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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

RUTH JANET GORDON, Complainant

vs.

TURLEY L. GORDON, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Publication 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 Ruth Janet Gordon is forever divorced from the said or Turley L. Gordon for and on account of Abandonment.

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

This 23 day of June 1960

[Signature]

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

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

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RUTH JANET GORDON

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vs.

TURLEY L. GORDON

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\_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, Non--Residency for Publication, Demand for Oral Examination, Non-Military Affidavit, Decree Pro Confesso, and Testimony of Ruth Janet Gordon and of Ethel Joyce Wimpee, witness on behalf of the Complainant.

WILLIAM GRAYSON, SOLICITOR FOR  
COMPLAINANT.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

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*Wm. J. Duck*

Register.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

RUTH JANET GORDON

VS.

TURLEY L. GORDON

**Note of Testimony**

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The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

RUTH JANET GORDON-----

Complainant-----

VS.

TURLEY L. GORDON-----

Defendant-----

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Equity.

The Complainant,

requests the oral examination of the following named witnesses, on behalf of the Complainant,

- viz:

Ruth Janet Gordon

and

Ethel Joyce Wimpee

said witnesses reside in the County of MOBILE COUNTY

State of Alabama.

PEGGY PRESTON

who resides at

56 S. Conception Street,

~~xxx The Register of this Court~~ is suggested as a suitable person  
to be appointed Commissioner to take the deposition of said witness on such oral examination.

WILLIAM GRAYSON,

Solicitor for COMPLAINANT.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County, Alabama

IN EQUITY

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vs.

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Defendant

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DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: PEGGY PRESTON

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Ruth Janet Gordon and Ethel Joyce Wimpee,

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Ruth Janet Gordon,

Complainant  
and Turley L. Gordon,

Respondent

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

Witness 17 day of June, 1960

Alice J. [Signature]  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

RUTH JANET GORDON

Complainant

VS.

TURLEY L. GORDON

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

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 Complainant.  
 VS. TURLEY L. GORDON  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF  
 BALDWIN  
~~MOBILE~~ COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
 NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-MILITARY AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
 COUNTY OF MOBILE }

NOW comes, Ruth Janet Gordon

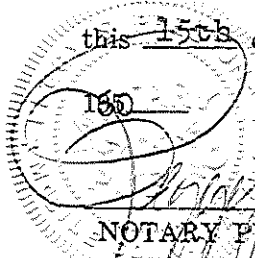
who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the defendant herein, \_\_\_\_\_  
Turley L. Gordon,

was not at the time of the filing of this suit, and is not now in the Military or Naval Service of  
 the United States.

~~THE Defendant resides at~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ruth Janet Gordon

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
 this 15th day of June,

 [Signature]  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, MOBILE COUNTY, ALA.

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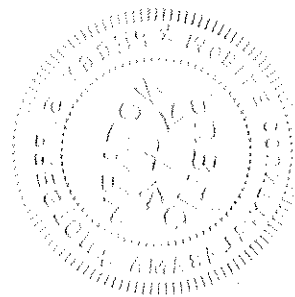
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**NON-MILITARY AFFIDAVIT**

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

RUTH JANET GORDON  
No. 4860  
~~TURLEY L. GORDON~~

vs.

TURLEY L. GORDON

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 7th day of

March, 194<sup>60</sup>

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of RUTH GORDON

that the Defendant TURLEY L. GORDON

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama OR ELSE CONSEALS HIMSELF SO THAT THE PROCESS OF COURT CANNOT BE SERVED UPON SAID DEFENDANT.; that the whereabouts or Post Office address cannot be ascertained after diligent effort

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring TURLEY L. GORDON the said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 7th day of April 194<sup>60</sup>, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Wm. Grayson,  
Solicitor for Complainant

*Alice J. Duck*  
Register.

