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

_____ **LONNIE G. GODWIN** _____ Complainant

VS.

_____ **STELLA D. GODWIN** _____ 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 heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,

and that the said _____ **LONNIE G. GODWIN** _____

is forever divorced from the said _____ **STELLA D. GODWIN** _____

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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that _____ **Lonnie G. Godwin** _____
the **Complainant** pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 10th day of March, 19 45

H. M. Hare

Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, _____ **ROBERT 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 _____ **March** _____, 19 **45**

Robert Duck

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LONNIE G. GODWIN

vs. Complainant

STELLA D. GODWIN

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

No. 1252.

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY

Jan, TERM, 194 5

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA :

You are hereby commanded to summon STELLA D GODWIN.

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

STELLA D GODWIN

RESPONDANT
Defendant

by LONNIE G GODWIN.

COMPLAINANT

Witness my hand this 6th day January 1945

R. Deuch

REGISTER,

No. _____ Page _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

Plaintiffs

vs.

Defendants

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Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

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_____ Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this _____ 194 _____

by leaving a copy with

_____ Sheriff

_____ Deputy Sheriff

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

Comes LONNIE GREER GODWIN, and by this his Bill of Complaint, presented against STELLA D. GODWIN, 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 at Georgianna, Alabama, on May 11, 1926, but have not lived together since 1941.

THIRD: That in the year 1941 the Defendant abandoned the home of Complainant in Fairhope and went with her people to Georgianna where she has since lived separate and apart from Complainant without any resumption of marital relations within that time.

FOURTH: That there was born to this marriage two children: Morris Wayne, aged 8 and William Edward, aged 6, who are now with their mother.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that STELLA D. GODWIN be made party defendant to this cause, and by proper process required to answer this Bill within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing him from said STELLA D. GODWIN, granting him the right to marry again should he so desire, and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

Clifton S. Rinaldy
Solicitor for Complainant.

LONNIE GREER GODWIN,
Complainant

vs.

STELLA D. GODWIN,
Respondent

E Q U I T Y
CIRCUIT COURT

of

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

DEPOSITIONS OF LONNIE GREER GODWIN AND CURRIE GODWIN, WITNESSES
FOR COMPLAINANT.

The above named witnesses appeared before me at my office in Fairhope, Alabama on the dates hereinafter set out, and being sworn, upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant testified as follows:

LONNIE GREER GODWIN

I am the Complainant in this cause, over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living near Fairhope. My wife, Stella D. Godwin, to whom I was married on May 11, 1926 is also over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Alabama, although she left our home in Fairhope where we had lived since marriage, in 1941 and returned with her people and our two children, Morris Wayne, aged eight, and William Edward, aged six, to live with her people near Georgianna, Alabama. She left me in 1941 without reason and has lived separate and apart from me ever since that date.

Lonnie G. Godwin

ROY H. GODWIN

I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living east of Fairhope and I am over the age of twenty-one years. My brother, Lonnie G. Godwin, and his wife lived together east of Fairhope from 1938 til sometime in 1941, the exact date of which I do not now remember, when she left him and has since that time been living apart from him, as I understand, with her people not far from Georgianna in Butler County. For the past four years they have lived entirely separate and apart. She left him of her own accord and took their two children with her.

Roy H. Godwin

I, HELEN P. BAUGH, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties hereby certify that in the case of LONNIE G. GODWIN, Complainant, vs. STELLA D. GODWIN, Respondent, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused LONNIE G. GODWIN and ROY H. GODWIN, witnesses for the Complainant, to appear before me at my office in Fairhope, Alabama, where, after being duly sworn upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant they testified as is herein set out; 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 of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner this the 3rd day of March, 1945.

Helen P. Baugh
Commissioner

Larry James Gaden

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

Stella D Gaden

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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

*and testimony of Larry J Gaden
and Roy H Gaden*

and in behalf of Defendant upon

James and Marie

R. D. Duck

Register.

No. 1352

The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

James H. Ladin

vs.

Thella D. Ladin

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 6th

day of March 1945

R. L. Ladin
Register.

Lonnie Greer Godwin

vs.

Stella D. Godwin

In the Circuit Court,

Baldwin County, Alabama

In Equity

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause denies each and every allegation contained therein and demands strict proof of same.

The Respondent waives notice of the taking of the testimony in the cause, waives service of a copy of the interrogatories and the right to cross them, and consents that the cause may be submitted for final decree upon the testimony as noted by the Register without further notice to this Respondent.

J. W. Bayard
Solicitor for Respondent

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the foregoing answer, postage prepaid, to the Honorable Elliott G. Rickarby at Fairhope, Alabama, Solicitor of record for the Complainant on this the 9th day of February, 1945.

J. W. Bayard
Solicitor for Respondent

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Case No. 1253
Stella D. Godwin vs. Lonnie Greer Godwin

Lonnie Greer Godwin

vs.

Stella D. Godwin

Answer-Waiver

July 13 1945
R. S. [Signature]
R. S. [Signature]

... I have received ...
... I hereby waive ...
... I understand ...