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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

THELMA VINSON

Complainant

VS.

W. D. HOSFORD

Respondent

I, Lyrleene Nixon

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me

Thelma Vinson and Lee Calvin Vinson

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 29 day of September  
1945, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson

in Bay Minette, Alabama, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Thelma Vinson and Lee Calvin  
Vinson doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Thelma Vinson Hosford, and I was only 14 years old on  
March 21, 1952, when I went to Leaksville, Mississippi and was married to  
W. D. Hosford, who is now 19 years of age, we have both been residents of  
Baldwin County, Alabama for more than two years next preceding. Following  
our marriage Winford D. Hosford went immediately into the Armed Service and  
we have not lived together as husband and wife. My father, L. C. Vinson,  
feels that I am not old enough to be married and I am therefore asking  
that this marriage be annulled because of my age and the immediate separation  
that took place, by leaving immediately, I mean that the Respondent left  
right after the ceremony and we did not live together so as to consummate  
our marriage.

Thelma Vinson Hosford

That my name is Lee Calvin Vinson, I am over the age of 21 and have been  
a resident of Baldwin County for 52 years, my daughter, Thelma Vinson was only  
14 years of age when she went to Leaksville, Mississippi on March 21, 1952 and  
was married to W. D. Hosford, who is now about 19 years old, following the  
marriage the Respondent W. D. Hosford went immediately into the Armed Services  
and they did not live together as husband and wife, I therefore respectfully  
ask this court to annul this marriage as my daughter, Thelma Vinson has lived  
in my home and continued to live in my home since this ceremony. She did not  
have my consent or my wife's consent to enter into this ceremony, and I feel  
because of her being so young this marriage should be annulled.

Lee Calvin <sup>his</sup> Vinson  
Mark

Witnesses as to signature:

C. LeNoir Thompson  
Wiley R. Wilcox

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lvrleene Nixon, 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 and C. LeNoir Thompson 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 29 day of September, 1945

Lvrleene Nixon (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

THELMA VINSON, by next friend

LEE CALVIN VINSON

vs. Complainant

W. D. HOSFORD,

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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ALICE J. ROSE, Register

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons W. D. HOSFORD 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 THELMA VINSON HOSFORD, by next friend, LEE CALVIN VINSON, as Complainant and against W. D. HOSFORD as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1952.

Register

THELMA VINSON HOSFORD, By next friend, LEE CALVIN VINSON

COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HOSFORD

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, Thelma Vinson Hosford by next friend Lee Calvin Vinson respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is now 15 years of age and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Respondent, <sup>over 18?</sup> (W. D. Hosford) is 19 years of age and is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where both have resided for more than two years next preceding.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent went through a <sup>ceremony</sup> ceremony at Leaksville, Mississippi on March 21, 1952, but that the marriage was not consummated.

3.

That <sup>truth</sup> immediately after going through the ceremony the respondent left to enter the Armed Services, and your petitioner returned home to live with her father, Lee Calvin Vinson.

4.

That no consent was given by either of the Petitioner's parents.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE the premises considered your Petitioner, by next friend prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said W. D. Hosford, part Respondent to this Bill of Complaint, 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.

The Complainant further prays that upon final hearing hereof your Honor will grant to her a decree annulling and declaring void the ceremony entered into as alleged herein, and your Complainant prays for such other, further, different, or general relief that she may, in Equity and good conscience be entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for Complainant

THELMA VINSON, BY next friend LEE  
CALVIN VINSON

COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HOSFORD

RESPONDENT

Bill of Complaint

From the Law Offices of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Attorney At Law  
Bay Minette, Alabama

*Filed 9-29-52  
Alice Jackson  
Register*

THELMA VINSON

vs.

W. D. HOSFORD

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,

Answer & Waiver of Respondent Testimony of Thelma Vinson and Lee Calvin  
Vinson

and in behalf of Defendant upon

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Register.

No. 2204

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

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

THELMA VINSON, by next friend LEE

CALVIN VINSON

vs.

W. D. HOSFORD

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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THELMA VINSON by next friend  
LEE CALVIN VINSON,

COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HOSFORD

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

This cause coming on to be heard upon the Bill of Complaint, Answer and Waiver of Respondent and the Testimony as noted by the Register of the Court being satisfied therefrom that the averments of the Bill of Complaint are true and that the Complainant is entitled to the relief therein prayed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, CONSIDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT that the purported marriage between Thelma Vinson and W. D. Hosford on the 21st day of March, 1952, at Leaksville, Mississippi, be and the same is hereby annulled and declared for naught and that the said Thelma Vinson and W. D. Hosford be and they are hereby judicially ascertained to be not legally married to each other.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, that the Complainant pay the costs in this cause incurred, for which let execution issue.

Dated at Bay Minette, Alabama, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1952.

Welfair J. Mashburn, Jr.  
CIRCUIT JUDGE



THELMA VINSON, by next friend LEE  
CALVIN VINSON  
COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HGSFORD

RESPONDENT

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From the Law Offices of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Attorney At Law  
Bay Minette, Alabama

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lyrleene Nixon

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 Thelma Vinson

as witnesses in behalf of Thelma Vinson in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Thelma Vinson

Complainant

and

W. D. Hosford

Respondent

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

Witness 29th day of Sept, 1942

Archie J. French  
Register.

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

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

No. 2904

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

THELMA VINSON, by next friend  
LEE CALVIN VINSON

Complainant

vs.

