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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

7th

January

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

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.

Alice J. Duck

Witness my hand and seal this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193rd

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**The State of Alabama**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY**

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant.

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**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 Consent~~ 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



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 <sup>eighteenth</sup> ~~fifteenth~~ day of September, 1945.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT  
COURT HOUSE  
COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI

OF RESPONDENT'S LOVE,  
ADDRESS IN YOUR OWN CHARACTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE

SWORN AFFIDAVIT WITH AID OF WITNESSES OF THE COMPLAINANT,  
SHELE REEVE AND TWO SPOUSAL PARTNERS WITH THE COMPLAINT AND FURTHER  
AFFIDAVIT REVEAL THAT, AND IS KNOWN TO BE SO BY THE RESPONDENT  
BEFORE HE HAS APPEARED HEREIN, PERSONALLY ANSWERED

*William Henry Watson*

AND ANSWERS THE COMPLAINT, AND ANSWERS TO THE COMPLAINT AND ANSWERS TO THE COMPLAINT

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

ANSWER AND WAIVER.

*Filed Jan 20 1945*  
*R. D. [Signature]*

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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





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.

*Robert S. Rindley*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS, BEING THE PLACE WHERE SAID DEED WAS MADE.

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original instrument filed for record in my office on this 14th day of April, 1914.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of my office at Dallas, Texas, this 14th day of April, 1914.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.

My commission expires on the 14th day of April, 1915.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS, BEING THE PLACE WHERE SAID DEED WAS MADE.

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**WILLIAM HENRY WATSON**  
**vs.**  
**EVA MAE WATSON DE.**

**BILL**

That the undersigned, William Henry Watson, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original instrument filed for record in my office on this 14th day of April, 1914.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of my office at Dallas, Texas, this 14th day of April, 1914.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.

My commission expires on the 14th day of April, 1915.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.

*Elliott G. Rickaby*  
Solitor

*Eva Mae Watson*

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vs.

*William Henry Watson*

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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 return at  
Complaint and over front of*

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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

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*Robert*  
Register.

No. 11414

**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

*Shelton*

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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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