RUTH JANET GORDON,  
Complainant,

-vs-

TURLEY L. GORDON,  
Respondent,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY:

NO. 4866

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Comes the Complainant and shows unto Your Honors and unto  
this Honorable Court as follows:

ONE

Complainant is the wife of the Respondent and they were  
married to each other on February 7, 1957 in Jacksonville,  
Florida. Both the Complainant and the Respondent are each  
over the age of twenty years. The Complainant is a bona-fide  
resident citizen of the State of Alabama and has been such  
for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of  
complaint herein. The Respondent is either a non-resident of  
the State of Alabama or else he conceals himself so that process  
of Court cannot be had upon him. The Complainant has made diligent  
efforts to ascertain his whereabouts without success. There are  
no minor children as issue of their marriage.

TWO

The Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of the  
Complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of  
the bill of complaint herein.

THREE

The Respondent has committed actual violence upon the person  
of the Complainant, attended with danger to her life or health,  
or from his conduct there is reasonable apprehension of such  
violence.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Complainant prays that Your Honors will take jurisdiction of this cause, will make the said Turley L. Gordon, party-respondent hereto, and will cause him to appear, plead, answer or demur hereto, within the time allowed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Complainant further prays that Your Honors will see fit to grant her an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony with the Respondent, and Complainant further prays for such other, further or different relief as in equity she may be due, and as in duty bound she will ever pray, etc.

*William Gordon*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT.

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RUTH JANET GORDON  
Complainant,  
-vs-  
TUREY L. GORDON  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF  
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY:  
NO. 4866

NON-RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA:  
COUNTY OF MOBILE:

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, personally appeared RUTH JANET GORDON who was made known to me, and who by me being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

That I am the Complainant in the above styled cause and the Respondent named therein is either a non-resident of the State of Alabama or else conceals HIMSELF so that process of Court cannot be served upon said Respondent; that the whereabouts of and residence of said Respondent is unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent effort. Complainant states that such effort has been made without success: and that the said Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years.

X *Ruth Gordon*  
AFFIANT

SWORN and subscribed to before

me on this 4th day of March, 1959.

*Debra S. Preston*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. 4866

Term, 19

RUTH JANET GORDON

Complainant

Vs.

TURLEY L. GORDON

Defendant

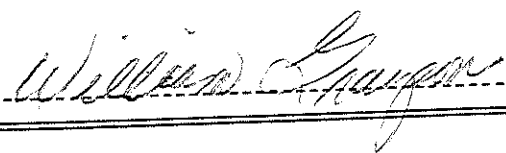
Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against TURLEY L. GORDON

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 17 day of June 19 60

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Solicitor.

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_

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Motion for Decree Pro Confesso  
on Publication

filed \_\_\_\_\_ 6-17 \_\_\_\_\_ 1967

*W. J. French*  
Register.

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

}                   CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY  
No. 4866                   Term, 19

----- RUTH JANET GORDON ----- Complainant

----- TURLEY L. GORDON ----- 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 10 day of March, 1960, in the 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 7th day of March 1960, and

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

Turley L. Gordon

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 Turley L. Gordon

This 17 day of June 1960

Alice J. Duck Register.

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

Vs.

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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W. J. Greener  
Register.

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# CERTIFICATE

I, Peggy Preston, the Commissioner appointed by the Court and named in the attached commission, ~~or named by agreement of the parties~~, in that certain cause now pending in

Baldwin  
the Honorable Circuit Court of ~~Mobile~~ Mobile County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity, No. \_\_\_\_\_, wherein

RUTH JANET GORDON is Complainant, and TURLEY L. GORDON

is Respondent, under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by said Commission or agreement as such commissioner, caused Ruth Janet Gordon, and Ethel Joyce Wimpee

~~XXXX~~ who were made known to me, to come before me at 3:00 o'clock P M., on June 17, 1960, at 56 S. Conception St. Mobile, Alabama; that said witnesses were first duly sworn

by me as stated; that they were then examined by William Grayson, Solicitor for the Complainant, and cross-examined by \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitor for  
Guardian Ad Litem & \_\_\_\_\_, and they testified in  
Attorney Ad Litem for

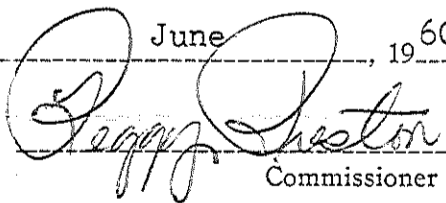
response thereto as is hereinabove written; and the testimony was by me reduced to writing as given by said witnesses in narrative form, and as near might be the identical language of said witnesses, and that, after said testimony had been so reduced to writing, it was by me read over to said witnesses; who assented to and signed same, ~~who refused to sign same who was physically unable to sign same, or who~~

~~was physically unable to sign same~~, in my presence and in the presence of said Solicitor for

Complainant. Solicitor for  
\_\_\_\_\_ and Guardian Ad Litem &  
Attorney Ad Litem for

I further certify that I am not of counsel or kin to any of the parties to the said cause, and am not in anywise interested in the result thereof, and that the depositions are true and correct as given by the witnesses.

