

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 46

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Sarah Curtis Stevens.

Complainant.

vs.

James Stevens.

Defendant.

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso Interrogatories,

and testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in

her

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 the said

Sarah Curtis Stevens

is forever divorced from the said

James Stevens.

for and on account of

Voluntary desertion and abandonment

as alleged in said Bill of Complaint;

It is further ordered, that the said Sarah Curtis Stevens.

be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Sarah Curtis Stevens.

pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then execution for such costs may issue against the said Sarah Curtis Stevens.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Sarah Curtis Stevens.

shall not again marry except to said James Stevens

until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said James Stevens. during the pendency of said appeal.

This

30<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1918

*W. H. H. H. H.*

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Sarah Curtis Stevens.

vs.

James Stevens.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

April 1st

day of

1918

J. W. McCremon

Register.

E. O. M.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

No. 46

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Sarah Curtis Stevens

Complainant

vs.

James Stevens

Defendant

DEPOSITION OF Virginia Ellis.

By virtue of the appointment to take the Deposition, indorsed in writing on the Interrogatories by the Solicitor filing the same, in the above stated cause pending in said Court of said County,

I, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Court of said County, have called and caused to come before me

Virginia Ellis.

the witness named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

To the First Interrogatory she sayeth;

My name is Virginia Ellis and I live at Bay Minette, Baldwin county, Alabama, where I have lived for the past thirty years or more.

To the Second interrogatory she sayeth;

Yes, I know both Sarah Curtis Stevens and James Stevens; I remember when James Stevens and Sarah Curtis Stevens were married in about the month of August, 1913. They lived together as man and wife until about September, 1914 when Sarah Curtis Stevens returned to her home at Bay Minette, Alabama.

I know of nothing that Sarah Curtis Stevens done to cause James Stevens to mistreat her and drive her from home. She has lived at Bay Minette for the past thirteen years or more.

Virginia Ellis

I, J. W. Rickerson the said Register, hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness, and were read over to her that she assented, swore to and subscribed the same in my presence, the 23 day of March 1918, at Bay Minnille Alabama; that I have personal knowledge of, or had proof made before me of the identity of the witness, and that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or in any manner interested in the result thereof.

And I enclose the said Deposition, together with the Interrogatories, Direct and Cross, and documents which were deposited to, in an envelope properly indorsed and sealed and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal, this 23 day of March 1918  
J. W. Rickerson (L. S.)  
Register.

#### WITNESS' FEES.

I hereby certify that the following named witnesses are entitled to the amounts stated below :

Witness.....	Days attendance at \$1.50 per day, \$.....
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#### REGISTER'S FEES.

Register .....	Days at \$1.50 per day, \$.....
	Words at 20c per 100, .....

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.	
<u>Sarah P. Pate</u> <u>Stevens</u>	vs. <u>James S. Sloan</u>
DEPOSITION TAKEN BEFORE REGISTER	
DEPOSITION OF <u>Virginia Ellis</u>	
for <u>Compt. Court</u>	
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

No. 46

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Sarah Curtis Stevens

Complainant.

vs.

James Stevens

Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF Sarah Curtis Stevens

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I, T. W. Richerson.

Register of said Court of said County,

have called and caused to come before me.

Sarah Curtis Stevens

the witness named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

To the First interrogatory she sayeth;

My name is Sarah Curtis Stevens and I reside at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have lived for the the past thirteen years and I am over the age of twenty-one years. James Steven is a resident of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama where he has lived for the past forty or forty-five years.

To the Second interrogator she sayeth;

James Steven and I were married in August, 1913 at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama.

To the Third Interrogatory she sayeth;

We lived to-gether at Stockton, Alabama, as man and wife until about the month of Septemeber, 1914 when at that time the said James Stevens voluntarily deserted and abandoned me, without just cause and he has continued to desert and abandon me.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

No. 46

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Sarah Curtis Stevens

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Motion for decree "pro confesso."

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CIRCUIT COURT,  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF ALABAMA.

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Sarah Curtis Stevens,  
Complainant.

-VS-

James Stevens,  
Respondent.

( DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS. )

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Filed in this office this  
Monday, November 19th, 1917.

*J. W. [Signature]* CLERK.

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STONE & STONE  
ATTORNEYS  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

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SARAH CURTIS STEVENS, )  
Complainant. )

-vs-

JAMES STEVENS, )  
Respondent. )  
-----X

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT--EQUITY SIDE.  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA.

Comes the Complainant in the above styled cause and shows unto the court that a summons was issued out of this court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 1917, directed to James Stevens, Defendant in said cause, ordering him to appear, plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service thereof to the bill of complaint filed in said cause, and that the same was duly served upon the said James Stevens by the proper officer on the 15th day of October, 1917, and that the said defendant, has, to this day, failed to plead, answer or demur to said complaint, wherefore the complainant moves that a decree "pro confesso" be entered against said defendant.

This the 19th day of November, 1917, being on Monday.

*Stone & Stone*  
Solicitors for Complainant.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon.....James Stevens

of.....Baldwin.....County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to  
answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by.....

Sarah Curtis Stevens

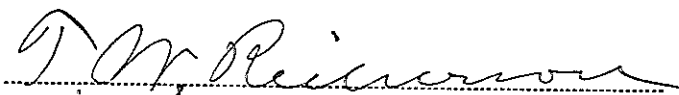
against said .....

