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LAURA JOHNSON CHASTANG,
Complainant,

-vs-

CALVIN CHASTANG,
Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HON. THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA, AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THERE-OF, SITTING IN EQUITY:-

Comes your complainant Laura Johnson Chastang and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Calvin Chastang and for grounds thereof shows:-

(1). That both complainant and defendant are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing near Hurricane and have been such residents for more than three years next immediately preceding the filing of this complaint; that the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

(2). That your complainant and the defendant were married on heretofore to-wit: March 30th., 1925 and lived together as man and wife until to-wit: January 8th., 1927, when, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your complainant was compelled to leave the defendant and to cease to live with him as his wife.

(3). That shortly prior to the date of their separation January 8th., 1927, the defendant treated your complainant in a cruel and inhuman manner; that the defendant slapped her, hit her, cursed her, abused her and threatened to do her bodily harm; that the defendant committed actual violence on the person of your complainant, attended with danger to life or health; that the conduct of the defendant was such that your complainant had reason to apprehend the commission of actual violence on her person by the defendant attended with danger to life or health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that

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all necessary notices, orders, and decrees be issued to make the above named Calvin Chastang party defendant, requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur, within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this court and the statutes. That upon a final hearing hereof, your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your complainant and the above named defendant be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation should she so desire.

NORBORNE STONE,
Solicitor for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The defendant, Calvin Chastang, is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint from 1 to 3, both inclusive, but not under oath as oath is hereby expressly waived.

NORBORNE STONE,
Solicitor for Complainant.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

Calvin Chastang,

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

Laura Johnson Chastang,

against said

Calvin Chastang,

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 5th day of

May 1927.

T. W. Richerson Register.

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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SERVE ON _____

Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.

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Laura Johnson Chastang,

vs.

Calvin Chastang.

White House, Ark.

Norborne Stone.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this 5th

day of May, 1927

C. Juvin
Sheriff.

Executed this 3rd day of

June, 1927
by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Calvin Chastang
Defendant.

C. Juvin
Sheriff.

By *JNA*
Deputy Sheriff.

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The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 669
CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Laura Johnson Chastang, Complainant

vs.

Calvin Chastang, Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against
Calvin Chastang, Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant.....; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....ha.S... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 12th day of July 1927

W.C. Stone,
Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Laura Johnson Chastang

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Calvin Chastang,

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Laura Johnson Chastang

Complainant

vs.

Calvin Chastang,

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register

that a Summons requiring the Defendant Calvin Chastang,

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after the service of said Summons upon Calvin Chastang

was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 3rd day of June 1927

And the said Defendant having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date, it is now, therefore, on motion of W.C. Stone, Atty for Complainant,

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Calvin Chastang,

Defendant aforesaid.

This 11th day of July 1927

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Laura Johnson Chastang

Vs.

Calvin Chastang,

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued July 11th 1927

J. W. [Signature]

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8581 NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Laura Johnson Chastang

vs.

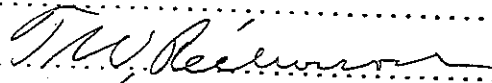
Calvin Chastang

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, personal service on Deft,
decree pro confesso and testimony of Laura Johnson Chastang and
Belle Johnson,

and in behalf of Defendant upon



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Laura Johnson Chastang

vs

Calvin Chastang,

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 12th

day of July 1927

J. W. Beaman

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8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE PTC CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No 669

Vacation

Term, 1927

Laura Johnson Chastang

, Complainant.

vs.

Calvin Chastang,

, Defendant.

To T. W. Richerson, Register :

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by N. C. Stone

Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

N. C. Stone,

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Laura Johnson Chastang

vs.

Calvin Chastang

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

FILED July 12th 1927

T.W. Richerson,
Register

Handwritten signature

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The State of Alabama, } Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
Baldwin County. (In Equity.)

Laura Johnson Chastang Complainant.

VS.

Calvin Chastang, Respondent.

I T.W. Richerson,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Laura Johnson Chastang, and Belle
Johnson,

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 12 day of July
1927, at the office of Register
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Witnesses,

doth depose and say as follows:

[Large area of the page is crossed out with two diagonal lines, covering the body of the deposition.]

