

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Iona G. Hand

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

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

MAMIE VALREE DONALD

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant  
and FRANKIE DONALD

\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent  
on oath, to be by you administered, upon Mamie Valree Donald & Bessie Valree  
to take and certify the deposition of the witness SS and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 18th day of March, 194<sup>9</sup>

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allice J. Smith  
Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

MAMIE VALREE DONALD

Complainant

VS.

FRANKIE DONALD

Respondent

I, Tona G. Hand

as Register and Commissioner in the above styled cause

have called and caused to come before me Mamie Valree Donald and Bessie Valree

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 18 day of March  
1949, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson, Attorney  
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 Mamie Valree Donald & Bessie  
Valree doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Mamie Valree Donald, that I am over the age of  
21 years and my husband Frankie Donald is also over the age of  
21 years. That we were married in Bay Minette, to be exact in  
Douglasville, Baldwin County, on May 16, 1931 and lived together  
until he went off and left me on November 30, 1932. I did nothing  
to cause him to leave. We have not lived together as man and wife  
since that date. I have not had any support from him since that  
time. My home has been in Baldwin County all my life and there  
are no children of our marriage.

Mamie Valree Donald

That my name is Bessie Valree and I know both parties in  
this suit. I know that Mamie and Frankie were married near Bay  
Minette, in Baldwin County, I know that they lived together as  
man and wife and that they separated in November, 1932. I do  
not know of any support Frankie has given her since the separation  
and I do not know any cause she gave him for leaving. I do know  
the separation occurred in Baldwin County and Mamie has always  
lived here. They did not have any children from this marriage.

Bessie Valree

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Tona G. Hand, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—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 C. LeNoir Thompson, Attorney at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness—or had proom-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 18 day of March, 194 9.

Tona G. Hand (L. S.)

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COMPLAINANT                           0           BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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FRANKIE DONALD                        0  
RESPONDENT                            0

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BAY MINETTE, BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY SITTING:

Comes the Complainant, Mamie Valree Donald, who  
shows unto your Honor the following state of facts:

1. That your Complainant and Respondent are both  
over the age of twenty-one years of age and at the time of  
their separation were residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. That your Complainant and Respondent married at  
Bay Minette, Alabama on May 16, 1931, and lived together as  
husband and wife until November 30, 1932. At which time the  
separation occurred and they have not lived together as man  
and wife since that time.

3. The Complainant further shows unto the Court that  
she has lived separate and apart from the bed and board of  
Frankie Donald, her said husband, for more than two years  
and without support from him for more than two years next  
preceding the filing of this bill and during said period  
she has been a bona fide resident in the State.

4. There are no children as fruit of this marriage.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, the premises considered the Complainant  
~~prays that Your Honor by proper process, make the said~~  
Frankie Donald, party respondent to this cause of action,  
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 on the final hearing  
of this complaint, together with proofs submitted with the  
same that your Honor will grant unto her an absolute divorce,  
forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between her  
and the Respondent, and at the time of making this decree,

Your Honor will grant each of them the right to again contract marriage; that your Honor will grant unto your Complainant the right to resume her maiden name of Mamie Valree.

*C. L. Thompson*  
Solicitor for Complainant

C. L. Thompson  
from the law offices of

Wm. A. Thompson

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From the law offices of  
C. LeNoir Thompson

MAMIE VALREE DONALD

COMPLAINANT

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FRANKIE DONALD

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

I, FRANKIE DONALD, Respondent in the above styled causes, do hereby accept copy of the Original Bill of Complaint filed in this cause and waive any other or further services by the Sheriff.

I also waive all notice of filing of this bill and time of taking decree Pro Confesso.

I further waive notice of taking testimony and agree that this cause may proceed at once to final determination.

Frankie Donald  
RESPONDENT

Signed in my presence on this 18 day of March 1949.

Halter M. Lindsey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

ANSWER

Come the Respondent, Frankie Donald, in the above titled cause and denies all the allegations contained in the Original Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Frankie Donald  
RESPONDENT

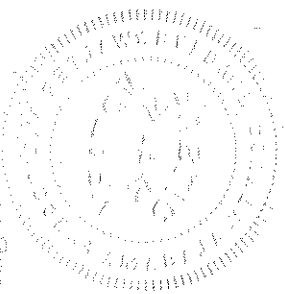
RESPONDENT

*Frank Donald*

thereof.

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WITNESSES



Signed in my presence on this 18 day of March 1949.

*Frankie Donald*  
FRANKIE DONALD

*Frankie Donald*

that this cause may proceed at once to final determination  
I further waive notice of taking testimony and agree  
time of taking depositions and cross-examination.

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ALICE L. DUCK, Register

I also waive all notice of filing of this bill  
further services by the Sheriff.

*Answer & Waiver*

Complaint in this cause and waive any other or  
causes, do hereby accept cost of the Original Bill of

I, FRANKIE DONALD, Respondent in the above styled

RESPONSE.

FRANKIE DONALD

AS

COMPLAINANT

FRANKIE DONALD

IN EQUITY  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

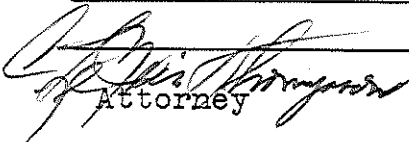
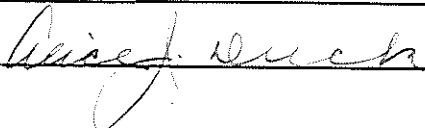
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, \_\_\_\_\_  
and oral deposition of Complainant and supporting witness \_\_\_\_\_  
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and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attorney  
Register.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

Mamie Velma Donald.

vs.

Frankie Donald.

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 18<sup>th</sup>.....

day of March, 1949.....

Wesley Welch  
Register.

## The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Mamie Valree Donald, Complainant

vs.

Frankie Donald, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~DECEASED~~  
 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 Mamie Valree Donald is forever divorced from the  
 said Frankie Donald for and on account of

Non-Support

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 Complainant

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

This 18 day of March, 1949.

Jeffair J. Mathews  
 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 de-  
 cree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
 of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

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**DIVORCE DECREE**

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register