

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MILDRED STEVENSON, Complainant  
vs.

RUDOLPH STEVENSON, 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 heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said MILDRED STEVENSON is forever divorced from the said RUDOLPH STEVENSON 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 Mildred Stevenson the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1952

Jeffrey J. Madbury  
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity

I, ALICE J. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

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**DIVORCE DECREE**

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ALICE L. TRICK, Register

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

MILDRED STEVENS	}	The State of Alabama,
No. 2755		_____ County.
vs.	}	Circuit Court, in Equity
RUDOLPH STEVENS		This the 12th day of
		December, 1945

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

MILDRED STEVENS  
that the Defendant RUDOLPH STEVENS

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

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

RUDOLPH STEVENS the said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 12th day of Jan 1945, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

*W. J. Smith*  
Register.

MILDRED STEVENSON,  
Complainant

-vs-

RUDOLPH STEVENSON,  
Defendant

NO. EQUITY  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA:  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared MILDRED STEVENSON known to me to be the Plaintiff in the above styled cause, who, being duly sworn says on oath that the Defendant in this cause resides out of the State of Alabama and that his last known address is: 3227 East 79th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he has been absent from this State for more than six months from the filing of this bill.

Wherefore Complainant prays that notice be given him by publication.

  
Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 11 day of  
December, 1951.

  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

LAW OFFICES

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

8 December 1951

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

STEVENSON VS STEVENSON: With this we hand you summons  
and complaint and affidavit for service by registered  
mail and \$15.00 deposit for costs.

Please advertise this in the "Fairhope Courier" and  
let me know the return date.

Yours very truly,

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

By: 

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*I don't have the registered  
mail return.*

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Wilfred Stevenson

vs.

Rudolph Stevenson

Invoice

Filed 12-12-51

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3. Publication

Richardson

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

Comes MILDRED STEVENSON and by this her Bill of Complaint, presented against RUDOLPH STEVENSON, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years; that Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been such for over three years next preceding the filing of this, the Bill of Complaint, and Defendant was a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama but is now residing at 3227 East 79th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Complainant's address is Young Street, Fairhope, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married on the 16th day of April 1946 and lived together as husband and wife until about January, 1951 when he committed actual violence on her person attended by danger to her life and health when he struck her with his fist at their home on Young Street in Fairhope, Alabama and after that he left her and they have lived separate and apart ever since.

THIRD: Complainant further alleges that while they were married they purchased in their joint names approximately one-half acre of land described as follows:

From the Northwest corner of Government Subdivision #3, Section 20, Township 6 South Range 2 East, run South 808 feet and West 10 feet for a point of beginning; thence West 105 feet, thence South 105 feet, thence East 105 feet, thence north 105 feet to the point of beginning. Containing one-half acre.

FOURTH: Complainant further alleges that she is now in possession of the property; that they erected a dwelling thereon and the approximate value of the land and house at this time is not over One Thousand Dollars and that the Complainant has paid the majority of money for the land and improvements thereon.

FIFTH: Complainant further alleges that the Respondent is an able bodied man capable of earning his own livelihood and that with the exception of her interest in the property hereinbefore mentioned she has no estate from which to support herself or pay expense of this suit.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that Rudolph Stevenson be made party Defendant to this cause by registered mail if possible, to


answer this Bill of Complaint within the time required by law.

Complainant further prays that upon a hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from the said Rudolph Stevenson granting her the right to remarry and resume her maiden name should she so desire.

Complainant further prays that on the hearing of this cause the Court determine what should be a just and reasonable amount to allow her as alimony and fees for her counsel in this cause and order the same to be paid by the Defendant out of the Defendant's share in the property hereinabove mentioned or if the amount so determined exceeds the Defendant's share in the above mentioned property that the Court order the same deeded to her in satisfaction of the above mentioned sums.

  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 11 day of  
December, 1951.

  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

RICKARBY & RICKARBY,  
Solicitors for Complainant

By:   
E. G. Rickarby, Jr.



MILDRED STEPHENSON  
Complainant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

-vs-

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RUDOLPH STEPHENSON,  
Respondent

I, Florence G. Copeland, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties, hereby certify that in the case of MILDRED STEPHENSON vs. RUDOLPH STEPHENSON, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused VELIS SAFFORD and MILDRED STEPHENSON to appear before me at my office in the Bank Building, Fairhope, Alabama, where, after being duly sworn upon examination by the solicitor for the Complainant, they testified as is above written and their testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by them.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor kin to either party to the cause or anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner this the 29th day of January, 1952.

