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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

_____, Complainant
EVA MAE WATSON vs.

_____, Respondent
WILLIAM HENRY WATSON

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on _____ 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 _____ is forever divorced from the said EVA MAE WATSON for and on account of WILLIAM HENRY WATSON

ADULTERY.

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 _____ the _____, pay the cost of this suit to be taxed for which execution may issue.

RESPONDENT
This 7th day of January, 1946

Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.
F. W. Hare

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 _____, 193rd

~~December~~ March 48
Register of Circuit Court in Equity.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant.

Vs.

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

EVA MAE WATSON

Complainant

VS.

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree and Contest~~ on Answer and Waiver 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 EVA MAE WATSON

is forever divorced from the said WILLIAM HENRY WATSON

for and on account of ADULTERY

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 WILLIAM HENRY WATSON the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 7th day of January, 1946

J. M. Hare Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, ROBERT S. 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 December, 1945

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

RECORDS DEPT.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

DEPT. OF REVENUE

STATE OF ALABAMA

COMMISSIONER

1945

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

EVA MAE WATSON

vs. Complainant

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed this _____ day of

December, 1945

Register

The undersigned, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original decree as recorded in the records of the Circuit Court in and for Baldwin County, Alabama, on the _____ day of _____, 1945.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Baldwin, Alabama, this _____ day of _____, 1945.

Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Baldwin County, Alabama

Register of the Circuit Court in and for Baldwin County, Alabama

Register of Circuit Court in Baldwin

RECORDED 1945

EVA MAE WATSON
Complainant

vs

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON
Respondent

E Q U I T Y
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Comes WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complainant says he denies each and every allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony; of the time and place set for taking same and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf. He further agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.

Wm Henry Watson
Respondent

Before me, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, who is known to me to be the Respondent above named and who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the ^{eighteenth} ~~fifteenth~~ day of September, 1945.

Elliot G. Rice
Notary Public, Parish of New Orleans, La.
Baldwin County Ala

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OF SEPTEMBER, 1943.
WHEREAS SAID YOUNG AND COLLIERE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY SAID

AND WHEREAS SAID YOUNG AND COLLIERE ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF SAID
PROPERTY AND ARE HOLDING THE SAME AS TRUSTEES FOR SAID
PLAINTIFF AND ARE NOT PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF SAID TRUSTEES
AND ARE NOT ACCOUNTING TO SAID PLAINTIFF FOR THE SAME.

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EVA MAE WATSON,
Complainant,
vs
WILLIAM HENRY WATSON,
Respondent.

ANSWER AND WAIVER.

[Handwritten signature and date:]
Filed Jan 30 1943
[Signature]

WITNESSED BY THE COURT AND BY ME
AT THE COUNTY SEALS OF

1943

COUNTY SEALS OF
JAN 30 1943

EVA MAE WATSON
Complainant

vs

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON
Respondent

E Q U I T Y

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DEPOSITION OF OMER TROUT, WITNESS
FOR COMPLAINANT

Before me, the undersigned commissioner, acting by agreement of parties, personally appeared this day Omer Trout, who, being sworn, upon examination testified as follows:

OMER TROUT

I am well acquainted with William H. Watson who was, up to recently in the Coast Guard stationed in New Orleans. I have known him to be guilty of adultery during the past summer. I do not remember the exact dates but on one occasion in July last, as I recall, he and I with two girls went to a house of assignation in the City of New Orleans, where each couple went to separate rooms and stayed about an hour. I do not remember the exact date other than it was in the month of July, 1945. This was after he and his wife parted.

Omer Trout

I, Howard P. Wilson, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties hereby certify that in the case of EVA MAE WATSON vs WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, I caused OMER TROUT, witness for the Complainant, to appear before me in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on December 19, 1945, where, after being duly sworn, upon examination, he testified as is above written and his testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by him.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner this the 19th day of December, 1945.

Howard P. Wilson
Commissioner

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Trusty

Filed Dec 27, 1945
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TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA; IN EQUITY.

Comes EVA MAE WATSON, and by this her Bill of Complaint,
presented against WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over
the age of twenty-one years; that both are now and have been
for more than five years bona fide residents of Baldwin County,
Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant and Defendant were married at
Ridgeland, South Carolina on May twenty-fourth, 1945, while
he was in service and lived together approximately for
sixty days, since which time he has been in active service
in the United States Navy.

THIRD: That since July 26th, 1945, the Defendant has
been guilty of actions of adultery, but the times and places
of such actions are not definitely known to Complainant, but
same have been in no way condoned by her.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that WILLIAM
HENRY WATSON 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 said
WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, granting her the right to marry again
should she so desire, to resume her maiden name, and to have
such other, further or different relief as to equity may
seem meet.

Elliot S. Rindley
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, HENRY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, in and for the County of Henry, State of Mississippi.

JOHN HENRY WATSON, Plaintiff, vs. EVA MAE WATSON, Defendant.

That the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, is a single man, of legal age, and of sound mind and memory, and is the father of the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, who is a minor child of the Plaintiff.

That the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, is a minor child of the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, and is under the age of majority.

That the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, has provided for the maintenance and education of the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, since her birth.

That the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, has been habitually and notoriously disobedient and unruly, and has refused to obey the lawful commands of the Plaintiff.

That the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, has been unable to provide for the maintenance and education of the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, due to her disobedience and refusal to obey.

Therefore,

the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, prays that the Court will grant him custody of the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, and that she be committed to his care, custody, and control.

That the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, is a person of no character, and is a public nuisance, and her presence in the household of the Plaintiff is a source of shame and disgrace.

That the Plaintiff, JOHN HENRY WATSON, has been unable to provide for the maintenance and education of the Defendant, EVA MAE WATSON, due to her disobedience and refusal to obey.

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Elliott G. Rickaby
Solicitor

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON
vs.
EVA MAE WATSON DE.

BILL

RETURNED TO COMMISSIONER

Eva Mae Watson

vs.

William Henry Watson

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,

*insure and collect and testimony at
Complaint and over front of*

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

Robert
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Watson

vs.

Watson

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 27

day of Dec, 1945

[Signature]
Register.

EVA MAE WATSON
Complainant

VS

WILLIAM HENRY WATSON
Respondent

E Q U I T Y
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DEPOSITION OF EVA MAE WATSON, WITNESS
FOR COMPLAINANT.

Before me, the undersigned commissioner, acting by agreement of parties, personally appeared this day EVA MAE WATSON, who, being sworn, upon examination testified as follows:

EVA MAE WATSON

I am the Complainant in this cause. Both William Watson and I are over the age of twenty one years and he is a lifetime resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, though now stationed in New Orleans. We were married on May 24, 1945 but did not live together more than sixty days as he was then called into active military service. Since we have been parted I have learned that he has been guilty of adultery with some woman or women in the City of New Orleans, but the details of this I do not know of my personal knowledge; however, I have not condoned this in any way. I am now living in Savannah.

Eva Mae Watson

I, WALTER A. DEXTER, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties, hereby certify that in the case of EVA MAE WATSON vs WILLIAM HENRY WATSON, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, I caused EVA MAE WATSON, witness for the Complainant, to appear before me at my office in Savannah, Georgia, where, after being duly sworn, upon examination, testified as is above written and her testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by her.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner on this the 6th day of ~~September~~ ^{Oct.}, 1945.

Walter A. Dexter
Commissioner

Notary Public, Georgia State at Large.
My Commission Expires Aug. 18, 1948.





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Watson
V.S.

Watson

Lestary

Filed Oct 10 1945 -

Richard
Pugh