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JESSE H. SMITH, Complainant,

-vs-

ELLA A. SMITH, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

In order to effect a settlement in the above cause as to counsel fees for respondent and alimony pendente lite and permanent it is agreed between the parties and their respective solicitors of record as follows: That there be paid to the solicitor of record for the respondent the sum of \$100.00 in full for counsel fees for respondent; that in full settlement for all alimony pendente lite and permenent there be decreed in favor of the respondent and as a part of the decree of divorce the sum of \$1500.00 to be paid by complainant to respondent in monthly installments of \$30.00 each month, first payment to be made thirty days after date of decree.

This settlement being intended to and upon the same being carried out shall be in full for all demands which respondent may now or hereafter have against complainant in connection with attorneys fees or alimonyl

WITNESS THE HANDS of the parties hereto this 2nd. day of June, 1927.

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Solicitor for Complainant.

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JESSE H. SMITH, Complainant,

-vs-

ELLA A. SMITH, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

AMENDMENT BY RESPONDENT AND CROSS COMPLAINANT TO HER ANSWER AND CROSS BILL AS FILED ON MAY 6th., 1927.

Comes Ella A. Smith, the respondent and cross complainant in this cause and by leave of the Court first had and obtained, amends her answer and cross bill by strking from the "Prayer for Process & Relief" the following viz:- "....that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will render and grant unto your cross complainant the divorce mensa et thoro from the said cross respondent..." and inserting in lieu of the stricken portion the following:-

"That upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will render and decree unto her an absolute divorce from the said cross respondent."

NORBORNE STONE Solicitor for respondent and cross respondent. Filed June 2, 1927.

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JESSE H. SMITH, Complainant,

-vs-

ELLA A. SMITH, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

ANSWER AND CROSS BILL:

Comes your respondent Ella A. Smith and files this her answer and cross bill in the above styled cause and shows unto your Honor and unto this court as follows:-

- (1). Answering the first paragraph of the bill of complaint your respondent admits the allegations thereof.
- (2). Answering the second paragraph of the bill of complaint your respondent admits the allegations thereof.
- (3). Answering the third paragraph of the bill of complaint your respondent says that she and the complainant were married on the 15th. day of September, 1908 at Indianapolis in the State of Indiana and ever since have been and now are lawful husband and wife.
- (4). Answering the fourth paragraph of bill of complaint your respondent denies each and every allegation thereof and demands strict proof of the same.
- (5). Answering the fifth paragraph of the bill of complaint your respondent denies the conclusions therein stated.

And now comes your respondent as cross complainant and files this her cross bill against the said Jesse H. Smith, complainant and cross respondent and shows unto the court as follows:-

- (a). That your cross complainant adopts and makes a part of this her cross bill all matters set forth in her answer hereinabove made.
- (b). That since to-wit: the month of March, 1927, your cross complainant and the cross respondent have not lived to-gether as man and wife, your cross complainant being compelled to live

separate and apart from the cross respondent on account of the matters and facts hereinafter alleged.

- (c). That for sometime prior to the time of their separation the said Jesse H. Smith, the cross respondent, treated your cross complainant in a cruel and inhuman manner; that his conduct was such that your cross complainant had reason to apprehend and did apprehend the commission of actual violence on her person by the said Jesse H. Smith, attended with danger to life or health of your cross complainant; that the said Jesse H. Smith on numerous occasions threatened to do her bodily harm, attempted at different times to strike her and threatened her in other ways.
- (d). That the said cross respondent is an able bodied man in good health, a skilled cabinet maker and is able to, has and does earn a substantial salary and is possessed of properties to the extent of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or more; that your cross complainant has no means of livelihood and is without any income.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

that there be issued or caused to be issued all such notices and summons to the said Jesse H. Smith, necessary to make him cross respondent in this cause and requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to this cross bill within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the rules and practices of this court; that a reference be ordered held by the Register of this court to ascertain and fix a reasonable amount to be paid to your cross complainant as alimony pendente lite and permanent, and as counsel fees to your cross complainant in this cause; that your Honor will decree unto your cross complainant a suitable amount to be paid her by the cross respondent as such alimony pendente lite and counsel fees; that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will render and grant unto your cross complainant a divorce

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mensa et thore from the said cross respondent and will further grant and decree unto your cross complainant suitable amount to be paid to her by the said Jesse H. Smith as permanent alimony.

And, as in duty bound, your cross complainant will ever pray, etc.

