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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lois Gayle Blackmon, Complainant

vs.

William L. Blackmon, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Answer of Guardian at litem, and Testimony taken in open court 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. J. Connor Owens, Esq., who was present

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 Lois Gayle Blackmon is forever divorced from the said William L. Blackmon for and on account of voluntary 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 Lois Gayle Blackmon the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 28th day of April, 1953

[Signature] Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, [Signature], 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.

instruments are

Witness my hand and seal this the [ ] day of [ ], 19 [ ]

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Lois Gayle Blackmon

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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COMPLAINANT

VS.

WILLIAM L. BLACKMON,  
RESPONDENT

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY No. 2980

ANSWER

Now comes the Respondent, by his guardian ad litem, J. Connor Owens, Jr., and denies the allegations in the Complaint, and demands strict proof of the same.

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Guardian ad litem

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY  
DECEASED

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

17 March 1953

Mrs. Alice J. Duck  
Clerk Circuit Court  
Bay Minette, Ala.

Re: Lois Gayle Blackmon  
Vs: William L. Blackmon

Dear Mrs. Duck:

With this I am handing you bill for divorce in the case of Blackmon -vs- Blackmon together with a check for \$12.50 for costs.

Mr. William Blackmon is now serving time with the State of Alabama and his Post Office address is Box 230, Evergreen, Alabama, evidently a convict camp in Evergreen.

Yours very truly,

*E. G. Rickarby, Jr.*  
E. G. Rickarby, Jr.

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Encs: 2

*Please appoint guardian at law.*

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Lois Kayle Blackmon

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Answer

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TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Comes LOIS GAYLE BLACKMON and by this her bill of complaint, presented against WILLIAM L. BLACKMON, and respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, for three years next preceeding the filing of this, her bill of complaint, and that the Defendant, William L. Blackmon, is nineteen years of age and was a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and had been for over three years next preceeding their separation.

SECOND: On the 17th day of August, 1951, Complainant and Defendant were married at Waynesboro, Mississippi, and came back to Alabama to live. Defendant had abandoned Complainant several times before he last left her, namely on the 8th day of March, 1952, at which time he voluntarily abandoned her bed and board without just cause or legal excuse and since that time the parties have lived separate and apart and said abandonment has continued from the 8th day of March, 1952, to the present date; over a period of one year.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that William L. Blackmon be made party defendant to this cause, and by proper process required to answer this bill within the time prescribed by Law.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from the said William L. Blackmon, granting her the right to resume her maiden name and to marry again should she so desire, and to have such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

RICKARBY & RICKARBY

By:



E. G. Rickarby, Jr.  
Solicitor for Complainant

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of ... State of ... this ... day of ... 1953.

Notary Public for the State of ...

My commission expires on the ... day of ... 1953.

Witness my hand and seal of the County of ... State of ... this ... day of ... 1953.

Notary Public

My commission expires on the ... day of ... 1953.

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My commission expires on the ... day of ... 1953.

The State of Alabama, \_\_\_\_\_ County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon \_\_\_\_\_

*William L. Blackmon*

to appear and answer, plead, or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to a Bill of Complaint filed in said Circuit Court, in equity, for said County of said State \_\_\_\_\_

*Lora Boyle Blackmon*

against \_\_\_\_\_

*William L. Blackmon*

Herein fail not. Due return make of this writ as the law directs.

Witness this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 19*53*

*Deice J. Ketch*, Register.

(Defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill on application to the Register.)



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The State of Alabama

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vs.

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SUMMONS

Returned by the Sheriff and filed in office, this  
the.....day of....., 19.....  
....., Register.

*with address:  
Box 230  
Evergreen Ala.*

Received in office, this the..... day of

*18*  
*March*, 19*53*

*Naylor Willis*, Sheriff.

I have executed the within by leaving a copy  
thereof with.....  
*William L. Blackmon*

defendant named herein, on this the.....  
*6th*  
day of *April*, 19*53*

*J. J. Brock*, Sheriff.  
By *J. Brock*, Deputy.

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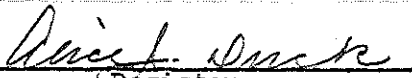
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

In this cause, it appearing to the Register, Alice J. Duck, that William L. Blackmon is a minor, and,

In the said proceeding it being made to appear to the Register, Alice J. Duck, that the said minor, William L. Blackmon is the Respondent in this cause.

It is therefore ordered, by the Register that J. Connor Owens is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem to represent the said William L. Blackmon, upon hearing of the said cause.

