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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Dudley Gafford

Complainant

vs.

Mary Louise Gafford

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Defence and Confession~~ on Respondents' 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 Dudley Gafford is forever divorced from the said Mary Louise Gafford for and on account of Habitual intoxication

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 the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1955.

Hubert 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\_\_\_\_

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Comes Mary Louise Gafford, Respondent in the above cause, and, for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein, states that she denies each and every allegation therein contained.

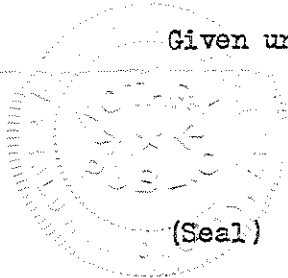
Further, Respondent does hereby waive the right to demand for formal issuance of commission to take testimony, the right to cross examine complainants' witnesses or to introduce evidence in her own behalf and she agrees that the within cause may be submitted for final decree at any time without further notice to her and upon complainants' pleadings and evidence as noted by the Register of your Honorable Court.

Mary Louise Gafford  
Mary Louise Gafford

State of Alabama, Baldwin County, ss

Personally appeared Mary Louise Gafford, Respondent, known to me, and she acknowledges that she signed the foregoing answer and waiver voluntarily and with full knowledge of the contents and purposes thereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of April, 1955.



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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

Frank Wood  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large  
My commission expires Oct. 2, 1957.  
Bonded by The Employers Liability Assurance Corporation

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To the Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court, sitting in Equity, comes Dudley Gafford and exhibits this, his Bill of Complaint against Mary Louise Gafford and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: Complainant, whose age is 27 years, and Respondent, whose age is 26 years, intermarried December 4th 1945 at and within Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Second: The parties hereto have been residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, since prior to the date of said marriage.

Third: Because of the acts complained of hereinafter, the parties hereto have lived separate and apart for some time.

Fourth: For more than one year past, Respondent has been addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors and has regularly been hopelessly intoxicated.

The premises considered, Complainant prays that said Mary Louise Gafford be, by all due and appropriate process, made party defendant to the within suit, that she be compelled to plead, answer or demur to the several paragraphs hereof within the time prescribed by law and that she be compelled to abide and obey all orders and decrees made in the premises.

Complainant further prays, upon a hearing of the within cause, that a decree be ordered and entered granting that he be forever divorced from said Mary Louise Gafford and granting him such other, further, different and general relief as, in Equity, may be meet and proper.

E. A. Cramer  
Solicitor for Complainant

Dudley Gafford  
Dudley Gafford, Complainant

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

Testimony of Complainant and witness, W. T. Wally

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

*Alfred J. Cramer*  
Register.

E. A. Cramer, Solicitor For Complainant

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**Baldwin County**

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**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this **18th**

day of **April**, 194 **55**

**Alice J. Duck**

**Register.**

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I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Dudley Gafford and W. T. Walley

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 15th day of April

1955, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Attorney,

in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness<sup>es</sup> to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Dudley Gafford

doth depose and say as follows:

I am 27 years old and my wife, Mary Louise, is 26. We married December 4th 1945 at Bay Minette, Alabama. We have lived in Baldwin County since before our marriage and both continue to live in Baldwin County. For more than three years, my wife has been drinking heavily and daily, getting steadily worse. Every evening, when I came home from work, she was just plain drunk. Sometimes very much so and, at other times, quite obviously so. Nothing I did or said made any difference. The house was like a pig sty. I know that she has been running around with other men and could probably prove even worse conduct on her part than I am testifying to now. I finally reached the end of my rope and left the place some days ago.

Dudley Gafford

And the said W. T. Walley doth depose and say as follows:

I know Dudley and his wife and have known them for several years. He worked for me for some time and I found him dependable and conscientious. I have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, for many years. I know that Mary Louise has been drinking very heavily and have seen her drunk on many occasions. Personally, I would not have taken it as long as he did.

W. T. Walley

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Frances G. Crawford, 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...and read over to...and...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 proof made before me of the identity of said witness...; 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 15th day of April, 1955

Frances G. Crawford (L.S.)

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