NORBORNE STONE Solicitor for Cross Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The cross respondent, Jesse H. Smith, is required to answer each and everay paragraph of the foregoing cross bill from "a' to d," but answer under oath is hereby expressly waived.

NORBORNE STONE, Solicitor for Cross Complainant.

ELLA A. SMITH, the respondent and zross complainant and a witness for respondent and cross complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

That both she and Jesse H. Smith, the complainant and cross respondent in this cause are over the age of 21 years; both are bona fide residents of Fairhope in Baldwin County, Alabama and had been such for over two years immediately next preceding April 4th., 1927. That Ella A. Smith and Jesse H. Smith were married on October 15th., 1908 and they lived to-gether as man and wife until during the month of March, 1927 and I was compelled to live separate and apart from Jesse H. Smith, my said husband, on account of his cruelty towards me.

The said Jesse H. Smith treated me in a cruel and inhuman manner; he is a man of ungovernable temper and would often go into a rage and his conduct was such that I had feason to apprehend and did apprehend the commission of actual violence on my person by the said Hesse H. Smith attended with danger to life or health; on other occasions he attempted to strike me.

I have given the said Jesse H. Smith no just cause or legal excuse to treat me as he did.

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HAZEL LOWELL, a witness for the respondent and cross complainant being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

County, Alabama where I have lived continusously for the past 11 years. I am over 21 years of age and am a niece of Ella A. Smith, the respondent and cross complainant in this case. I know that both Ella A. Smith and her husband Jesse H. Smith are over 21 years of age and were over this age on April 4th., 1927; that on April 4th., 1927 thay were both bona fide residents of Baldwin County, residing at immediately preceding said date; they were married many years ago and lived to-gether as man and wife up until a few months ago, sometime in March I believe it was, when they separated. I know that Jesse H. Smith has treated Ella A. Smith in a cruel and inhuman threatened to do that she has every reason and had every reason to apprehend the commission of actuab violence on her person attended one of her relatives were compelled to go there and stay with her ions. During the month of March they each began to occupy separate cottages on their properties and this condition has continued since that time.

I know of no reason that he had for treating his wife as he

Hegel Lowell

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN IN CIRCUIT COURT
IN EQUITY

Jesse H. Smith, Complainant,

vs. Bill of Complaint for Divorce. Ella A. Smith, Respondent,

To the Honorable John J. Leigh, Judge of the said Circuit Court:

Your Orator, Jesse H. Smith, respectfully shows into your Honor as follows:

First

That he is a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty one years, and has been a bona fide resident of this state and county for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill, residing at the town of Fairhope therein;

Second

That the Respondent, Ella A. Smith, is over the age of twenty one years and resides at the said town of Fairhope, in such county and state;

Third

That the Complainant and the Respondent intermarried on or about the fifteenth day of October, 1908, at Indianapadis, in the state of Indiana, and ever since have been and now are lawful husband and wife;

Fourth

That, at the time of entering into such relationship, the said mespondent, Ella A. Smith, was physically

***************** and incurably incapacitated from entering
into the marriage state, which condition was well known
to the mespondent, and that such incapacity exists at the
date of the filing of this Bill;

Fifth

That such incapacity is, under the provisions of Section 7407 of the Alabama Code of 1903, a ground for absolute divorce;

The premises considered, your Orator respectfully prays that the said Ella A. Smith be made party Respondent to this Bill of Complaint, by the usual process of this Honorable Court, and that she be required to demur, plead to or answer the same within the time and under the penalties as provided by law, or that the same be forever confessed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, your Orator prays that, upon the final hearing of this cause, the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore subsisting between himself and Ella A. Smith be wholly dissolved and that he be granted by this Honorable Court an absolute divorce therefrom; and that your orator may have such other and further relief as to the Court shall seem equitable and just in the premises.

Fairhope, Baldwin county, Alabama, this 31st day of March, 1927.

Solicitor for Complainant Fairhope, Alabama.