  
Commissioner

MILDRED STEVENSON,

Complainant

-vs-

RUDOLPH STEVENSON,

Respondent .

No.  
E Q U I T Y

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Comes RUDOLPH STEVENSON, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint says he denies each allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony; of the time and place set for taking same and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf. He further agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.


  
Respondent

STATE OF ALABAMA:

COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Rudolph Stevenson who is known to me to be the Respondent above named and who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1952.

  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.



# THE FAIRHOPE COURIER

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

*"On Beautiful Mobile Bay"*

This is to certify that the attached legal notice appeared in the Fairhope Courier, a Newspaper published in Fairhope, Baldwin County on the dates of Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3 and 10, 1952.

*James G. Crawford*  
Editor

State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of  
January, A. D. 1952, before me.

*E. Cravell*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

## Notice To Non-Resident

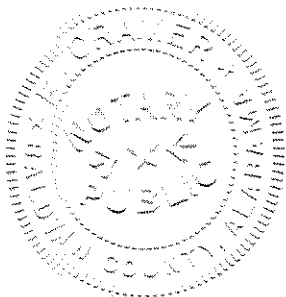
The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.  
Circuit Court, in Equity.

This the 12th day of December 1951.

Mildred Stevens No. 2755 vs.  
Rudolph Stevens

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Mildred Stevens that the Defendant Rudolph Stevens is a non-resident of the State of Alabama 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 Rudolph Stevens the said Respondent to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 12th day of January 1952, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

Alice J. Duck, Register  
Rickarby & Rickarby 22-4t  
Attorneys



RICKARBY & RICKARBY

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

29 January 1952

Mrs. Alice J. Duck  
Register  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

STEVENSON VS. STEVENSON: With this we are handing you answer and waiver and testimony of Velis Safford and Mildred Stevenson, witnesses for complainant, taken under agreement.

Please call the Judge's attention to the fact that although service was by publication, answer and waiver are signed and arrangement for property has been cared for by agreement of the parties and there are no children in this case.

Yours very truly,

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

By:

EGRjr/fc  
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Encs.

P. S. Mrs. Duck, do you have any summons forms? If so, would appreciate your sending some down.

Thanks,

STATE OF ALABAMA:  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

My name is VELIS SAFFORD and I live in Fairhope, Alabama close to Mildred Stevenson and I have known her for about four years. She is over the age of twenty-one and has been living here in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama for all the time I have known her, namely, four years. Up to about a year ago she and her husband were living together there and they did not seem to be getting along very well.

Her husband left her about a year ago. I don't know exactly how long they have not lived together since that time although I do know he is back here in Fairhope. I have been informed that she and her husband own that piece of property on which she is now living.

Velis Safford  
Velis Safford,  
Witness for Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of  
January, 1952.

Laurence C. ...  
Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA:

COUNTY OF BALDWIN:

My name is MILDRED STEVENSON and I am over the age of twenty-one years, am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been living here in Fairhope for twelve years. My husband, RUDOLPH STEVENSON, was living up in Cleveland, Ohio, but he is now back here in Fairhope, Alabama.

We were married on the 16th day of April 1946 and lived together as husband and wife until about January last year when without any just cause or legal excuse he beat me with his fist while we were living in our home on Young Street in Fairhope, Alabama. Since that time we have been separated and have lived apart. When he struck me, he struck me both in the face and in the body and I became sick as a result of his violence and beating and this was injurious to my life and health.

Since this divorce was filed we have made arrangements about our property and come to a satisfactory division and now I want my divorce and the right to remarry and to resume my maiden name.

  
Mildred Stevenson,  
Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th day of January, 1952.



MILDRED STEVENSON,

Complainant

-vs-

RUDOLPH STEVENSON,

Defendant

NO.

EQUITY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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December, 1951.

  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

MILDRED STEVENSON

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RUDOLPH STEVENSON

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

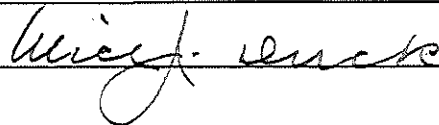
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

Testimony of Complainant and witness, Velis Sanford

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_ Answer and Waiver

Rickarby &amp; Rickarby



Register.



No. ....

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

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

MILDRED STEVENSON

vs.

RUDOLPH STEVENSON

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 1st

day of February, 1942

*W. J. ...*  
Register.

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