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DIVORCE DECREE

MOORE PRINTING COMPANY - BAY MINETTE, ALA.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

T. S. BAKER, Complainant

vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on 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 T. S. BAKER is forever divorced from the said BESSIE D. BAKER for and on account of

And it is further adjudged and decreed that custody of the said child, Sara Jane Baker, be and the same hereby is awarded to the Respondent, Bessie D. Baker.

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 payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that T. S. BAKER the COMPLAINANT pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 6th day of September 19 58 Robert M. Hall 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.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: RUTH K. HOWELL

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine T. S. BAKER

a witness in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein T. S. BAKER

and BESSIE D. BAKER, Complainant

Respondent

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

Witness 6th day of September

, 1958

Alice J. Duck
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$



THE BALDWIN TIMES

BALDWIN COUNTY

Alabama's Best County's Best Newspaper

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

JIMMY FAULKNER
AND
BILL STEWART
PUBLISHERS

E. R. MORRISSETTE, JR.
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Legal Notice

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Complainant,
vs.
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ORDERED on the 9 day of June, 1958.

ALICE J. DUCK,
Register.

Wilson Hayes,
Attorney for Complainant.

22-4tc.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

E. R. Morrisette, Jr. being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the EDITOR of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

J. S. Baker vs. Bessie D. Baker

COST STATEMENT

203 WORDS @ 6 1/2 cents \$ 13.20
I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).

E. R. Morrisette Jr
Editor.

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Date of 4th publication	<u>July 3</u>	, 195 <u>8</u>	Vol. <u>70</u>	No. <u>25</u>

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 7 day of July, 1958

Dorothy Martin
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

E. R. Morrisette Jr
Editor.

T. S. BAKER

Complainant

vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER

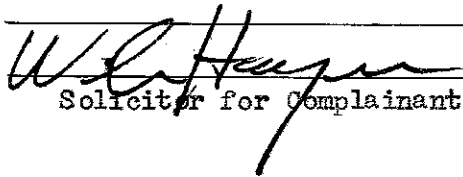
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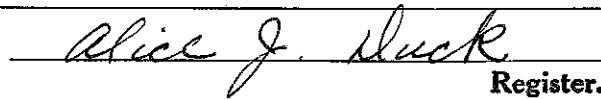
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,
and testimony of T. S. Baker and Thelma Byrd

and in behalf of Defendant upon decree pro confesso


Solicitor for Complainant


Register.



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Darothy Martin

Notary Public, Baldwin County.

E. R. Morrisette, Jr.

Editor.

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RECEIPT

No 3555

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Equity Division, Circuit Court.

Case No. 4248 Date 9-6-58, 195

RECEIVED OF Wilson Hayes

the sum of Twenty - six and 70/100

Trial Tax	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Alice J. Duck
As Register, Baldwin County, Ala.

Total \$ 26.70

By _____

1915
Affidavit of non-residency

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ...
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above named person is not a resident of this county.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 248

Term, 19

T.S. BAKER

Complainant

BESSIE D. BAKER

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 9 12 day of June, 19 58, 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 12 day of June 19 58, and

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

Bessie D. Baker

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 Bessie D. Baker

This 4th day of August 19 58

Alice J. Duck

Register.

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

T.S. BAKER

Vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

Issued August 4 1958

Alice J. Duck

Register.

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Register.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 4248 Term, 19

T.S. BAKER Complainant

Vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

BESSIE D. BAKER 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 4th day of August 1958

746 Code

Wilson Haynes

Solicitor.

No. 4248 Page _____

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

T. S. BAKER

Complainant _____

Vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER

Defendant _____

**Motion for Decree Pro Confesso
on Publication**

filed August 4 19 58

Alice J. Duck

Register.

Recorded in _____ Record

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VS
BESSIE D. BAKER
RESPONDENT.

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ORDERED on this the 9th day of ~~May~~^{June}, 1958.

W. H. Duck
Register

Wilson Hayer
Attorney for Complainant

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T. S. BAKER

COMPLAINANT

VS

BESSIE D. BAKER

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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A. J. [unclear]
Resj*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

T. S. BAKER

Complainant

VS.

BESSIE D. BAKER

Respondent

I, RUTH K. HOWELL

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me T. S. BAKER and THELMA BYRD

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the _____ day of _____
195____, at the office of _____
in BAY MINETTE, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said T. S. BAKER and THELMA BYRD
doth depose and say as follows:

My name is T. S. Baker and I am the Complainant in this case. I am over 21 years old and I live in Loxley, Alabama. My address is Box 342, Loxley, Alabama. About 1946 I was married to Bessie Daily Baker. We went to Lucedale, Mississippi to get married. We lived together as husband and wife until 1949 when she left me. She has never come back to me and we have not lived together as husband and wife since that time. She now lives in Prichard, Alabama and I think she lives at 2995 Jessie Street.