Witness my hand this 17th day of \_\_\_\_\_, June \_\_\_\_\_, 1960.

  
Commissioner

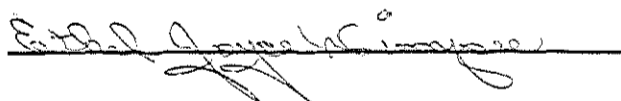
TESTIMONY OF RUTH JANET GORDON, WITNESS ON HER OWN BEHALF:

My name is Ruth Janet Gordon and I am the wife of the Respondent, the Respondent and I were married to each other on February 7, 1957 in Jacksonville, Florida. Both myself and the Respondent are each over the age of twenty years. I am a bona-fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama and have been such for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint herein. The Respondent is either a non-resident of the State of Alabama or else he conceals himself so that process of Court cannot be had upon him. I have made efforts to find out where he is without any success. There are no minor children as issue of our marriage. The Respondent has voluntarily abandoned my bed and board for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint herein. At the time the Respondent left my bed and board it was in April of 1958 and we were living in Eight Mile, Alabama. The Respondent drank all the time and would not work so I was forced to go to my mothers to stay. I had not been gone but about a month when the Respondent left town and no one has seen nor heard from him since that time, which has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint herein. I do not ever intend to live with the Respondent again in any respect as husband and wife.

Ruth Janet Gordon

TESTIMONY OF ETHEL JOYCE WIMPEE, WITNESS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPLAINANT  
IN THIS CAUSE.

My name is Ethel Joyce Wimpee and I am a sister of the Complainant's. The Complainant is the wife of the Respondent and they were married to each other on February 7, 1957 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Complainant is a bona-fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama and has been such for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint herein. The Respondent is either a non-resident of the State of Alabama or else he conceals himself so that process of Court cannot be had upon him. The Complainant has made diligent efforts to try and find out the whereabouts of the Respondent without success. The Complainant is twenty years of age and the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years. There are no minor children as issue of their marriage. The Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of the Complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint herein. They were living in Eight Mile at that time, and the Respondent left town and no one has seen nor heard from him since that time. I see my sister daily and I think that I would know if she had lived with the Respondent in any respect as husband and wife, during the past year.

  
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# The Baldwin Times

"Baldwin's Only All County Newspaper"

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

J. H. FAULKNER, Publisher  
E. R. MORRISSETTE, Jr., Editor-Manager

## 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

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT**  
The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County,  
Circuit Court, in Equity  
This the 7th day of March, 1960  
Ruth Janet Gordon  
No. 4860  
vs.  
Turley L. Gordon

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Ruth Gordon that the Defendant Turley L. Gordon is a non-resident of the State of Alabama or else conceals himself so that the process of court cannot be served upon said Defendant; that the whereabouts or Post Office address cannot be ascertained after diligent effort and further, that in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring Turley L. Gordon the said Respondent to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 7th day of April 1960, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

ALICE J. DUCK, Register.  
William Grayson,  
Solicitor for Complainant 9-4tc

### COST STATEMENT

186 WORDS @ 6 1/2 cents — — — \$ 12<sup>09</sup> =

I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid)

E. R. Morrisette, Jr.  
Editor.

was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication March 10, 1960 Vol. 72 No. 9

Date of 2nd publication March 17, 1960 Vol. 72 No. 10

Date of 3rd publication March 24, 1960 Vol. 72 No. 11

Date of 4th publication March 31, 1960 Vol. 72 No. 12

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 11 day of Apr, 1960.

Dorothy Martin  
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

E. R. Morrisette, Jr.  
Editor.

