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LAVINIA GOSSETT,  
COMPLAINANT,

VS.

MANUEL GOSSETT,  
RESPONDENT.

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

This cause coming on to be heard is submitted for final decree upon the original bill of complaint, answer and waiver of the Respondent, and testimony of the Complainant. The Court, after understanding and considering the matter is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent be, and it is forever released and discharged from any and all obligations and duties arising from said marriage.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant pay the cost hereof for which execution may issue.

Dated at Monroeville, Monroe County, Alabama, on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1945.

J. W. Hare  
Judge

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DECREE

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And now comes the Respondent, MANUEL GOSSETT, in his own proper person and for answer to the Complainant's bill of complaint, says:

He admits that the Complainant is over eighteen years of age, and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that he is personally residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.

He admits the allegations as to the marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent at Bay Minette, Alabama, on March 10, 1945.

He admits that at the time of the attempted marriage between him and the Complainant, that he then had a living wife, Jessie Gossett, in Nicholsonville, Kentucky; that she is still his wife.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking testimony on behalf of the Complainant, the right to cross examine Complainant's witnesses, and agrees that this cause be submitted forthwith for final decree without notice.

*Manuel Gossett*

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
 BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, H. M. Hall., a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State hereby certify that Manuel Gossett, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 1st day of October, 1945.

*H. M. Hall*  
 Notary Public, Baldwin Co., Ala.

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ANSWER AND WAIVER.

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To Lillian Patterson

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 Lavinia Gossett

as witnesses in behalf of the Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Lavinia Gossett

Complainant  
and Manuel Gossett

Respondent  
on oath, to be by you administered, upon Lavinia Gossett  
to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 11 day of Oct, 1945

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Register

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

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

No. 127

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

VS. Complainant

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONER:**

**WITNESSES:**

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

LAVINIA GOSSETT

Complainant

VS.

MANUEL GOSSETT

Respondent

I, Lillian Patterson  
as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner Lillian Patterson  
have called and caused to come before me Lavinia Gossett

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 1st day of October  
1945, at the office of Beebe & Hall  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Lavinia Gossett  
doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lavinia Gossett. I am over 18 years of age and a bona fide resident  
of Baldwin County, Alabama.

The Respondent, Manuel Gossett, is over twenty-one years of age and at present  
residing in Baldwin County, Alabama. He formerly lived at Dayton, Tenn.

I met the Respondent at Bay Minette, Alabama, on March 1, 1945, and I had several  
dates with him, and we married at Bay Minette, Alabama, on March 10, 1945.  
Sometime after the marriage, about June, I learned that the Respondent had a  
living wife, Jessie Gossett, who then lived in Lexington, Kentucky. I immediately  
left the Respondent and have not lived with him since that time. The marriage  
between the Respondent and me was wholly void.

Lavinia Gossett

**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

I, Lillian Patterson, 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 H. M. Hall, 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 1st day of October, 1945.

Lillian Patterson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs. Complainant

Respondent.

**Oral Deposition**

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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Answer and Waiver of the Respondent and testimony of Lavinia Gossett.

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

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*R. DeLoach*

Register.

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Baldwin County

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 4

day of Oct, 1945

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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