

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, Complainant

vs.

MERLYN K. LANGHAM, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Note of evidence 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

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM is forever divorced from the said MERLYN K. LANGHAM for and on account of Voluntary Abandonment

It is futher 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 futher 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 futher ordered that THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, the Complainant, pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 2nd day of September 1958

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

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

THOMAS BRADFORD

LANGHAM

Complainant

vs.

MERLYN K. LANGHAM,

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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ALICE J. DUCK, CLERK  
REGISTER



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THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM

Complainant

-VS-

MERLYN K. LANGHAM,

Respondent

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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ALICE J. BRACK, Register

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Moore Ptg. Co.

The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No. 4325

TERM, 19

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon MERLYN K. LANGHAM

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

MERLYN K. LANGHAM, Defendant

by THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 3rd day of July 19 58

Alice J. Luck, Clerk

The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM

Plaintiffs

vs.

MERLYN K. LANGHAM

Defendants

Summons and Complaint

Filed July 3, 1958. 19\_\_\_\_

Alice J. Duck 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

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,  
Complainant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

-VS-

MERLYN K. LANGHAM,  
Respondent.

Personally appeared before me, Thomas Bradford Langham

A Notary Public in and for said County and State, THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, Complainant, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is informed and verily believes that MERLYN K. LANGHAM, Respondent in the above stated cause, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and resides in 530 Stephney Street, Inglewood 3, California, and that said respondent is, in belief of affiant, over eighteen years of age.

Thomas Bradford Langham  
AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 23rd day of June, 1958.

Vera M. Leis  
Notary Public Baldwin County, Ala.

Notary Public, State of Florida at large  
My commission expires Aug. 11, 1960.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N.Y.



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Respondent

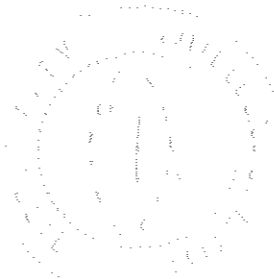
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ALICE J. BECK, Register

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA





THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,  
Complainant,

-VS-

MERLYN K. LANGHAM,  
Respondent.


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

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Comes the Complainant in the above styled cause and shows to the Court that service was duly had on the Respondent, MERLYN K. LANGHAM, on the 12th day of July, 1958, more than thirty days prior to this date, and the Respondent has neither pled, answered or demurred to the complaint;

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that the Register enter a Decree Pro Confesso for the Complainant.

Complainant further requests the appointment of Tillie K. Stephens as the commissioner to take the testimony of the Complainant and his witness, Mrs. Ernest Langham.

  
E. G. RICKARBY, Attorney  
for Complainant.

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,  
Complainant,

-VS-

MERLYN K. LANGHAM,  
Respondent.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

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ALICE J. DUCK, CLERK  
REGISTER

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

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 THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM  
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 Vs.  
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 MERLYN K. LANGHAM  
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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
 Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 3rd  
 day of July, 19 58, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was  
 sent to MERLYN K. LANGHAM

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom  
 addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the  
16 day of July, 1958, such receipt was duly  
 received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer  
 or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered,  
 adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things  
 taken as confessed against the said MERLYN K. LANGHAM

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 Defendant

This the 29 day of August, 19 58

Alice J. Luck Register.



THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,

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NOTE OF EVIDENCE

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IN EQUITY.

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant,	I	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
-VS-	I	IN EQUITY.
MERLYN K. LANGHAM,	I	
Respondent.	III	
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TESTIMONY OF THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, Complainant:

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, being duly sworn, deposes and says, as follows, to-wit:

My name is THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM and I am filing this suit for divorce against my wife, MERLYN K. LANGHAM. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and I have been living here in Baldwin County all of my life, having been born and raised here, except for the time I have spent in the Armed Forces, that is, in the United States Air Corps. My wife is approximately nineteen years of age.

I was stationed down in Long Beach, California, in April, 1956, and at that time I married my present wife, MERLYN K. LANGHAM. We were married in YUMA, ARIZONA in April, 1956. We did not establish a permanent residence but had apartments in several different towns in California during the year, 1956. Prior to my release from the service, my wife came down here to Baldwin County, Alabama, and lived with my father and mother, but a short time after my leave expired she went back home to her parents and I came back here to Baldwin County on the 5th day of June, 1957, got in touch with my wife and asked her to come down and stay with me as I was able to make a home for her. At that time she refused to do so, and she has refused to come back to me and we have lived separate and apart, and she has refused to come back to me continuously from the 5th day of June, 1957, which is over one year ago, and over one year from the time I filed this Bill of Divorce.

My wife is now living at 530 Stephaney Street, Inglewood California, and there have been no children born to this marriage.

I have tried to provide a good home for her and  
have given her no reason to leave me.

Thomas Bradford Langham  
THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30th day of Aug.  
1958.

Lillian H. Stephens  
COMMISSIONER

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM

Complainant

-VS-

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Respondent

TESTIMONY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA



I, TILLIE K. STEPHENS, Commissioner, acting under commission in the divorce suit of THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM v. MERLYN K. LANGHAM, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby certify that I have caused the witnesses in this cause, namely, THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM and LILLIAM LANGHAM, who were made known to me and known to be the identical witnesses called by the parties, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, where said witnesses, after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination of E. G. Rickarby, Esquire, Solicitor for the Complainant, did testify as shown by the attached testimony, and that their testimony was, by me reduced to writing as given by them as near as might be in their identical language and, after being so reduced to writing, was read over by the said witnesses who assented to and signed the same in my presence.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or kin to either of the parties to the cause, nor anywise interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner on this the 30th day of August, 1958.

  
Commissioner

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM,		IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant		BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
-VS-		IN EQUITY
MERLYN K. LANGHAM,		
Respondent		

TESTIMONY OF LILLIAN LANGHAM, A WITNESS ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINANT

My name is LILLIAN LANGHAM and I am the mother of Complainant THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM, who is filing this suit for a divorce.

He is a boná fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has lived here all of his life except for the time he was in service. He came back to Baldwin County, Alabama, on the fifth of June, 1957, and at that time he tried to get his wife, MERLYN K. LANGHAM, to come back here and make a home with him and she would not. She had been down here in Baldwin County while he was in the service but after he was not stationed around here she went back home to her people, and has refused to join him and live together with him as husband and wife.

I know that she and he have lived separate and apart for over one year next preceding the filing of this divorce case. He is twenty-two years old and she is approximately eighteen or nineteen years old, and there have been no children born to this marriage.

Lillian Langham  
LILLIAN LANGHAM

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August, 1958.

Lillie H. Stephens  
COMMISSIONER

THOMAS BRADFORD LANGHAM

Complainant

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Respondent

TESTIMONY

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LAW OFFICES  
**E. G. RICKARBY**  
BANK BUILDING  
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

September 2nd, 1958

Mrs. Alice Duck  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Langham vs. Langham  
Our File: 4418

Enclosed please find the testimony of witnesses, Note of evidence and Decree of Divorce in the above case.

Have already submitted costs, bill of divorce and Motion for Decree Pro Confesso along with request for commission to take depositions. Please have Judge Hall sign the Decree and if there are any additional costs let me know.

Yours very truly,



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Encl.

LAW OFFICES  
**E. G. RICKARBY**  
BANK BUILDING  
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA  
August 28, 1958

Mrs. Alice Duck  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Bay Minette, Alabama


Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Langham vs. Langham  
Our File: 4153

Please give me a Decree Pro Confesso in this case  
and a commission to Mrs. Stephens, and we can get  
this off the docket.

Thanks.

Yours very truly,



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Encl.  
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