W. D. HOSFORD

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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ALICE I. BUCK, Register

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THELMA VINSON HOSFORD by next  
friend, L. C. VINSON

COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HOSFORD

RESPONDENT

Ø IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Ø BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Ø IN EQUITY.

Now comes the Respondent and accepted service of the summons and  
complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, marriage and  
residence, but denies all other allegations contained in the bill of complaint,  
and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on  
behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross-examine Complainant's witnesses;  
and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further  
notice.

W. D. Hosford

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, C. LeNoir Thompson, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in  
said State, hereby certify that W. D. HOSFORD, whose name is signed to the  
foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this  
day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the  
same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 26 day of September, 1952.

C. LeNoir Thompson  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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THELMA VINSON, by next friend LEE  
CALVIN VINSON  
COMPLAINANT

VS

W. D. HOSFORD

RESPONDENT

Answer and Waiver

From the Law Offices of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Attorney At Law  
Bay Minette, Alabama

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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Frankie Nell Sprinkle, Complainant vs.

Grady Sprinkle, 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 Frankie Nell Sprinkle is forever divorced from the said Grady Sprinkle 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 Frankie Nell Sprinkle the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of October, 1952.

Judger J. Masliberry 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

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

Complainant

vs.

Grady Sprinkle

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Frankie Nell Sprinkle Complainant

VS.

Grady Sprinkle Respondent

I, Evelyn Watts

~~as Register and Commissioner~~

have called and caused to come before me Frankie Nell Sprinkle and Carolyn Owens

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 30 day of September 19452, at the office of Hubert M. Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Frankie Nell Sprinkle and Carolyn Owens doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Frankie Nell Sprinkle. I am twenty years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent, Grady Sprinkle, is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent and I married at Columbus, Mississippi, on October 12, 1946, and we lived together as husband and wife, until on to-wit, July 10, 1952.

The Respondent on July 10, 1952, and on various occasions prior thereto has threatened and abused and threatened to do actual violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health. The conduct of the respondent in such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I do actually believe that if I continue to live with him he would carry out his threats and do further violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health. The Respondent and I have no children and we have no community property. I have thought seriously of the matter and have concluded that the Respondent and I cannot live together.

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

Carolyn Owen, a witness for the Complainant being first duly sworn deposes and says::

I am personally acquainted with the Complainant and the Respondent in this cause. I have been living with the Complainant for some time. I have had occasion to observe the Complainant and the Respondent and the conditions were such in the home that they could not live together as husband and wife. While I have never seen the Respondent actually strike the Complainant I have often heard them fussing.

Carolyn Owens



ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Evelyn Watts, 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 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 30 day of September, 194 52

Evelyn Watts (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

vs. Complainant

Grady Sprinkle

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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Alexander M. Hall, Register.

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

vs.  
Grady Sprinkle

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,

Answer and waiver of respondent and testimony of Frankie Nell Sprinkle  
and Carolyn Owens.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

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Register.

No. 2925

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

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

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

vs.

Grady Sprinkle

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 30

day of Sept, 1955

Alice Mulick  
Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons GRADY SPRINKLE 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 FRANKIE NELL SPRINKLE, as Complainant and against Grady Sprinkle, as Respondent.

Witness my hand this the 30 day of Sept, 1952.

Register

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FRANKIE NELL SPRINKLE            )  
                                  COMPLAINANT            )  
                                  VS                                    )  
GRADY SPRINKLE                    )  
                                  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, IN EQUITY:

Your Complainant, Frankie Nell Sprinkle, respectfully represents unto  
Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and  
twenty years of age; that your respondent is over twenty-one years of age  
and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Columbus, Miss-  
issippi, on October 12, 1946, and lived together as husband and wife until  
on to-wit: July 10, 1952.

3.

That on, to-wit, July 10, 1952, and on various occasions prior thereto  
the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused your Complainant and threatened  
to do actual violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her  
life and health; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give  
your Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did  
actually believe that if she continued to live with the Respondent he  
would do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger  
her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Grady Sprinkle party respondent to this bill of complaint 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.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof Your Honor will enter a decree forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent; Your Complainant prays for 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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FRANKIE NELL SPRINKLE

COMPLAINANT

VS

GRADY SPRINKLE

RESPONDENT

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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*Register*

FRANKIE NELL SPRINKLE

COMPLAINANT

VS

GRADY SPRINKLE

RESPONDENT

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

Now comes the Respondent, in his own proper person, and accepts service of summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages, residences and marriage, but denies all allegations as to cruelty and demands strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony, on behalf of the Complainant, the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses; and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further notice.

Grady G. Brinklee

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, J. M. Stovall, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Grady Sprinkle, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and seal on this the 30 day of Sept., 1952.

J. M. Stovall  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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RECORDED

FRANKIE NELL SPRINKLE

COMPLAINANT

VS

GRADY SPRENKLE

RESPONDENT

ANSWER AND WAIVER

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*Alice J. Duke*  
*Regisr*



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 Frankie Nell Sprinkle and Carolyn Owens

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Frankie Nell Sprinkle

Complainant  
and Grady Sprinkle

Respondent

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

Witness 30 day of Sept, 1952

W. J. ...  
Register.

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

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

No. 2905

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

Complainant—

**vs.**

Grady Sprinkle

Defendant—

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER

Evelyn Watts

WITNESSES:

Frankie Nell Sprinkle

Carolyn Owens

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