We had one child in June 1949. Her name is Sara Jane Baker. She lives with her mother in Prichard and is well cared for. Bessie Baker is good to her and is a good mother.

T. S. Baker
T. S. Baker

My name is Thelma Byrd I live near Loxley, Alabama off U. S. Highway 90 in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am 38 years old and I am well acquainted with T. S. Baker. I have known T. S. Baker for more than 7 years and I know that he has not lived with his wife, Bessie Baker for 7 years before now. Bessie Baker left him sometime in 1949 or 1950 and has never come back to him. They have one child, Sara Jane Baker, about 8 or 9 years old. Sara Jane lives with Bessie Baker near Mobile, Alabama. So far as I know Bessie Baker cares for Sara Jane very well and is able to take care of the child.

Thelma Byrd
Thelma Byrd

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, RUTH K. HOWELL, 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 _____

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness; that I am not of counsel or 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 6th day of September, 195 8

Ruth K Howell (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

T. S. BAKER
vs. Complainant

BESSIE D. BAKER
Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed _____, 195 _____, Register.

Recorded in _____, Register.

Vol. _____ Page _____, Register

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Moore Ptg. Co.

The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No. 4248

TERM, 19

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon BESSIE D BAKER

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

BESSIE D. BAKER, Defendant

by T.S. Baker, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 28 day of March 19 58

Alfred J. Duck Clerk

No. _____ Page _____

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

T.S. BAKER

Plaintiffs

vs.

BESSIE D. BAKER

Defendants

Summons and Complaint

Filed _____ 19__

Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

Received In Office

19__

, Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this _____ 19__

by leaving a copy with

Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff

T. S. BAKER
Complainant
VS
BESSIE D. BAKER
Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY
NUMBER: _____

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

Comes now your Complainant, T. S. BAKER, and represents and shows
unto your Honor as follows:

I

That he is over the age of 21 years and is a bona fide resident of
Loxley, Alabama; that Respondent is over the age of 21 years and a bona fide
resident of Mobile County, Alabama, address 2995 Jessie Street, Prichard,
Alabama.

II

That Complainant and Respondent were married in Lucedale, Mississippi
in the year 1946; and that they lived together as husband and wife until
1949. And that there was one child, Sara Jane Baker, born of this marriage
and that the said Sara Jane Baker is now of the age of 9 years; that the said
child is now in the custody of the Respondent and that Respondent is a fit
and proper person to care for the said Sara Jane Baker.

III

That in the year 1949 Respondent separated from and abandoned
Complainant and has lived separate and apart from him since that time; that
Complainant and Respondent have not lived together as husband and wife since
that time and for more than one year next preceeding the filing of this bill
of complaint.

Now therefore, the premises considered, Complainant prays that this
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J. L. Baker

Wilson Hayes
Solicitor for Complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
28th day of March, 1958.

Alice J. - [unclear]

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about and general revenue would certainly be added if things like those were
frankly and directly and honestly presented and presented with the truth in
them, like you will find here, and not such a thing, which is not to be taken
you might say that of better service to the public, and that, and so on
and so on.

W. B. B. B.

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Baldwin

T. S. BAKER
Complainant

VS
Jessie D. Baker
2995 St. Richard
Resident

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY
NUMBER: _____

69 Main
Prichard
no such #
Trinity Gardens

4/16/58
Filed in my County after dili-
gent search and inquiry
W. B. Sanders

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T. S. BAKER
Complainant

VS

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) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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T.S. Baker
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Solicitor for Complainant

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Henry Duck

Respondent may be
served at 2945 Jessie St,
Prichard, Alabama

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by T.S. Baker.....

....., Plaintiff.....

Witness my hand this 28 day of March 19 58

Alice Forester....., Clerk

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

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Plaintiffs

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Defendants

Summons and Complaint

Filed 3-28 1958

Alvin J. Newch Clerk

RETURNED 4/16/58

Not found in my County after diligent search and inquiry.

RAY D. BRIDGES, Sheriff

By H. B. Sanders B.

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

Received In Office

3/29/58 19_____

19_____

_____, Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this _____ 19_____

by leaving a copy with

_____, Sheriff

_____, Deputy Sheriff

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