

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

ALICE SHUFFORD

Complainant

VS.

SANDY SHUFFORD

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~  
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 ALICE SHUFFORD  
is forever divorced from the said SANDY SHUFFORD  
for and on account of cruelty

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 SANDY SHUFFORD  
the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 19 44

[Signature]  
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 December, 19 44

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

ALICE SHUFFORD

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

Complainant.....

vs.

In Equity.

SANDY SHUFFORD,

Defendant.....

The Complainant

requests the oral examination of the following named witnesses, on behalf of the

Complainant, viz:

ALICE SHUFFORD

AND

CATHERINE MARKS

said witnesses reside in the County of Baldwin

State of Alabama.

Joseph Pose

who resides at

Fairhope Alabama

or, The Register of this Court is suggested as a suitable person  
to be appointed Commissioner to take the deposition of said witness on such oral examination.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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

Comes ALICE SHUFFORD, and by this her Bill of Complaint, presented against SANDY SHUFFORD, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years; that both are now and have been for more than five years bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married in Fairhope, Alabama, in April, 1943, but parted the following June. Since which time they have lived separate and apart without her seeing him only incidentally on the street during this period.

THIRD: That Defendant has been cruel to Complainant to the point that she is afraid to continue living with him for fear that he would do her further injury or even endanger her life; that on two occasions he has struck her so violently, once on the head, to the point where she was compelled to have medical attention.

Complainant further shows that the Defendant has recently left the State of Alabama and when last heard of was in the City of Ogden, Utah. Though she does not know his exact address, she avers that he is now living outside of the State of Alabama, so that personal service cannot be had upon him.

Complainant further prays that Defendant Sandy Shufford be made party defendant to this cause; that an order of publication be made notifying him of the filing of this Bill and requiring him to answer same within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from the said

Sandy Shufford, granting her the right to marry again should she so desire, to resume her maiden name, and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

*Elliot B. Rieckley*  
Solicitor for Complainant

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared this day Alice Shufford, who, being sworn, says that she is the Complainant of the foregoing Bill, that Sandy Shufford, the Defendant, is over the age of twenty-one years, and hat present a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his exact address not being known to affiant. Wherefore, she now prays for an order of publication that said Defendant may be notified of the pendency of this cause.

*Alice Shufford*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
14th day of August, 1944.

*Elliot B. Rieckley*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

ALICE SHUFFORD,  
Complainant,

vs

SANDY SHUFFORD,  
Defendant.

E Q U I T Y .

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA.

DEPOSITION OF ALICE SHUFFORD AND CATHERINE MARKS,  
WITNESSES FOR COMPLAINANT.

The above named witnesses appeared before me, the undersigned Commissioner at the time and place hereinafter stated and having been sworn, upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant, testified as follows:

ALICE SHUFFORD.

I am the complainant in this case. Both Sandy Shufford and I are over the age of twenty-one years and lifelong residents of Alabama. I now live in Fairhope but Sandy is away from here at work in some place in Utah. We were married in Fairhope in April 1943 but parted the following June, since when we have lived apart.

We did not live together but about four weeks. Soon after we were married he started abusing me. He has a violent temper and without cause beat me severely on two occasions. These beatings were without any just cause. The second time he beat me he struck me so violently on the head that I had to have medical attention. We were then living with my grandmother and after he saw what he had done he left and has been away from me ever since as he knew that I would not live with him any more. I do not dare to do this as he is a dangerous man when angry and from what he has already done, I know that he would do me great harm if he did not kill me. I am afraid to go back to him and will not be satisfied until I am free of him.

*Alice Shufford*  
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CATHERINE MARKS.

I am married and live not far from Alice and where she and Sandy used to live together. I have known Sandy Shufford for about five years. I know that he has been mean to her. On one occasion some time in May of last year I was at an entertainment where they were and because she spoke to him about dancing with another woman, he flew into a rage and beat her. He hit her about the head with his fist. I had to make him stop. I know him to be a hot-tempered man with a mean disposition and when he is angry he does not care what he does. She did well to leave him as he would be sure to beat her up if she continued to stay with him. I have known Sandy only about two years.

