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QUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

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

DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted for Final Decree upon the original Bill of Complaint, Register's Certificate as to service by registered mail, Motion for Decree Pro Confesso, Decree Pro Confesso and the Testimony as noted by the Register, upon consideration of all of which the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for by her in the said Bill of Complaint, WHEREUPON, It is Therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

1. That the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant, Ouida Handcock, and the Respondent, Leon Handcock, be, and they are hereby dissolved and the said Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the ground of abandonment.

2. The Complainant and the Respondent be, and they are hereby each permitted to contract marriage but they shall not marry again except to each other until sixty days after this date and if an appeal is taken in this cause within sixty days they shall not marry except to each other during the pendency of the said appeal.

3. The Complainant is hereby given and granted the permanent custody and control of the minor child, Bobby Leon Handcock.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED this 15th day of June, 1945.

F. W. Hare

Judge.

DECREE

OUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

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

Filed June 14th 1946
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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Leon Hancock to be and appear before the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Equity Side, at the place of holding same, within thirty days from the service of this writ, then and there to plead to, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed against him by Ouida Hancock.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1945.

F. S. Lynch

Register.

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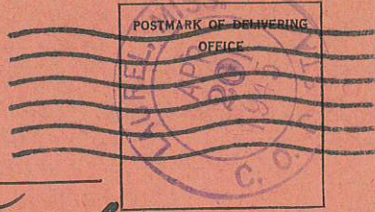
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State _____

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From R S Smith (Sender)

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TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Your Oratrix, Ouida Handcock, presents this Bill of Complaint against Leon Handcock and thereupon your Oratrix complains and shows unto the Court and your Honor as follows:

1. Your Oratrix and the Respondent are each over twenty-one years of age. Your Oratrix is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has resided continuously for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint. The Respondent, Leon Handcock, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose residence and post office address is Laurel, Mississippi. The said Leon Handcock is not in the military service.
2. Your Oratrix and the said Leon Handcock were lawfully married at Bay Minette, Alabama on October 28, 1942 and lived together as man and wife until March 12, 1944 when the said Respondent voluntarily abandoned your Oratrix without fault on her part.
3. There was born to your Oratrix and the Respondent, a child, namely, Bobby Leon Handcock, a boy now eighteen months old, who is now in the custody of your Oratrix who is in all respects a fit and proper person to have the custody and control of the said minor child.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Your Oratrix prays that the Court will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this Bill of Complaint and that the usual process of this Honorable Court do forthwith issue to the Respondent requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to the said Bill of Complaint within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Your Oratrix prays for the following separate and several relief:

1. That the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your Oratrix and the said Respondent be dissolved and that she be forever divorced from him on the ground of abandonment.

2. That your Oratrix be granted the permanent custody and control of the minor child, Bobby Leon Handcock.

3. Your Oratrix further prays for such other, further and general relief as she may be equitably entitled to the premises considered.

Ouida Handcock
Oratrix.

J. B. Blackburn,
Solicitor for Oratrix.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority within and for said County in said State, personally appeared Ouida Handcock, who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That she is the complainant named in the foregoing Bill of Complaint and that the allegations contained therein are true.

Ouida Handcock

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this
the 17th day of April, 1945.

Ora S. Nelson
Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

OUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,

VS.

L.FON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NUMBER 1319.

Filed 4-18-45
R.S. Duck
Register

QUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

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

CERTIFICATE

I, R. S. Duck, as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, do hereby certify that I did on April 18, 1945, mail to the Respondent, Leon Handcock, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed against him in this cause, together with a summons requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint within thirty days, by registered mail, postage prepaid marked "For delivery only to person to whom addressed" with a return receipt requested, addressed to me as the sending officer; that the said return receipt signed by the Respondent was received and filed by me on April 23, 1945 and the said Respondent has to the date hereof failed to appear and answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint.

Dated this 8th day of June, 1945.



Register.

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CERTIFICATE

QUIDA HANDCOCK,

Complainant,

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

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

ROUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

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

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against the Respondent, Leon Handcock, on the ground that a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, together with a summons requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint within thirty days, was mailed to the Respondent by registered mail, marked "For delivery only to person to whom addressed", return receipt requested, that the return receipt was signed by the Respondent, returned to and filed by the Register of this Court on April 23, 1945 and that the said Respondent has to the date hereof, failed to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint.