The Respondent above named is required to answer every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill, paragraphs first to fifth inclusive, but not under oath; answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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No. 672

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, (X) BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Larah Flowers,

Rena Flowers,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

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day of Cougust, 1927

The Register,

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SARAH FLOWERS, Complainant,

-vs-

RENA FLOWERS, Respondent. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HON. THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE, STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING INEQUITY:-

Comes your complainant, Sarah Flowers and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against the respondent Rena Flowers and shows:-

- (1). That both your complainant and the respondent are over the age of 21 years, are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama where they have resided for more than two years next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint.
- (2). That your complainant and the respondent were married about 18 years ago and lived to-gether as husband and wife until about two months ago, when, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your complainant was compelled to live separate and apart from the respondent.
- (3). That the respondent, about two months ago, committed adultery with one Essie Faulk; that the acts of adultery were committed in Baldwin County, Alabama; that said adulterous relations between the respondent and the said Essee Faulk were without the knowledge, agency, connivance or consent of your complainant and she has never condoned the same.
- (4). There were born to your complainant and the said respondent by said marriage six children, viz: Leonard, a son, 16 years of age, Lecy, a daughter, 13 years of age, Myrtle, a daughter of years of age, Samuel, a son, 7 years of age, Jack, a son, 4 years of age and Ruby, a daughter, 2 years of age.; that all of said children reside with and are in the custody and under the control of your complainant who is a fit and proper person to have the

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custody and control of them; that the said respondent is not a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said children.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

THE FREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that all necessary notices, orders and decrees be made, entered and issued necessary to make the said Rena Flowers party defendant hereto requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this court; that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your complainant and the defendant be forever dissolved; that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation should she so desire; that your honor will further render, adjudge and decree that your complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of such children and that the same be awarded to her. And, as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc.

NORBORNE STONE, Solicitor for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE: -

The respondent, Rana Flowers, is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing complaint from 1 to 4, both inclusive, but not under oath as oath is hereby expressly waived

NORBORNE STONE, Solicitor for Complainant.

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SARAH FLOWERS, the complainant and a witness for complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

My name is Sarah Flowers and I am the complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Cirquit Court Equity Side, of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein my husband Rena Flowers is the respondent. Both I and the respondent were on June 4th., 1927 over the age of 21 years and were bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, where we had resides for more than three years next immediately preceding said date; that I and the respondent were married about months before I filed this suit for divorce. On account of my months before I filed this suit for divorce. On account of my months before I filed my suit for divorce and we have never lived to gether as man and wife since that time. For several months before I filed my built for divorce my husband was continually with Essie Faulk. On several occasions he would spend the night down at her my husband under very compromising circumstances with this Essie Faulk. I have seen him at night go out with her and just the two brother.

I was present in the Mayor's Court of the Town of Bay Minette about two months before I filed my suit for divorce when they tried the respondent Rena Flowers in the court for living in adultery with Issie Faulk. The witnesses who testified against him gave their testimony before him in open court and he made no denial. He was convicted at this trial for living in adultery. Since said date I have not lived with him as his wife. The living in out my knowledge, agency, connivance or consent and I have never forgiven the same.

There were born to me and the respondent by our marriage six children: Leonard, Lecy, Myrtle, Samuel, Jack and Ruby; that all of said children were living with me and were in my custody and under my control at the time I filed my bill for divorce but recently I have let the respondent have all of them except Ruby him at this time.

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EDWARD FAULK, a witness for complainant, being duly sworn, tes-

My name is Edward Faulk and I am over 21 years old and live at Bay Minette, Alabama. I am the brother of Sarah Flowers the complainant in this case and I am the husband of Essie Faulk, and her husband, Rana Flowers were both over 21 years and bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, where they had resided for more than three years next immediately preceding said date; that

they were married about 18 years ago and lived to-gether as husband and wife until about two months prior to said date. About two months prior to June 2nd., 1927 the said Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk, my wife, committed acts of adultery on mumerous occasions when I had seen them under suspicious circumstances. I had found him at my house at all times of the day and night and I had seen them to-gether at different places. On this date about two months prior to June 2nd., 1927, I found Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk in the act of sexual intercourse at my home in Bay Minette. This was about 12 o'clock at night. I went and got the officers and they were both arrested. The next morning they were both tried and convicted in the Hayor's Court of Bay Minette, Alabama. All of these illicit acts between Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk were committed in Baldwin County, Alabama. I have not lived with my wife since that time.

Edward Frank

I, T.W.Richerson, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify
that the foregoing depositionon Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words
of the witness es and read over to themand theysigned the same in the presense of
myself Hon. M.C. Stone, Atty for Complainant.
at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said
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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 Ccurt.
Given under my hand and seal, this 25th day of July, 1927. (L. S.)
J. W. Otulumon (L. S.)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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Respondent.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

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No. 672 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Solicitor.

Rena Flowers. Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Rena Flowers 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 18th day of July

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