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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS, Complainant

vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS, 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 Minnie Ruth Meggs is forever divorced from the said Leonard E. Meggs for and on account of

Voluntarily 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 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 the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Minnie Ruth Meggs the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 26 day of September, 1953

Harbert 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

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

Complainant

vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Respondent

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MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

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, Decree Pro Confesso on Publication, and testimony of Minnie Ruth

Meggs and Quentin Davis

and in behalf of Defendant upon

Deirdre
Register.

Col. G. W. Thompson

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 26th

day of Sept, 1943

Archie J. Ketcher
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Helen H. Little

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 Minnie Ruth Meggs and Quentin Davis

as witnesses in behalf of Minnie Ruth Meggs in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Minnie Ruth Meggs

Complainant

and

Leonard E. Meggs

Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Minnie Ruth Meggs and Quentin Davis to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 26th day of Sept, 1953

David J. [Signature]

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

Complainant—

vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

WITNESSES:

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS	}	The State of Alabama,
No. 2956		_____ County.
vs.		Circuit Court, in Equity
LEONARD MEGGS	}	This the <u>21th</u> day of
		<u>July</u> , 19 <u>43</u>

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Minnie Ruth Meggs

that the Defendant Leonard Meggs

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that his address or whereabouts is unknown

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant _____ the Defendant _____ 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 Leonard Meggs the said Respondent

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 21th day of August 1943, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Alvin J. Wicks
Register.

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C. Lenoir Thompson
Solicitor For Complainant

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS
No. 2956

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN County.

vs.

Circuit Court, in Equity

LEONARD MEGGS

This the 10th day of

February, 1953

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

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

that the Defendant LEONARD MEGGS

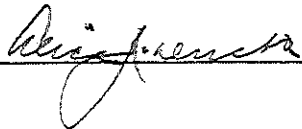
is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that his address is unknown

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

LEONARD MEGGS the said Defendant

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 10th day of March 1953, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

C. L. Thompson
Solicitor For Complainant



Register.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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TO: THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FOREIGN TRADE DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT
The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, in Equity
MINNIE RUTH MEGGS, No. 2956

vs.
LEONARD MEGGS

This the 24th day of July, 1953
In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Minnie Ruth Meggs, that the Defendant, Leonard Meggs, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that his address or whereabouts is unknown 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 Leonard Meggs, the said Respondent to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 24th day of August, 1953, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

ALICE J. DUCK
Register.

C. Lenoir Thompson,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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AVIT OF PUBLICATION

(alices) being duly sworn, deposes and says of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Minnie Ruth Meggs
vs.
Leonard Meggs

COST STATEMENT

178 WORDS @ 6 1/2 cents _____ \$ 11 57

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

Jimmy Faulkner
Publisher.

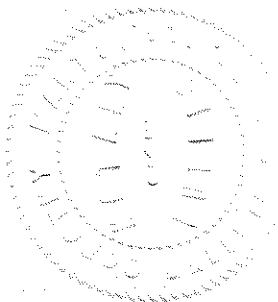
was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication July 30, 1953 Vol. 64 No. 28
Date of 2nd publication Aug. 6, 1953 Vol. 64 No. 29
Date of 3rd publication Aug. 13, 1953 Vol. 64 No. 30
Date of 4th publication Aug. 20, 1953 Vol. 64 No. 31

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 20 day of Aug, 1953

Dorothy Muntz
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Jimmy Faulkner
Publisher.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

Complainant

VS.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Respondent

I, Helen H. Little

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Minnie Ruth Meggs and Quentin Davis

witness^{es} named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 12 day of Apr
1947, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson
in Bay Minette, Alabama, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness^{es} to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Minnie Ruth Meggs and Quentin
Davis doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Minnie Ruth Meggs, I am over the age of 21 years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, the Respondent Leonard E. Meggs is over the age of 21 and was a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, until he left me August, 1951, I have been unable to locate him or his whereabouts although I have tried everyway I know. We were married at Westpoint Georgia on May 24, 1948, and lived together as husband and wife until August 10, 1951, when he voluntarily abandoned me without fault on my part, and never came back. There are no children as fruits of this marriage and no property to be divided. I know we will never lived together again as husband and wife, and respectfully ask the Court to grant me a divorce.

Minnie R. Meggs

That my name is Quentin Davis, I know both parties to this cause they were married at at Westpoint, Georgia on May 24, 1948, and lived together in Baldwin County, Alabama as husband and wife until in August, 1951, when the Respondent left the State and has not been heard from since. They do not have any children of this marriage. I know of no cause which the Complainant gave to the Respondent for such an abandonment.

Quentin Davis

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Helen H. Little, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. LeNoir Thompson

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; 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 26 day of September, 19453

Helen H. Little (L. S.)