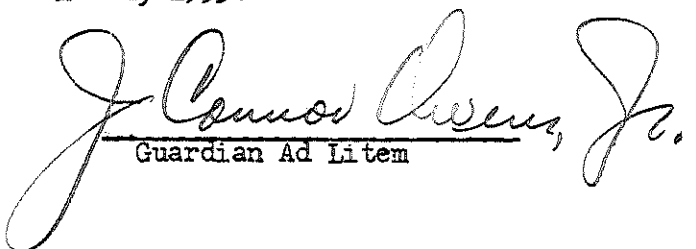
Done this 18th day of March, 1953.

  
Register.

CONSENT TO ACT

I, J. Connor Owens, hereby consent to act as guardian ad litem for William L. Blackmon, a minor, upon hearing of the above cause.

Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1953.

  
Guardian Ad Litem

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE  
U.S. SUPREME COURT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Dear Mr. Chief Justice, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant regarding the proposed amendment to the Constitution which would give the States the right to secede from the Union. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand my position. I am sure that you will understand my position. I am sure that you will understand my position.

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Alice French  
Register

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Chief Justice

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand my position. I am sure that you will understand my position. I am sure that you will understand my position.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LOIS GAYLE BLACKMON,  
VS.  
WILLIAM L. BLACKMON.

IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA. April 28, 1953.

MRS. LOIS GAYLE BLACKMON, THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN,  
TESTIFIED:

Direct Examination by Mr. Rickarby

Q. What is your name?

A. Mrs. William Blackmon.

Q. Mrs. Lois Gayle Blackmon?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you the party filing this suit for divorce?

A. I am.

Q. How old are you?

A. 24.

Q. Are you a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama now?

A. I guess I am. I've been here since I was seven.

Q. What is your husband's name?

A. William Blackmon.

Q. How old is he?

A. 19.

Q. Was he a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, up until the time you separated?

A. Yes, sir, I think he was.

Q. When were you all married?

A. August 17, 1951.

Q. And after you were married where did you live?

A. Well we lived kinder all over the country - Mobile, Bay Minette and Fairhope.

Q. All in Alabama?

A. That is right.

Q. Have you and your husband separated?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you separate?

A. 8th day of March, 1952

Q. Will you tell the Court what took place in regard to that separation?

A. Well at the time of the real separation I was here in Bay Minette and Billy had been in jail from time to time and he left and was gone for a solid week and was put in jail; he was in Jail a month and I was in Fairhope with my Family and he came back and was going to get a job and support me and the very next day he took a car and left.

Q. Did you give him any cause for leaving you?

A. No I did not.

Q. When did you last separate?

A. On the 8th day of March, 1952.

Q. Since the 8th day of March, 1952, have you lived together as husband and wife?

A. No, I have not even seen him.

Q. Where is he?

A. I believe he is in Draper Prison in Alabama.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. J. CONNER OWENS:

Q. Mrs. Blackmon, do you have any property?

A. No.

Q. Any real property?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any children?

A. No.

MRS. JAMES BLACKMON, A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Direct Examination by Mr. Rickarby.

Q. Would you state your name?

A. Mrs. James Blackmon.

Q. What kin are you to Mrs. Lois Gayle Blackmon, the Complainant in this suit?

A. I am her mother.

Q. You do not, of your own personal knowledge, know what caused them to separate, do you Mrs. Blackmon?

A. No.

Q. Do you know how long they have been separated?

A. Yes, I know she has been separated since the 8th day of March, 1952.

Q. Since that time have they lived together as man and wife?

A. No.

A. She is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And has been a resident of Baldwin County for the past three years?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are there any children to the marriage?

A. No.

EXAMINATION BY THE COURT:

Q. Has he been in prison several times, Mrs. Blackmon?

A. Yes he has.

Q. For what?

A. The first time he stole a care in Mobile and took it over the State Line. He was in New Orleans in jail, and he was paroled from there and during his parole he stole some money and then he worked that out - that was right here in Bay Minette and that is when he was going to come back and do better and work and then he stole another car and took it over the Florida State line.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the evidence taken by me in open Court before Hon. Hubert M. Hall, Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, on the 28th day of April, 1953, in Bay Minette, Alabama.

This 28th day of April, 1953.

Howard D. ...  
Court Reporter

DATE 08/10/1950

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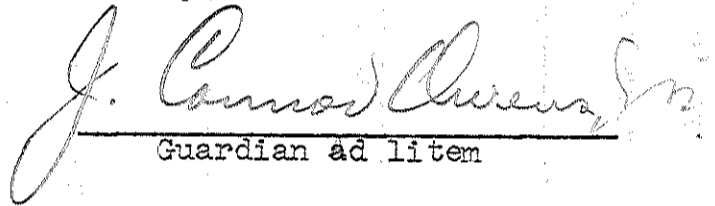
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J. CONNOR OWENS, JR.  
SOLICITOR  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

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