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 ALICE FLOWERS COURTNEY, )  
                   Complainant, )  
                   - vs - )  
 LESLIE COURTNEY, )  
                   Respondent. )  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EQUITY SIDE,  
 STATE OF ALABAMA.  
 BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HON. THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE, STATE OF  
 ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY; AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH,  
 JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING IN EQUITY:-

Comes your Complainant, Alice Flowers Courtney, and exhibits this, her Bill of Complaint for divorce against the Respondent, Leslie Courtney and for grounds thereof shows unto your Honor and unto this Honorable court, as follows:-

1. That complainant is 17 years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama where she has lived continuously all of her life; that the respondent, Leslie Courtney, is 20 years of age, that his residence is unknown but when last heard from he was somewhere in the State of Florida; that although your complainant has made diligent inquiry as to the whereabouts of the said respondent, she cannot ascertain the same other than to the fact that he is residing somewhere in Florida; that the said respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

2. That your complainant and the respondent were married on heretofore to-wit: June 5th., 1923 and lived together as man and wife until to-wit: during the month of May, 1924, when, on account of the matters hereinafter set forth and alleged, your complainant was compelled to leave her husband and seek safety at the home of her parents.

3. That on to-wit: during the month of November, 1923, the said respondent committed adultery with one Mable Hastings; that on divers other occasions following this the respondent did commit adultery with other women, the names of whom are unknown to your

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complainant; that all of said acts of adultery were committed in Baldwin County, Alabama and none of said acts have ever been condoned by your complainant.

4. That shortly before your complainant was compelled to leave the respondent, he committed actual violence on the person of your complainant attended with danger to life or health; that he slapped her and threatened to do her bodily harm; that his conduct was such that your complainant had reason to apprehend the commission of actual violence on her person attended with danger to life or health at the hands of the respondent.

5. That there was born to your complainant and the said respondent by said marriage one girl child who is now about one year old and is living with your complainant at the home of her parents; that your complainant is a fit and proper person to have the custody, care and control of said child but that the respondent is not such a fit and proper person.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, complainant prays that there be issued or caused to be issued all notices and subpoenas requisite to make the said respondent party to this cause, requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur, within the time allowed by law, under the pains and penalties of this Honorable Court; that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your complainant and the respondent be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation, should she so desire; that your Honor will further render, adjudge and decree that your complainant is a fit and proper person and that the respondent is not such a fit and proper person to have the custody, care and control of said child and that such custody, care and con-

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trial be granted your complainant. And, as in duty bound, your complainant will ever pray, etc., etc.

STONE & STONE,  
Solicitors for complainant.

FOOT NOTE: The Respondent is required to answer each and every paragraph of foregoing bill of complaint from "1 to 5", both inclusive, but answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.

STONE & STONE,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

ALICE FLOWERS COURTNEY, )

Complainant, )

-vs- )

LESLIE COURTNEY. )

Defendant. )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
STATE OF ALABAMA.  
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STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Alice Flowers Courtney, who is known to me and who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath:-

That she is the complainant in the above styled cause now pending in the said court wherein Leslie Courtney is the defendant; that the residence of said Leslie Courtney is unknown to affiant, but when last heard from he was somewhere in the State of Florida; that affiant has made diligent inquiries as to the whereabouts of the said Leslie Courtney and cannot ascertain the same other than to the effect that he is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing somewhere in Florida which facts she states herein. That service by publication is necessary to make the said Leslie Courtney party respondent in the above styled matter.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 30 day of October,  
1925.

Notary Public  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Alice Flowers Courtney

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, - - - - - IN EQUITY.

Your Oratrix, Elizabeth Turner, respectfully represents and  
shows unto Your Honor as follows:-

FIRST:

That she is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County,  
Alabama, residing at Bay Minette, Alabama; that she is over the age of  
twenty one years and that she has been a resident of Baldwin County for  
more than three years immediately preceeding the filing of this bill.

SECOND:

That Isaac Turner is now residing at Atmore, Alabama;  
that he is over twenty one years of age.

THIRD:

That Your Oratrix and the said Isaac Turner were lawfully  
married April, 1920, and lived together as husband and wife until, to-wit:-  
about March 14th., 1921, at which time the defendant voluntarily abandoned  
complainant without just cause or excuse and without fault on her part; that  
at the time of said abandonment said defendant and complainant were living  
in Baldwin County, Alabama; that they have not lived together since.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Your Oratrix respectfully prays  
that the said Isaac Turner be made party respondent to this bill of complaint  
by the usual process of this Honorable Court; that such orders, decrees and  
publications be had as necessary to perfect service on the said Isaac Turner  
and that he be required to demur, plead to or answer the same within the time  
and under the penalties as provided by law, or that the same be forever confessed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

That upon the final hearing of this cause Your Honor will grant unto Your Oratrix an absolute divorce from the said Isaac Turner.

That if Your Oratrix is mistaken in the relief prayed for then Your Honor will grant unto her such other, further and different relief as she in justice and equity may be entitled.

HENRY D. MOORER,  
Attorney for Complainant.

FOOTNOTE:-

Defendant is required to answer every allegation contained in the foregoing bill, Paragraph One to Three, inclusive, but not under oath; answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.

HENRY D. MOORER,  
Attorney for Complainant.

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ALICE FLOWERS COURTNEY,  
Complainant,

-vs-

LESLIE COURTNEY,  
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STONE & STONE,  
Solicitors for complainant.

*11/10/52*  
*Chas. J. Stone*  
NOTE: The Respondent is required to answer each and every  
paragraph of foregoing bill of complaint from "1 to 5", both  
inclusive, but answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.

