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The State of Alabama, Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama (In Equity.) Baldwin County. Maria L. Radeliffe, Complainant. VS. E. Lewis Radcliffe. Respondent. I.....T...W..Richerson, as Register and Commissioner have called and caused to come before me ... Maria L. Radcliffe, Jacob T. Johnson, and J.B.Mc Grew witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 2nd day of 1926 , at the office of Register, in Bay Minette, ,Alabama, and having first sworn said witness es to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said ... witnesses, ____doth depose and say as follows: Mrs. Maria L. Radcliffe, the complainant who being duly sworm..... testified as follows: My name is Maria L Radcliffe, I am 62 years of age, and reside at Miflin Baldwin Co, Alabama, and resided there since some time in May 1913. The defendant Ellewis Radcliffe is 50 years of age and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his residence being Pensacola Fla, Complainant says she and the said E. Lewis Radcliffe were m arried to each other on or about the 4th of November, 1904, in the Town of Buechel ... Jefferson . Co . K. Y. She and her said husband came to Baldwin County, Ala, in the month. of May 1913, At the time of our marriage, said E-Lewis Radcliffe, owned no property and his entire possession were a few dollars that he had in his pocket, We lived together as man and wife at Miffin, Ala, until he left me the last time on or about the 11th day of . Dec. 1922, and I have never seen him since ; I have never received a letter from him since he left, he has never contributed anything toward my support since he left me in Dec 1922, At the time of my marriage to E-Lewis Radcliffe, I had saved up \$360.00 . Several years afterward on my fathers death I inherited from him some landed property from which I realized about One thousand When we came to Baldwin County, I turned over to my said Dollars, husband all the money that I had amounting to about \$1350.00 Shortly after we came to Baldwin County, I decided to purchase some land near Mifflin and on June 2nd 19213, purchased from J.B.Mc..... Grew, and wife the following pieces of land the South half of the South-east guarter of the North-east quarter of Section Twelve (12) in Township eight (8) South Range Four (4) East in Baldwin County, Alabama, and also Lots Six(6) and Seven (7) in Block Fourteen (14) in the Townsite of Miflin Ala being in Section Seven(7) Township Eight(8) Ramge Five (5) East in Baldwin County

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA)

CIRCUIT COURT, In Equity. 559

Baldwin County.

Complainant Maria L. Radcliffe,

VS.

E. Lewis Radcliffe, Defendant.

This cause coming on to be heard, was submitted, on the written request by the Solicitar for the Complainant for a Decree the 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

For Voluntary abandonment from bed and board for two years next preceding the filing of the bill in this case.

It is further ordered that the said Maria L. Radcliffe be and she is hereby permitted to gain tentract marriage.

It is further that the said Maria L. Radcliffe shall not again marry except to said E. Lewis Radcliffe, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days, she shall not marry again except to said E. Lewis Radcliffe, during the pendency of said appeal.

It further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the land set out in the Bill-was purchased and paid for with the money belonging to the said Maria L. Radcliffe, the Complainant, and the conveyance made to L. Radcliffe, and that since its purchase she has been in the possession of said property, and has paid the taxes every year since its purchase, and that said E. Lewis Radcliffe, has never paid the taxes or exercised acts of ownership over said property.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that said property, viz:

> the South-half of the South-East quarter of the North-East quarter of Section Twelve (12) in Township eight (8) South, Range Four (4) East in Baldwin County, Alabama, and also Lots six (6) and seven (7) in Block Fourteen (14) in the Townsite of Miflin, Alabama, being in section seven (7) Town-ship eight (8) South, Range Five (5) East in Baldwin County, Alabama.

is the property of the said Maria L. Radcliffe, free from any claim, right, title or interest on the part of said E. Lewis Radcliffe.

It is further ordered that the Register make and certify a copy of this Decree and file the same for record in the Book of Deeds of this County, and charge the copy and recording as a part of the costs in this case.

It is further ordered that the Complainant pay the costs in this case for which let execution issue.

