

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

ROSE LONDON

Complainant

VS.

WALTER LONDON

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso

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 ROSE LONDON

is forever divorced from the said WALTER LONDON

for and on account of

CRUELTY

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 Walter Landon  
the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1945

*J. 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

STATE OF ALABAMA

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

COURT OF EQUITY

ROSE LANDON

vs.

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Complainant

Respondent

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ROSE LANDON  
vs. Complainant

WALTER LANDON  
Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
October, 1945

Register

Register of Circuit Court in Baldwin

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of October 1945

Register of the Circuit

Jesse Clifton Jones, Jr. in Office

*Jesse Clifton Jones, Jr.*

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of October 1945

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ROSE LONDON

VS.

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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, \_\_\_\_\_

~~Commission to take Testimony, Oral Depositions of Rose Landon and W. E. Duckworth~~

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

Answer and Waiver

*For G. P. Cho. 12/1/64*

*R. Daniel* \_\_\_\_\_ Register.

No. 1420

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

ROSE LONDON

VS.

WALTER LONDON

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 6

day of October 1945

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
BALDWIN COUNTY. )

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA -- GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon Walter Landon, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising chancery jurisdiction within thirty days after the service of the summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a bill of complaint, lately exhibited by Rose Landon, against the said Walter Landon, and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty of the law. And we further command that you return this writ with your execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. Duck, Register of said Court, this the 31 day of October, 1945.

*R. S. Duck*  
Register

ROSE LANDON,  
Complainant  
vs.  
WALTER LANDON,  
Respondent

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

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

Your Complainant, Rose Landon, a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years, respectfully shows unto your Honor that on or about May 22, 1944, Complainant intermarried with said Walter Landon, at Milton, Florida, and they lived together as man and wife until about October 1, 1945, most of the time residing in Baldwin County, Alabama. Complainant has been a bona fide resident citizen of Alabama for one year next preceding the filing of this bill.

2. That from the Respondent's conduct there is reasonable apprehension of violence upon the person of the Complainant which puts her in constant fear of danger of her life or health, for on to wit: On October 1, 1945, the Respondent, while intoxicated, threatened to kill her with a large piece of stove wood.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Walter Landon party Respondent to this cause of action, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court;

That your Honor will order a reference to determine a reasonable amount of alimony to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant, pendente lite and permanent, and also a suitable attorney's fee to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant; your Complainant specifically requests that your Honor have the Respondent convey unto her the following described real estate, situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, to wit:

All of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Six (6) South, Range Four (4) East, EXCEPT, Two (2) acres in the Northeast corner of said tract of land.....

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Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof your Honor will grant unto her an absolute decree of divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different or general relief as she may be entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Rose Landon  
Complainant

For es/ H. W. A. / A.  
Forest A. Christian, Foley, Alabama  
Solicitor for Complainant

*Handwritten notes:*  
B. L. Landon  
L. J. Landon  
April 28 1908

*Handwritten notes:*  
M. J. Landon  
V. J.  
Complainant  
Respondent  
Bell of Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

ROSE LANDON

Complainant

VS.

WALTER LANDON

Respondent

I, Alica A. Christian  
as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner  
have called and caused to come before me Rose Landon and W. R. Duckworth

witness ~~es~~ named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 5th day of October  
1945, at the office of Forest A. Christian  
in Foley, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness ~~es~~ to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Rose Landon and  
W. R. Duckworth doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Rose Landon, I am 45 years of age. I married Walter Landon on May 22, 1944, and we lived together as man and wife until October 1, 1945. I have lived in Baldwin County since 1933. Last Monday, October 1, 1945, Walter came home intoxicated and raised a fuss and threatened to kill me with a stick of stove wood. A neighbor drove in and they saw Walter with a stick of stove wood and told him not to hit me. About three o'clock the next morning it was necessary to call the law because he was still threatening me and Mr. Duckworth, deputy sheriff, at Robertsdale, came and arrested him and took him to Bay Minette.

Rose Landon  
Rose Landon

My name is W. R. Duckworth. I am deputy sheriff at Robertsdale, Alabama. Last Monday night, about three A. M., I was called to the Landon home and arrested Walter Landon and took him to Bay Minette. He pleaded guilty to assault and battery.

WR Duckworth  
W. R. Duckworth

**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

I, Alica A. Christian, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition<sup>s</sup> on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Forest A. Christian at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom 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 5th day of October, 194 5.

Alica A. Christian (L.S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

ROSE LONDON  
vs.  
WALTER LONDON

Complainant  
Respondent.

**Oral Deposition**

Filed October 6, 194 5  
[Signature], Register.

Recorded in \_\_\_\_\_  
Record \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To Alica A. Christian

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 Rose Landon and W. R. Duckworth

as witnesses in behalf of Rose Landon in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Rose Landon

Complainant

and

Walter Landon

Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Rose Landon and W. R. Duckworth to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 12 day of October, 1945

*W. R. Duck*

Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1420

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Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

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Complainant

VS.

WALTER LANDON

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Alica A. Christian

WITNESSES:

Rose Landon and

W. R. Duckworth

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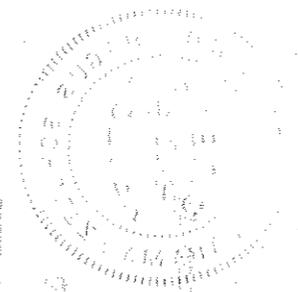
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ROSE LONDON,  
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vs.

WAITER LONDON,  
Respondent

*Judge*  
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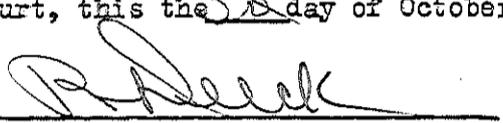
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