LAURA JOHNSON CHASTANG, the complainant and a witness for complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

My name is Laura Johnson Chastang and I am the complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court-Equity Side, State of Alabama, Baldwin County, wherein my husband, Calvin Chastang, is the defendant. Both I and the said defendant were on May 5th., 1927, the date of the filing of the bill of complaint in said cause, bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing near Hurricane and had been such residents for more than three years next immediately preceding the filing of the complaint; that on said date the defendant was over the age of 21 years.

I and the defendant were married on March 30th., 1925 and we lived together as man and wife until January 9th., 1927, when on account of the way he treated me I had to leave him and cease to live with him as his wife.

That shortly prior to the date of our separation the defendant treated me in a cruel and inhuman manner. Several times he slapped me, hit me, and he would curse and abuse me. He would slap me with his hand and he threatened on one occasion to kill me. This was the occasion for my leaving him. The defendant committed actual violence on my person attended with danger to life or health and his conduct was such that I had every reason to believe that he would commit actual violence on my person attended with danger to life or health. I have never lived with him since our separation.

Laura Johnson Chastang

BELLE JOHNSON, a witness for the complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

My name is Bell Johnson, I am 49 years of age and reside near Bromley, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am the mother of Laura Johnson Chastang, who is the complainant in this case. I know her husband, Calvin Chastang.

On May 5th., 1927, both Laura Johnson Chastang the complainant and Calvin Chastang, the defendant, were bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing near Hurricane and had been such for more than three years next immediately preceding said date and the defendant was over the age of 21 years. The complainant and the defendant were married in March 1925 and lived together as man and wife until sometime in January 1927. Since their separation in January, 1927, they have not lived together as man and wife. While they were living together and shortly just prior to my daughter leaving her husband, he treated her badly. When my daughter left him she came back home to me, she complained to me about her husband slapping her and threatening to kill her. He was present on one occasion shortly after this at my home when she accused him in my presence of striking her and threatening to kill her. He did not deny any of these charges and even admitted that he struck her. I know of no reason or excuse for treating her as he did.

Bell Johnson

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, T.W. Richerson, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition... on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness^{es} and read over to them and they signed the same in the presense of myself and Hon. W.C. Stone, Atty for Complainant, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof 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 12th day of July 1927

T.W. Richerson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Laura Johnson Chastang

vs. Complainant

Galvin Chastang.

Oral Deposition

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 669

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Laura Johnson Chastang,

Complainant.....

vs.

Calvin Chastang,

Defendant.....

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

Cruelty on the part of defendant ~~Calvin Chastang~~ Calvin Chastang
toward the complainant Laura Johnson Chastang,

It is further ordered, that the said Laura Johnson Chastang,
be, and he is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Johnson
Laura/Chastang
pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found,"
then execution for such costs may issue against the said Calvin Chastang

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Laura Johnson Chastang,
shall not again marry except to said Calvin Chastang,
until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except
to said Calvin Chastang, during the pendency of said appeal.

This 8th day of August 1927.

John D. Leigh
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, _____ Register of said Circuit Court of said County,
Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on
the _____ day of _____ 192____, in the cause of
_____ Complainant.....
vs.
_____ Defendant.....

as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the _____ day of _____ 192____

Register.

Mr

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY,
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Laura Johnson Chastang

Vs.

Calvin Chastang.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this *8th*

day of *August*, 192*7*

J. N. Beckman

Register.

E. O. M.

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Office of
EDWARD P. TOTTEN
LAWYER
FAIRHOPE*ALABAMA

May 26th, 1927.

Hon. T. W. Richerson,
register of Circuit Court,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear sir:-

Herewith I enclose you Notice of Taking Testimony Before register, in the matter of Jesse.H. Smith vs. Ella A. Smith, which, if found satisfactory by you, I wish you would kindly sign and have copy of same served upon Mr. Norborne Stone, Solicitor for respondent, and the original filed in your office. If it is necessary, please have Sheriff's office serve this Notice upon Mr. Stone, but if not necessary and it should be convenient for you to do so, kindly hand this to Mr. Stone or leave it with his clerk at his office at once.

I have tried, both personally and by correspondence, to arrange a date for hearing, with Mr. Stone, which would be satisfactory to both parties but have met with no success in such attempts. Will you be so kind as to acknowledge receipt of this letter by return of mail and advise of your action in the premises.

With all good wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