STONE & STONE,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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defendant-

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Register

CERTIFICATE FOR CONSPIRACY  
FROM A COURT

CONSPIRACY WITH SAID AREA, etc., etc.

AND TO BE KNOWN AND CONSPIRACY. AND, NO IN THE MEANS. NO.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT.

MOORE PTG CO BAY MINETTE

Alice Flowers Courtney,

No. \_\_\_\_\_

vs.

Leslie Courtney,

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 10th day of

November, 1925

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register of this Court by the affidavit of

Alice Flowers Courtney,

that the Defendant Leslie Courtney,

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and when last heard from was somewhere in the State of Florida.

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 20 years; it is, therefore ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin

, a newspaper published in Bay Minette

Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring

the said Leslie Courtney,

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 10th day of December, 1925, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against the said Defendant.

J. M. McAlister, Register.

Stone & Stone.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

He is a man of bad moral character and curses, he is not a fit man to raise and support our child and raise it right.

I am now living with my Father and Mother and they are perfectly willing to support both me and my child, they love it as much as I do.

The child is named Ethel Marie Courtney.

Leslie Courtney has been convicted in the Court of Baldwin County for violating the prohibition law and public drunkenness, he sold whiskey all the time.

*Alice Flowers Courtney*

Mamie Flowers having been first sworn as a witness for complainant testifies under oath as follows:

My name is Mamie Flowers and I am the Mother of the complainant Alice Flowers Courtney

she has lived in Baldwin County Alabama all her life and she is 17 years old, she married Leslie Courtney June 1923 and he left her May 1924; Leslie Courtney was a bad man after women; my daughter came home and told me about catching Leslie with Mabel Hastings in a compromising situation, Mabel Hastings is a woman of bad reputation for chastity and is the mother of a bastard child with no Father for it.

she has had two such, one by ~~Carl~~ <sup>Sam</sup> Hubbard and the other by Roy Hastings her cousin.

Leslie Courtney is not a fit person to raise a child to lead a Christian life;

I saw the marks and scars on my daughter Alice Courtney where Leslie beat her up.

We sued him for support of his child and then he ran away, he lives somewhere in Florida but I don't know at what place.

My husband Sam <sup>Flowers</sup> ~~Hastings~~ and myself are able and anxious to support both the child and our daughter Alice Flowers Courtney.

*Mamie Flowers*

Sam Flowers a witness for complainant after being sworn testifies under oath as follows:

My name is Sam Flowers and I am the Father of the complainant Alice Flowers Courtney, she has lived in Baldwin County Ala. all her life and she is now about 17 years old, I know Leslie Courtney and he is over 21 years old and also lived in Baldwin County Ala, all his life until he was sued for support of his child when he ran away to somewhere in Florida I don't know where.

He is a worthless bad man, I got after him about his actions with Mabel Hastings, he laughed and said to me that he was going to get some of it and afterwards he told me that he did get it and that his wife caught him in bed with her.

He is a man of bad moral character and curses, he is not a fit man to raise and support our child and raise it right.

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My wife and myself are perfectly willing to take care of our daughter and her girl baby, Leslie Hastings is not a fit man to raise any child and he is a bootlegger and has been convicted for violating the prohibition law in the Court at Bay Minette. we have cared for the child and my daughter for the past year and since Leslie Courtne ran away to keep from supporting her, we also paid the Doctors bill when the child was born.

Sam Flowers

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Sam Flowers

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 548.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Alice Flowers Courtney,

Complainant

vs.

Leslie Courtney,

Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the 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 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 Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

On account of adultery,

It is further ordered that Alice Flowers Courtney have the custody and control of Ethel Marie Courtney, child of Alice Flowers Courtney and Leslie Courtney,

It is further ordered, that the said Alice Flowers Courtney

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 Alice Flowers Courtney, 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 Leslie Courtney.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Alice Flowers Courtney, shall not again marry except to said Leslie Courtney, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Leslie Courtney, during the pendency of said appeal

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of

March,

1926.

John D. Leigh  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_, in the cause of \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant.

vs.

Defendant.

as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_.

Register.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 543. Vacation, Term, 19 26

Alice Flowers Courtney,

Complainant

vs.

Leslie Courtney,

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 12th day of November, 19 25, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Baldwin Co., Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 12th day of Nov., 19 25, 1925.

And it now further appearing to the Register T.W. Richerson, that the said Leslie Courtney,

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 that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Leslie Courtney,

This 18th, day of January, 19 26

*T.W. Richerson*

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Alice Flowers Courtney

vs.

Leslie Courtney,

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PUBLICATION.

Issued Jan 18th, 19<sup>26</sup>

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MOORE PTG CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 545. .... Vacation, .... Term, 192... 6

Alice Flowers Courtney, ...., Complainant...

vs.

Leslie Courtney, ...., 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.

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Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Alice Flowers Courtney,

VS.

Leslie Courtney.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

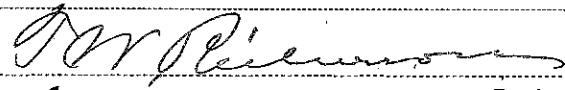
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
decree pro confesso, and testimony of Alice Flowers Courtney,  
Mamie Flowers and Sam Flowers

and in behalf of Defendant upon



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No. 543.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Alice Flowers, Courtney,

vs.

Leslie Courtney,

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 3rd,  
day of March, 1916.

*J. W. Peterson*

Register

The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 543. Vacation Term, 1926.

Alice Polowers Courtney,

Complainants

vs.

Leslie Courtney.

Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Leslie Courtney,

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 16th day of January, 1926

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Stone & Stone.

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Alex Flowers Courtney

Complainants.

Vs.

Leslie Courtney

Defendants.

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