In this 5 day of March 1926.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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Maria L. Radeliffe.

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E.Lewis Radcliffe.

Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

E.Lewis Radcliffe.

..... 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

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To the Hon. John D. Leigh, Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama:

The Bill of Complaint of Maria L. Radcliffe against E. Lewis Radcliffe, respectfully shows unto your Honor as follows:

First.

Complainant shows unto your Honor that she is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such resident for more than three years, next before the filing of this Bill, and she is over the age of twenty-one years; the Defendant, E. Lewis Radcliffe is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and resided when she last heard of him in Pensacola, in the State of Florida. His residence is 1911 East La Rua Street, Pensacola, Florida.

### Second.

Complainant further shows that she and the said E. Lewis Radclift were married to each other on or about the 4th.day of November 1904, & at or near Buechel, Jefferson County, Kentucky; the said defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

#### Third.

Complainant shows unto your Honor that the said E. Lewis Rad-cliffe voluntarily abandoned her more than two years before the fil-ing of this Bill; defendant left her on or about the 11th.day of Dec-ember 1922, and she has never seen him since. He has never written to her since he left, or rather she has never received a letter from him since he left, and he has never contributed anything towards her support since he left her in December 1922

### Fourth.

Complainant further shows to your Honor, that at the time of marriage she had saved up some money amounting to three hundred and sixty Dollars, that she inherited from her father some landed property on which she realized about one thousand dollars; that these funds amounting to Thirteen Hundred and fifty Dollars, went into the hands of her husband, said E. Lewis Radcliffe, and he had said money in his possession when they moved to Baldwin County, Alabama in May

That shortly after they came to this County she decided to purchase certain lands at or near Miflin, and the purchase was made on the 2nd.day of June 1913 from J. B. McGrew and wife for the following pieces of land, to-wit:

the South-half of the South-east quarter of the North-east quarter of Section Twelve (12) in Township eight (8) South, Range Four (4) East in Baldwin County, Alabama, and also Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) in Block Fourteen (14) in the Twonsite of Miflin, Alabama, being in section seven (7), Township eight (8) Range Five (5) East in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Complain shows unto your Honor that by some mistake, the conveyances were made to L. Radcliffe, which might be either hername or her husbands name; her mame is Maria L. Radcliffe and his name is, E. Lewis Radcliffe. Every dollar paid for said land was her money.

Complainant shows to your Honor, that ever since the purchase of said land she has paid up the taxes, and said E. Lewis Radcliffe, has never paid any of the taxes on said lands. Complainant lives on the two lots six and seven, the dwelling house is on said lots and the premises whe she has lived since the purchase embraces both lots.

Prayer for Process.

The premises considered, she prays that notice be given to said defendant by publication as required by law, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time required by law and the rules of this Court,

Prayer for Relief. And Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of the cause your Honor will enter a decree granting her an absolute divorce from the said E. Lewis Radcliffe and desolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them.

And Complainant further prays that your Honor will further order and decree, that as the lands herein above described, which were purchased and paid for with money belonging to her, that the same belongs to her, and that the Court will decree that she is entitled to said lands as the sole owner thereof.

And Complainant prays for such other further or different re-lief as to your Honor may seem meet and proper under the facts in

Solicitor for Complainant.

Foot note:

The defendant is required to answer each paragraph of the from Paragraph First to Paragraph Fourth both inclusive, but not under oath, his oath being expressly waived.

Solicitor for Complainant.

State of Alabama) Baldwin County. ) Before me T. W. Richerson, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared Mrs Maria L. Radcliffe, who after being by me first duly sworn deposes and says, that she is the Complainant in the foregoing Bill of Complaint; that the defendant E. Lewis Radcliffe is over the age of twenty-one

years, and he is a non-resident of the State of Alabama.

Affiant further says that she has made diligent inquiry to find out his residence and Post Office address, and from the best information she could obtain, his address is, E. L. Radcliffe, 1911 East La Rua Street, Pensacola, Florida.

Subscribed and sworn to before me) this 18th day of January 1926.

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