*Catherine Marks*  
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I, JOSEPH POSE, the Commissioner named in the attached commission issued by the Circuit Court of Baldwin County Alabama, hereby certify that in a case pending on the Equity Side of said Court wherein Alice Shufford is Complainant and Sandy Shufford is Defendant, under and by authority of the power conferred upon me by said commission I caused the witnesses named therein, namely Alice Shufford and Catherine Marks, known by me to be the parties named, to come to the office of Complainant's Solicitor in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope on the sixth day of December, 1944, where, after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination of Complainant's Solicitor, the Defendant being in default, they testified as is hereinbefore written. That their testimony being reduced to writing as given by them, was read over and signed by said witnesses as correct.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or of kin to any party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner on this the sixth day of December, 1944.

*Joseph Pose*

Commissioner.

(SEAL)

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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County, Alabama

IN EQUITY

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ALICE SHUFFORD

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Complainant.

vs.

SANDY SHUFFORD,

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Defendant.

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

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**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ALICE SHUFFORD

vs. Complainant

SANDY SHUFFORD

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Register



ALICE SUFFORD, Complainant

vs

SANDY SHUFFORD, Defendant.

DEPOSITIONS OF ALICE SHUFFORD AND  
CATHERINE MARKS, WITNESSES FOR  
COMPLAINANT.

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Mr Robert S. Duck,

Register Circuit Court,

Bay Minette,

Alabama.

CIRCUIT COURT COMPLAINT

Printed By Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Ala.

ALICE SHUFFORD,  
Complainant,  
Vs. SANDY SHUFFORD,  
Defendant  
Respondent.

In the Circuit Court.  
In Equity No. \_\_\_\_\_.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the ~~Respondent~~ Defendant

SANDY SHUFFORD

by registered mail and that receipt signed by the said defendant was returned to and filed in this Court November 6th, 1944.

By the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

194\_\_\_\_\_.

And it further appears to the Register, that the said \_\_\_\_\_

SANDY SHUFFORD, defendant

\_\_\_\_\_, ~~the Respondent~~, having to the date hereof,

failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore,

on motion of \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant's \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitors

~~for Complainant~~, ordered, and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be,

and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Sandy Shufford

This 6th day of December, 194<sup>4</sup>.

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY**

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ALICE SHUFFORD,

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Complainant,

Vs.

SANDY SHUFFORD

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Defendant.

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Respondent.

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**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE BY  
REGISTERED MAIL**

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Issued this 6th day of December 1944.  
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ALICE SHUFFORD,  
Complainant,

No. 1176.  
E Q U I T Y

vs

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

SANDY SHUFFORD,  
Defendant.

STATE OF ALABAMA:  
BALDWIN COUNTY:

Before me, the undersigned Notary personally appeared this day Alice Shufford who being sworn says that she is the Complainant in the above styled cause and that Sandy Shufford, the defendant is not in the armed forces of the United States in any capacity but is a civilian in private employ.

*Alice Shufford*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of  
December, 1944.

*Blissie B. Rinkley*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County,  
Alabama.

No. 1176  
EQUITY

ALICE SHUFFORD,  
Complainant,

versus

SANDY SHUFFORD,  
Defendant.

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NON-MILITARY AFFIDAVIT.  
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*R. J. [Signature]*  
Register.

ALICE SHUFFORD

VS.

SANDY SHUFFORD

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, \_\_\_\_\_

and in behalf of Defendant upon Service By Registered Mail

*R.S. Duck*

Register.

No. 1176

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The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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ALICE SHUFFORD

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VS.

SANDY SHUFFORD

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_

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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. FALL Term, 192

ALICE SHUFFORD, Complainants

vs.

SANDY SHUFFORD, Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Defendant Sandy Shufford Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication service by registered mail and receipt of return request receipt 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 sixth day of December, 1924

746 Code.

*Elliot B. Rinsley*  
Solicitor.



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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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SANDY SHUFFORD,

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Defendants.

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PUBLICATION.

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Baldwin Times Print, Bay Minette.

Dear Bob -

Please enter this decree today so I can get  
decree final tomorrow when I come up with the testimonial  
Hold up commission till I come.

Yours,

C. S. R.

Wednesday.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

No. 1176. CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY  
Aug, TERM, 1944

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sandy Shufford.

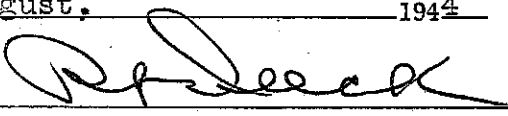
to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Complaint filed in  
the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against

Sandy Shufford. Respondant.  
Defendant

by Alice Shufford.

Complainant  
Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August. 1944

  
Clerk.

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