

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

Lula Ruth Ross

, Complainant

vs.

Will Ross

, 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 Lula Ruth Ross is forever divorced from the

said Will Ross for and on account of

Voluntary 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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Lula Ruth Ross the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1951.

Jelfair A. Mascheride  
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

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant

vs.

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Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

Lula Ruth Ross

vs.

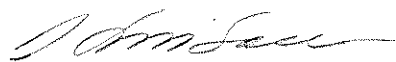
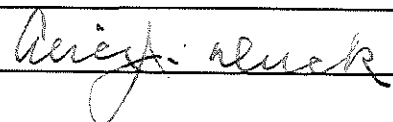
Will Ross

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin CountyIN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

Decree pro confesso on publication, and testimony of Lula Ruth Ross and  
Gussie Mae Sanspree

and in behalf of Defendant upon

  
Solicitor for Complainant  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Lula Ruth Ross

vs.

Will Ross

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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LULA RUTH ROSS

COMPLAINANT

VS

WILL ROSS

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

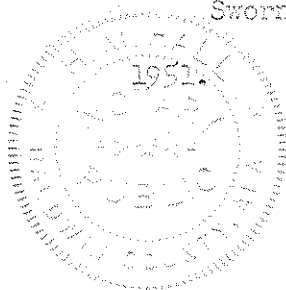
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Lula Ruth Ross, who is known to me and who having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Complainant in the above styled cause; that she is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent Will Ross, is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that she has made and caused to be made a diligent search and inquiry to find out his address but it is unknown.

Lula Ruth Ross

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 15 day of January,



[Signature]  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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ALICE I. DUCK, Registrar

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. \_\_\_\_\_, Term, 19\_\_\_\_

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant

Vs.

Will Ross

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register Alice J. Duck that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 1st day of February, 1951, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

And it now further appearing to the Register Alice J. Duck, that the said Will Ross

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 Alice J. Duck that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said \_\_\_\_\_  
Will Ross

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1951.

Alice J. Duck, Register.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

Lula Ruth Ross

Vs.

Will Ross

**Decree Pro Confesso of Publication**

Issued 5-13, 1957

*Archie J. [Signature]*  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. \_\_\_\_\_, Term, 19\_\_\_\_

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant

Vs.

Will Ross

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Will Ross

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1951.

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Solicitor.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY**

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs.**

Will Ross

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion for Decree Pro Confesso**  
**On Publication**

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*W. J. Anderson*  
Register.

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The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Ala.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons WILL ROSS to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by LULA RUTH ROSS as Complainant and against WILL ROSS as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1950.

Herbert H. Duck  
Register

LULA RUTH ROSS

COMPLAINANT

VS

WILL ROSS

RESPONDENT

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

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Lula Ruth, Ross, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

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

2.

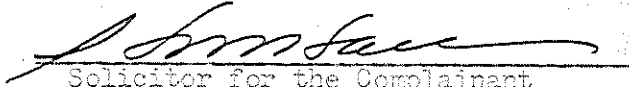
That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Bay Minette, Alabama, in June 1946 and lived together as husband and wife until in December 1, 1949.

3.

That on, to-wit, December 1, 1949, while your Complainant and the Respondent were living at Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Will Ross, 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 upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that she be granted such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for the Complainant

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Received in Clerk's Office  
this 28th day of Dec 1950  
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LULA RUTH ROSS

COMPLAINANT

VS

WILL ROSS

RESPONDENT

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The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

LULA RUTH ROSS

No. 2588

~~WILL ROSS~~

vs.

WILL ROSS

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 27th day of

January 1951

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

LULA RUTH ROSS

that the Defendant WILL ROSS

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his address is unknown

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

WILL ROSS the said Defendant

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 27th day of February 1951, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Register.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Evelyn Watts

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 Lula Ruth Ross and Gussie Mae Sanspree

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

Will Ross, Complainant  
and Will Ross

Respondent

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

Witness 11th day of May, 1947

Archie A. Blount

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant

VS.

Will Ross

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONER:**

Evelyn Watts

**WITNESSES:**

Lula Ruth Ross

Gussie Mae Sanspree



**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Lula Ruth Ross

Complainant

VS.

Will Ross

Respondent

I, Evelyn Watts

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lula Ruth Ross and Gussie Mae Sanspree

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 16 day of May 1945, at the office of Hubert M. Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Lula Ruth Ross and Gussie Mae Sanspree doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lula Ruth Ross. I am over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent is over twenty one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, but has secreted himself for the past several months so that I was unable to get personal service on him. I have made a diligent effort and inquiry to find out where he is but to no avail, but from all information available he has left the state presumably in Florida. He is now, from all information, staying in Florida.

The Respondent and I married at Bay Minette in June 1948, and we lived together in Baldwin County until December 1, 1949, when the Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time. The Respondent since December 1949 has contributed absolutely nothing toward my support, in any manner.

Lula Ruth Ross

Gussie Mae Sanspree, a witness for the complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am personally acquainted with the Complainant, Lula Ruth Ross, and have known her for some six or seven years. I know of my own personal knowledge that the Complainant and the Respondent have not lived together since December 1949 and that during such time the Respondent has contributed nothing toward the support of the complainant. The Respondent is a man that never works and spent all of his time in idleness loafing up and down the road.

Gussie Mae Sanspree

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Evelyn Watts, 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 and Hubert M. Hall

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es 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 16 day of May, 1945

Evelyn Watts (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Iula Ruth Ross

vs. Complainant

Will Ross

Respondent.

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons WILL ROSS to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by LULA RUTH ROSS as Complainant and against WILL ROSS as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1950.

Archie. Shuck  
Register

LULA RUTH ROSS

COMPLAINANT

VS

WILL ROSS

RESPONDENT

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

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Lula Ruth, Ross, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

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

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on June 1948 and lived together as husband and wife until in December 1, 1949.

3.

That on, to-wit, December 1, 1949, while your Complainant and the Respondent were living at Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

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WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Will Ross, 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 upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that she be granted such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

*John S. Lee*  
Solicitor for the Complainant

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relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.  
Respondent that she has granted such relief, further, different or general  
forever parting the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Res-  
pondent an order and decree granting to her an absolute divorce.

Complainant further prays that her name be restored to the records of the

Circuit Court of this Honorable Court.

And within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the  
to this cause of action, requesting judgment, award or decree to the  
favor will by proper process make the said Will Ross, party respondent  
WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your

Collector for the Complainant

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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JIMMY FAULKNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

*The* **BALDWIN**  
*Times*  
ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S- BEST NEWSPAPER  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT**

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.  
Circuit Court, in Equity  
This the 27th day of January, 1951.  
LULA RUTH ROSS

No. 2588  
vs.

WILL ROSS

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of LULA RUTH ROSS that the Defendant WILL ROSS is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his address is unknown 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 WILL ROSS the said Defendant to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 27th day of February 1951, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

ALICE J. DUCK  
Register.

H. M. HALL  
Solicitor For Complainant

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Jimmy Faulkner, 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

Lula Ruth Ross vs.  
Will Ross

**COST STATEMENT**

163 WORDS @ 4½ cents — — — \$ 7.33

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

Jimmy Faulkner  
Publisher.

Was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication Feb. 1, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 22

Date of 2nd publication Feb. 8, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 3

Date of 3rd publication Feb. 15, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 4

Date of 4th publication Feb. 22, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 5

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 22 day of Feb, 1951

Dorothy Martin  
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Jimmy Faulkner  
Publisher.