J. B. Blackburn
Solicitor for Complainant.

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

QUIDA HANDCOCK,

Complainant,

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

Filed: June 8, 1945

[Signature]
Registrar

OIDA HANDCOCK,
COMPLAINANT,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
RESPONDENT

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

DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted for Final Decree upon the original Bill of Complaint, Register's Certificate as to service by registered mail, Motion for Decree Pro Confesso, Decree Pro Confesso and the Testimony as noted by the Register, upon consideration of all of which the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for by her in the said Bill of Complaint, Whereupon, It is Therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

1.

That the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant, Ouida Handcock, and the Respondent, Leon Handcock, be, and they are hereby dissolved and the said Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the grounds of abandonment.

2.

The Complainant and the Respondent be, and they are hereby each permitted to contract marriage but they shall not marry again except to each other until sixty days after this date and if an appeal is taken in this cause within sixty days they shall not marry except to each other during the pendency of the said appeal.

3.

The Complainant is hereby given and granted the permanent custody and control of the minor child, Bobby Leon Handcock.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED this 15th day of June, 1945.

F. W. Mare
JUDGE

I, Alice J. Duck, 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 _____, 1951

Register of Circuit Court
In Equity.

OUIDA HANDCOCK,
Complainant,
VS.
LEON HANDCOCK,
Respondent.

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

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

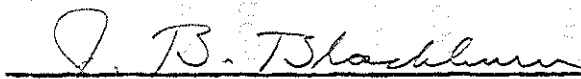
This cause is submitted on behalf of the Complainant upon the following:

1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Certificate of Register as to service by registered mail.
3. Motion for Decree Pro Confesso.
4. Decree Pro Confesso.
5. Oral Deposition of Ouida Handcock taken before Ora S. Nelson, as Commissioner.

Dated this 8th day of June, 1945.



Register.


Solicitor for Complainant.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

OUIDA HANDCOCK,

Complainant,

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

QUIDA HANDCOCK, Complainant

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK Respondent

I, Ora S. Nelson,
as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner
have called and caused to come before me Ouida Hancock

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 8th day of June
1945, at the office of J. B. Blackburn
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Ouida Hancock
doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF OUIDA HANDCOCK

I am over twenty-one years of age and am a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have resided continuously for more than one year preceding the filing of this suit. The Respondent, Leon Hancock, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose residence and post office address is Laurel, Mississippi. He is not in the military service.

I was lawfully married to the Respondent, Leon Hancock, in Bay Minette, Alabama, on October 28, 1942 and we lived together as man and wife until about March 12, 1944, when he voluntarily abandoned me without fault on my part.

There was born to me and the Respondent a child, namely, Bobby Leon Hancock, a boy now almost twenty months of age, who is now in my custody and who has always been in my custody and under my control. I am in all respects a fit and proper person to have the permanent custody and control of the said minor child, Bobby Leon Hancock.

Ouida Hancock

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Ora S. Nelson, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness—and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of myself and J. B. Blackburn at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness—or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness—; 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 2th day of June, 1945.

Ora S. Nelson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

OUTDA HANDCOCK,

vs. Complainant

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed June 8, 1945

[Signature], Register.

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Record

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OUIDA HANDCOCK,

Complainant,

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

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

DECREE PRO CONFESSO

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that a copy of the Bill of Complaint, together with a summons requiring the Respondent to appear in this Court and plead to, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed against him in this cause within thirty days, was mailed to the Respondent by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to person to whom addressed" with a return receipt requested addressed to the Register of this Court as sending officer, that the said registered article was delivered to the said Respondent who signed the said return card therefor, which was received and filed by the Register of this Court on the 23rd day of April, 1945, and that the Respondent has for more than thirty days failed to plead to, answer or demur to the said Bill of Complaint: IT IS THEREFORE, on motion of the Complainant, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be and it hereby is confessed against the said Leon Handcock, the Respondent aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court on this the 8th day of June, 1945.



Register.

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DECREE PRO CONFESSO

OUIDA HANDCOCK,

Complainant,

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

TO Ora S. Nelson

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 Ouida Hancock

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Ouida Hancock is

Complainant
and Leon Hancock is

Defendant,
on oath to be by you administered, upon Ouida Hancock

to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 8th day of June, 19 45

REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

OULD A HANDCOCK,

Complainant

VS.

LEON HANDCOCK,

Defendant

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

Ora S. Nelson

Witnesses: