

The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Douglas Rice Complainant

VS

Minnie Rice Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decrees From Com. 1935~~  
on ~~answer of respondent~~ 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 here-  
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,  
and that the said Douglas Rice  
is forever divorced from the said

Minnie Rice

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 complainant and respondent  
be, and are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of  
this suit.

It is further ordered that Douglas Rice  
the complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1945.

F. W. Hare  
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

Douglas Rice

vs. Complainant.

Minnie Rice

Respondent.

**DIVORCE DECREE**

Douglas Rice,

Complainant

VS.

Minnie Rice,

Respondant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, \_\_\_\_\_

~~answer of respondent and oral depositions of witnesses for~~  
complainant namely: Complainant and Jesse Daniels

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer

*H E Smith*  
Solicitor for Complt.



Register.

No. 1290

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

Douglas Rice

VS.

Minnie Rice

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 27  
day of March 1945

[Signature]  
Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
 Baldwin County }

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
 (In Equity)

Douglas Rice

COMPLAINANT

vs.

Minnie Rice

RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Douglas Rice, Complainant and

Jessie Daniels

witness es named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 27th day of March

1945, at the office of myself

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 Douglas Rice

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Douglas Rice and I am the Complainant in this cause against Minnie Rice. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama for more than one year next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint in this cause. I am over the age of twenty-one years and the said Minnie Rice is also over the age of twenty-one years and resides in Baldwin County, Alabama.

On the 30th day of May, 1935 I was married to the Respondent, the said Minnie Rice, at Bay Minette, Alabama and we lived together as man and wife until the 7th. day of February, 1944. The said Respondent, Minnie Rice, and I have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise since February 7th, 1944. On February 7th, 1944, the said Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board and this abandonment occurred more than one year next preceding the filing of my bill of complaint in this cause.

At the time of said abandonment I was working during the day time at a shipyard in Mobile, Alabama, and when I came home on February 7th, 1944, she was gone from my house, without any cause on my part, and has failed and refused to return. I did not give her any cause for leaving as I provided well for her and treated her in all respects as a dutiful husband should. The respondent is not in the Military or Naval Service of the United States of America.

Douglas Rice

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I, R. S. Duck as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and H. E. Smith and John Chason, Solicitors for respective parties. at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof 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 27th day of March 1945.

R. S. Duck (L. S.)  
Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Douglas Rice

COMPLAINANT

vs.

Minnie Rice

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

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R. S. Duck, Register.

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Register

STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
BALDWIN COUNTY. )

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

TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Minnie Rice to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in this court, and hereinafter set out, by Douglas Rice against her.

HEREIN fail not, and make due return, as the law directs.

WITNESS my hand this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, A. D. 1945.

*[Signature]*  
Register.

Douglas Rice,  
Complainant,

vs

Winnie Rice,  
Respondent.

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your orator, Douglas Rice, brings this his bill of complaint against Minnie Rice and respectfully represents that he is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of said state and county for more than one year next preceding the filing of this his bill of complaint, that he is over the age of twenty-one years, and that the respondent, Minnie Rice, is over the age of twenty-one years and resides in said state and county.

On the 30th day of May, 1935, your orator was married to the respondent, the said Minnie Rice, at Bay Minette, Alabama, and that they lived together as man and wife until to-wit: the 7th day of February, 1944. Your orator and the said respondent have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise since said last date. On said last date respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of complainant, that said abandonment occurred more than one year next preceding the filing of this, your orator's bill of complaint.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your orator prays that a summons be issued directed to the said respondent, Minnie Rice, requiring her to appear, and plead, answer or demur to this your orator's bill of complaint within the time required by law; and that upon a final hearing your Honor will grant to your orator a decree of absolute divorce from the said Minnie Rice, with permission to your orator to again marry should he see fit to do so, and that such other relief may be granted to your orator as your Honor may deem proper, the premises considered.

*H. E. Smith*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

IN EQUITY  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

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DOUGLAS RICE )

Complainant, )

VS. )

MINNIE RICE )

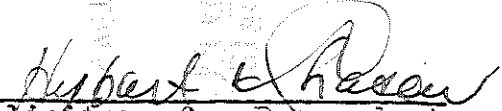
Respondent )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and denies the allegations of Complaint filed in said cause and demands strict proof thereof.

  
Solicitors for Respondent

ANSWERS

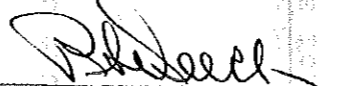
DOUGLAS RICE,  
Complainant

VS.

MINNIE RICE,  
Respondent

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

Filed March 26, 1945.

  
Register

STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
BALDWIN COUNTY. )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
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Register.

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Douglas Rice, )  
Complainant, )  
  
vs )  
  
Minnie Rice, )  
Respondent. )

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Solicitor for Complainant.

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F.K.

Returned to R.S. <sup>Duck</sup>  
at request of solicitor  
for complainant.

3-26-45

C. E. Garrett

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

Douglas Rice,  
Complainant,  
vs  
Minnie Rice,  
Respondent.

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

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Filed February 23, 1945

R. Duck  
Register.

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Def resides at  
Tensaw,  
Ala  
about 1/2 way on county  
road to Dan Hall's res.

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