James Stevens

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant  
shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement  
thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this.....19th.....day of.....September

191.....7.

  
Register.

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

*Original*

Serve on.....

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

No. 46.

SUMMONS.

Srah Curtis Stevens.

vs.

James Stevens

Stone and Stones.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this 17th

day of September 1917.

*O. E. Eubanks*

Sheriff.

Executed this 15th day of

*Oct*

1917

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

*James Stevens*

Defendant

*O. E. Eubanks*

Sheriff

By *O. B. Richardson*

Deputy Sheriff.

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SARAH CURTIS STEVENS. \*  
Complainant. \*

-v-

JAMES STEVENS. \*  
Respondent. \*

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE  
STATE OF ALABAMA.  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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Interrogatories to be propounded to Virginia Ellis,  
a material witness for Complainant.

FIRST.

What is your name and where do you live? How long have  
you lived there?

SECOND.

Do you know Sarah Curtis Stevens? Do you know James  
Stevens? Do you remeber when they were married. If so state when.  
Do you know how long they lived to-gether as man and wife? If yes,  
state how long. Do you know of any cause that Sarah Curtis Stevens  
gave the said James Stevens to mistreat her and drive her from home?

*Stone & Stone*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

The Plaintiff suggests that T. W. Richerson, Register, is  
a proper and suitable person to act as Commissioner in taking the a-  
bove testimony.

*Stone & Stone*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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SARAH CURTIS STEVENS.\*  
Complainant.\*

-v-

JAMES STEVENS,\*  
Respondent.\*

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.  
STATE OF ALABAMA.  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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Interrogatories to be propounded to Sarah Curtis Stevens,  
a material witness for Complainant;

FIRST.

What is your name. Where do you live and how long have  
you lived there? How old are you? How old is James Stevens? Where  
does he live and how long has he lived there?

SECOND.

Were you and James Stevens ever married? If yes, state  
when and where.

THIRD.

How long did you and James Stevens live to-gether as  
man and wife. What was the cause of your separation. Has he ever  
returned to you since that time?

Stone & Stone  
Solicitors for Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff suggests T. W. Richerson, Register in Chan-  
cery as a proper person to act as Commissioner in taking the above  
testimony.

Stone & Stone  
Solicitors for Plaintiff.

No 46

CIRCUIT COURT,  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF ALABAMA.

In Equity.

DECREE "PRO CONFESSO."

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Sarah Curtis Stevens,  
Complainant.

-VS-

James Stevens,  
Respondent.

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Granted the 19th day of  
November, 1917.

Filed in this office this  
November, 19th, 1917.

J. W. Thilman CLERK.

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STONE & STONE  
ATTORNEYS  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

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LAW OFFICES  
OF  
STONE & STONE

(decree "pro confesso.")

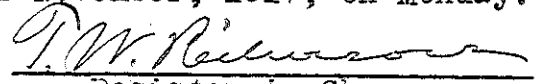
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SARAH CURTIS STEVENS, )  
Complainant. )  
-vs- )  
JAMES STEVENS, )  
Respondent. )  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
STATE OF ALABAMA.  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made appear to the Register of the Court that a summons was served upon the defendant, James Stevens, by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 15th day of October, 1917, requiring the said James Stevens to appear and plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause file within thirty days from the service of said summons, and the said defendant, James Stevens, having failed to plead, answer or demur to the said bill to the date hereof.

It is now, therefore, on motion of complaint, by her solicitors, ordered and decreed that the said bill of complaint in this cause be, and hereby is, in all things, taken as confessed against the said James Stevens, defendant aforesaid.

Granted this the 19th day of November, 1917, on Monday.

  
Register in Chancery.

Sarah Curtis Stevens.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

vs.

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF

James Stevens.

COUNTY.

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

Motion for decree "pro confesso and Decree proconfesso and testimony  
of Sarah Curtis Stevens and Virginia Ellis.

*and in behalf of Defendant upon*

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No. -46-

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY,

Sarah Curtis Stevens

vs.

James Stevens.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 23d,

day of March 1918

T. W. Williams  
Register.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Baldwin County.

No. 46 Fall Term- Term, 19

Sarah Curtis Stevens Complainant.

vs.

James Stevens. Defendant.

To T. W. Richerson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by Stone & Stone,

Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Stone & Stone  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Sarah Curtiss Stevens

vs.

James Stevens.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed 3/23 1918

T. W. Rice  
Register.

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Register.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

The premises considered, may it please your Honor, upon a final hearing of this cause to decree to your Oratrix an absolute decree of Divorce for Abandonment from the said James Stevens and such other and further relief as she may be in justice and equity entitled to. And as in duty bound she will ever pray, etc., etc.,

*Sarah Curtis Stevens*  
By *Stone & Stone*  
Her Solicitors

FOOT NOTE:-

The Respondent is required to answer each and every paragraph of the above bill of complaint from "FIRST" to "SECOND", inc. but not under oath as oath is expressly waived.

*Sarah Curtis Stevens*  
By *Stone & Stone*  
Her Solicitors.

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Filed 9/17/17.  
T. W. Richardson  
Register

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