We lived together as man and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, until about the first of May, 1944.

The Respondent has recently committed acts of adultery with a ~~negro~~ negro whose name I do not know. ~~My~~ My wife is now working in Mobile, Alabama, and for a long time stayed with this negro whose name I do not know until the owner of the house threw them out. They are now living at a place in Mobile as man and wife, however she from time to time comes up to Stockton to visit her folks. She still claims Stockton as her home. She has recently gotten so bold that she brings this negro up with her. The said acts of adultery on the part of the Respondent were without my permission or consent, and I have not condoned said acts. We have no children.

and I
My wife have had trouble from time to time during the entire time that we have lived together. She has always had the desire to have additional men hanging around. Such conduct has never met with my approval, and I have never condoned her acts.

Josh Stevens

Esaw Stevens a witness for the complainant, being first duly sworn, says:

My name is Esaw Stevens. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Stockton.

I know that the Respondent Estelle Stevens has committed acts of adultery with a man whose name I do not know. He lives in Mobile. Estelle stays with him down there. They lived down on the Bay a long time, and were thrown out by the owner of the house because they were not married. They are now staying together some place in Mobile. The Complainant has often complained of the way she is doing, but she refuses to change.

Esaw Stevens

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Helen A. McGowan, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was 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 Helen A. McGowan 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 15 day of July, 19 44.

Helen A. McGowan (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

JOSH STEVENS Complainant
 Vs.
ESTELLE STEVENS Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION

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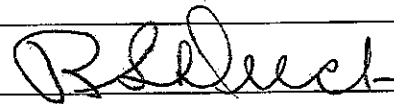
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
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IN EQUITY
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This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____

and testimony of Complainants, witnesses _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon ~~answer and waiver.~~ _____

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Josh Stevens,

VS.

Estelle Stevens,

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 19th

day of July, 1944

Robert

Register.