NO. _____ PAGE _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

vs. Complainant

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed 9-26, 19453

Helen H. Little, Register.
Recorded in _____

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Record _____

Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon LEONARD E. MEGGS, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by MINNIE RUTH MEGGS as Complainant and against LEONARD E. MEGGS as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the _____ day of _____, 1953.

Register

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS Ø IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 Ø BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 Ø IN EQUITY.
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LEONARD E. MEGGS Ø
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TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Minnie Ruth Meggs, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his post office cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at West Point, Georgia, on May 24, 1948, and lived together as husband and wife until, on to-wit, August 10, 1951.

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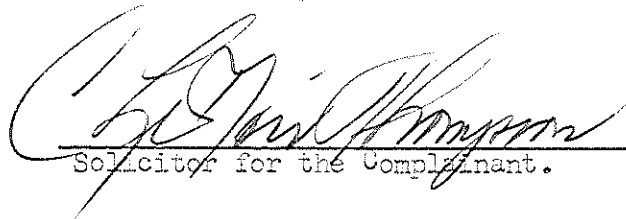
That on, to-wit August 10, 1951, while your Complainant and the Respondent were living together the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant, and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

4.

That the Complainant and the Respondent have no children as fruits of this marriage, and there is no property to be divided.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Leonard E. Meggs , party Respondent to this cause of action, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that she be granted such other, further, different, or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Solicitor for the Complainant.

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MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

COMPLAINANT

VS

LEONARD E. MEGGS

RESPONDENT

Bill of Complaint

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

STATE OF ALABAMA

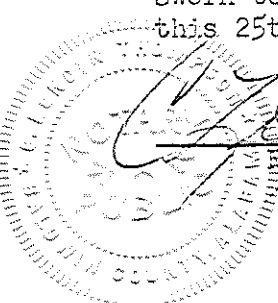
BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama Baldwin County, personally appeared Minnie Ruth Meggs, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn according to law on oath doth depose and say that she is the Complainant in a certain cause being filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama; that the Respondent in said cause, Leonard E. Meggs, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and whose residence, after a search having been made with due diligence, is unknown according to the best information and belief of the Complainant and that your Complainant can not ascertain the particular place of residence and Post Office address of the Respondent after expending a reasonable effort, which has been made; that said Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years.

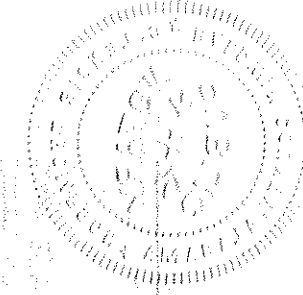
Minnie Ruth Meggs
Complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 25th day of January, 1953.

[Signature]
Notary Public.



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MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

COMPLAINANT

VS

LEONARD E. MEGGS

RESPONDENT

Affidavit of Non-Residence

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ALICE L. BAKER, Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19__

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

Complainant

Vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against LEONARD E. MEGGS

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 25 day of September, 19 53.

746 Code

[Signature] Solicitor.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY**

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS

Complainant—

Vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS

Defendant—

**Motion for Decree Pro Confesso
On Publication**

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Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS _____ Complainant

Vs.

LEONARD E. MEGGS _____ 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 _____ day of _____, 19____, in the Baldwin Times a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in _____ County, on the _____ day of _____ 194____ and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register _____ that the said Leonard E. Meggs

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 Leonard E. Meggs

This 25th day of Sept 1953
Alice J. Duck Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

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WITNESS my hand this the _____ day of _____, 1953.

Register

MINNIE RUTH MEGGS Ø IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 Ø BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 Ø IN EQUITY.
VS Ø
LEONARD E. MEGGS Ø
 Ø RESPONDENT

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C. L. ...
Solicitor for the Complainant.

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LEONARD E. MEGGS

COMPLAINANT

vs

LEONARD E. MEGGS

RESPONDENT

Office of Complainant

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MINNIE RUTH MEGGS
COMPLAINANT
VS
LEONARD E. MEGGS
RESPONDENT

Bill of Complaint

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ALICE A. BUCK, CLERK

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that any maintenance and bereavement benefits and amounts
thereof shall be paid to the respondent by the respondent
within the time and under the conditions prescribed
by the respondent and the respondent shall be liable for the
same. The respondent shall be liable for the same.

Complainant further alleges that respondent has failed to
pay to complainant the sum of \$100.00 as a result of
complainant's expenses incurred in the maintenance and
support of respondent and the respondent's failure to
pay the same. Complainant further alleges that respondent
has failed to pay to complainant the sum of \$100.00 as a
result of complainant's expenses incurred in the maintenance
and support of respondent and the respondent's failure to
pay the same. Complainant further alleges that respondent
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and support of respondent and the respondent's failure to
pay the same.

[Handwritten signature]
LEONARD E. MEGGS

Witnessed and
subscribed