

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Jessie A. Seward

, Complainant

vs.

Barbara Seward

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree 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

Jessie A. Seward

is forever divorced from the

said Barbara Seward

for and on account of

ABANDONMENT

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 payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 1st day of December, 1954

Robert M. Wall

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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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

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PAUL L. DUCK, Register

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

Jessie A. Seward

Complainant

VS.

Barbara Seward

Respondent

I, Frances G. Crawford,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Jessie A. Seward and Margaret Nelson

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 30th day of November

1954, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Attorney,

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Jessie A. Seward

doth depose and say as follows:

I am 25 years of age and my wife, Barbara, is 21. We married June 12th 1948 at Pascagoula, Mississippi. At that time, we were residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and I have continued to maintain my residence in said Baldwin County ever since. Shortly after our marriage, being in the United States Army, I was sent over seas to Germany. The last letters from Barbara to me stated that she wanted a divorce. I paid no attention to this attitude on her part since I figured that when I returned home I could talk things out with her and, perhaps, she might see things differently. More than one year before I filed my complaint against her I returned home and she was gone. By way of the grapevine I heard that she had left Alabama and had gone to live somewhere in Florida. However, I have never been able to locate her so that I could talk things over with her since I got back. I have not heard from her directly for close to two years. I suppose our marriage might be called one of those war marriages and, obviously, we were too young to have been married. I came home about the middle of 1953, in June. Fortunately, we had no child.

Jessie A. Seward

And the said Margaret Nelson doth depose and say as follows:

I have known Jessie and Barbara since their marriage. I know that she left Alabama prior to the middle of 1953. I know also that they have not lived together as husband and wife ever since. I know that Jessie came back from Germany about June of 1953. I know that he has made his home in Baldwin County, Alabama, since prior to the marriage until the present time.

Margaret Nelson

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Frances G. Crawford, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s on 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

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 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 30th day of November, 1954

Francis M. Crawford (I.S.)

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

In Circuit Court, In Equity

_____ vs. _____

_____ Complainant

_____ Respondent

Oral Deposition

Filed _____, 19____

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Attest J. Webb, Register

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_____, Register

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

Jessie A. Seward

No. 3252

~~Barbara Seward~~

vs.

Barbara Seward

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 30th day of

September, 1944

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

~~Jessie A.~~ Jessie A. Seward

that the Defendant Barbara Seward

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and her present whereabouts cannot be ascertained

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 Fairhope Courier

published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring

Barbara Seward the said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 30th day of

October 1944, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be

taken against her

E. A. Cramer,
Solicitor For Complainant

Register.

Jessie A. Seward

Complainant

vs.

Barbara Seward

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

No.

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

COMES the Complainant, by attorney, and represents to the Court as follows:

1. That the following named witnesses reside within one hundred miles from

Bay Minette, in the County of Baldwin

Alabama, the place of trial of said cause, to-wit:

Jessie A. Seward

Margaret Nelson

2. That said Complainant requires an oral examination of said witnesses before a Commissioner appointed by the Register of this Court.

E. G. Crawford

Solicitor for Complainant

NOTE:

Complainant suggests the name of Frances G. Crawford

as a suitable and competent person to act as commissioner upon the examination of said witnesses.

E. G. Crawford

Solicitor for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO:

Mrs. Frances B. Crawford

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine

Jessie A. Seward and
Margaret Nelson

a witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Jessie A. Seward

and Barbara Seward, Complainant

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

Witness 29th day of November, 1954

Deane J. Adams
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ ONE

Witness' Fees, \$ NONE

Jessie A. Seward

vs.

Barbara Seward

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

Testimony of Complainant and witness
Margaret Nelson

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

Decree Pro Confesso on Publication

Alvin J. Smith

Register.

E. A. Cramer
Solicitor for Complainant

E. A. CRAMER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

September 29th 1954

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Register
Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Miss Alice:

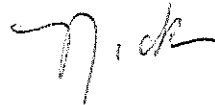
Re: Jessie A. Seward vs Barbara Seward

Bill of complaint and affidavit of non-residency was mailed your office more than two weeks ago. Publication notice has not been received by me or "The Courier".

Please check this.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,



Decree Pro Confesso of Publication.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Jessie A. Seward

Complainant

Vs.

Barbara Seward

Defendant

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 7th day of October, 1954, in the Fairhope Courier a newspaper published in Fairhope, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in _____ County, on the _____ day of _____ 194____ and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register _____ that the said

Barbara Seward

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 _____

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

This 29 day of1954

Register.

8601. Motion For Decree Pro Confesso on Publication.

B.T.-10-46-200

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Jessie A. Seward

Complainant

Vs.

Barbara Seward

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Barbara Seward

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 29 day of Nov., 1954.

746 Code

Ed. Oran Solicitor.

Jessie A. Seward
Complainant

Circuit Court

Baldwin County

vs

Alabama

Barbara Seward
Respondent

IN EQUITY

To the Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court, sitting in Equity;

Comes Jessie A. Seward and exhibits this, His Bill of Complaint against Barbara Seward and respectfully shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: Complainant, whose age is 25 years, and Respondent, whose age is 21 years, intermarried June 12th 1948 at Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Second: At the time of said marriage the parties hereto were residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and Complainant still continues to make his residence in said Baldwin County.

Third: More than one year prior to the filing of the within Bill of Complaint, Respondent did voluntarily abandon Complainants' bed and board and has continued said abandonment ever since with total neglect of the marital covenant on her part ever since.

The premises considered, Complainant prays that said Respondent, Barbara Seward, be, by all due and appropriate process, made party Defendant to the within cause, that she be compelled to plead, answer or demur to the several paragraphs hereof within the time prescribed by law and that she be compelled to abide and obey all orders and decrees made in the premises.

Complainant further prays, upon a hearing of the within cause, that a decree be ordered and entered forever divorcing him from said Barbara Seward and granting him such other, further, different and general relief as, in Equity, may appear meet and proper.

E. A. Cramer
Solicitor for Complainant

Jessie A. Seward
Complainant

State of Alabama, Baldwin County, ss

Personally appeared Jessie A. Seward, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Complainant in the above cause, that the Respondent, Barbara Seward is past the age of 21 years and that she is a non resident of the State of Alabama, and that her present whereabouts cannot be ascertained despite reasonable diligence so to do.

Jessie A. Seward

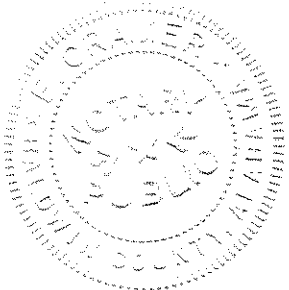
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Sept 1954.

E. Cramer
Notary Public, Baldwin County
Alabama

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register



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"On Mobile Bay"

This is to certify that the attached legal notice appeared in The Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in the City of Fairhope, County of Baldwin, State of Alabama and the dates of October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1954.

James G. Crawford
Editor

State of Alabama
County of Baldwin

Sworn to and subscribed this eighth day
of November, A. D., 1954, before me.

E. Cramer
Notary Public, Baldwin County



Notice to Non-Resident

Jessie A. Seward No. 3252 vs.
Barbara Seward
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY
This the 30th day of September
1954.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Jessie A. Seward that the Defendant, Barbara Seward is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and her present whereabouts cannot be ascertained 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 Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring Barbara Seward the said Respondent to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 30th day of October 1954, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against her.

Alice J. Duck, Register
E. A. Cramer, Solicitor
for complainant 12-4t

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