

The State of Alabama Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Dock Johnson Complainant

VS.

Isabelle Johnson Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree and Confession~~

Answer 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

Dock Johnson is forever divorced from the said

Isabelle Johnson

for and on account of

Abandonment

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 Dock Johnson be, and he hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Dock Johnson the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 21 st day of February, 1934.

F. W. Hare Judge Circuit Court, in Equity

I, Register of the Circuit Court of 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, 193.

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

The State of Alabama, { Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.  
Baldwin County.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama--GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon ISABELLE JOHNSON

ADDRESS -- STOCKTON, ALABAMA.

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 DOCK JOHNSON

against said ISABELLE JOHNSON

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, M. A. Stone, Register of said Circuit Court, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1934

M. A. Stone Register

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



The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To WILLIAM ATKIN

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 DOCK JOHNSON, LEE DAVIS & ROBERT WILLIAMS

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

DOCK JOHNSON

Complainant

and

ISABELLE JOHNSON

Defendant,

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

Witness 9th day of February 19 34

*M. A. Stone*

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$

WITNESS' FEES, \$

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County }

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Equity.

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Dock Johnson-----

Complainant-----

vs.

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Isabelle Johnson-----

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Defendant-----

The Complainant, Dock Johnson,

requests the oral examination of the following named witnesses, on behalf of the

Complainant

viz:

Dock Johnson, Lee Davis and Robert Williams

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said witnesses reside in the County of Baldwin County

State of Alabama.

William Aikin

----- who resides at

Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama,-----

----- or, The Register of this Court is suggested as a suitable person  
to be appointed Commissioner to take the deposition of said witness on such oral examination.

*W. I. Smith*

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Solicitor for Complainant-----



Dock-Johnson,  
Complainant,

vs

Isabelle Martin Johnson,  
Respondent.

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

ANSWER OF RESPONDENT.

Now comes the respondent in the above entitled cause,  
and for answer to the bill of complaint therein filed, denies  
each and every allegation of said bill of complaint, and  
demands strict and legal proof thereof.

The respondent waives all notice of the taking of  
testimony in said cause and of the submission of said cause.

WITNESSES:

Ed Moore.  
Robert Williams

Isabell Johnson.  
Respondent.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Dock Johnson

VS

Isabelle Johnson

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 19th

day of February 1934

*M. A. Stone*  
Register

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W. A. Stone  
Register

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IN EQUITY -- -- **RECORDED**  
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DOCK JOHNSON,  
COMPLAINANT

VS.

ISABELLE JOHNSON  
RESPONDENT

SUMMONS & COMPLAINT

Filed on this the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of January, 1934.

*H. E. Smith*  
Register, *act.*

H. E. SMITH, SOLICITOR FOR  
COMPLAINANT

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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County, Alabama

IN EQUITY

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Dock Johnson

Complainant

vs.

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Isabelle Johnson

Defendant

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

*OTL 9th*  
Filed *Feb 9th* 1933

*W. D. Stone*  
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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT

DOCK JOHNSON

vs. Complainant

ISABELLE JOHNSON

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WILLIAM AITIN

WITNESSES:

DOCK JOHNSON, IFF DAVIS

ROBERT WILLIAMS

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SERVE ON ISABELLE JOHNSON

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
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ISABELLE JOHNSON

H. F. SMITH

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this 5th

day of July 1934

W. R. Stewart

SHERIFF

Executed this 5th day of

July 1934

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Isabelle Johnson

Defendant

W. R. Stewart

Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Dock Johnson Complainant

VS.

Isabelle Johnson Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed - Feb. 22, 1954  
J. D. Stewart  
Permanently

Dock Johnson, )  
Complainant, )  
vs )  
Isabelle Johnson, )  
Respondent. )

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

Testimony of the witnesses, Dock Johnson, Lee Davis and Robert Williams, on behalf of the complainant, taken before the commissioner, William Aikin, at the time and place and as specified in the attached certificate.

Present: H. E. Smith, Solicitor for Complainant.

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TESTIMONY OF DOCK JOHNSON, THE COMPLAINANT.

Dock Johnson, the complainant, having been first duly sworn, testified, as a witness in his own behalf, in substance as follows:

My name is Dock Johnson. I am the complainant in this cause for divorce against my wife, Isabelle Johnson. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and have been a bona-fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than three years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause. In fact, I have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, all of my life. I was over the age of twenty-one years at the time of filing my said bill of complaint. The respondent, Isabelle Johnson, is now and was at the time of filing the bill of complaint in this cause over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, having so resided all of her life.

I and the said Isabelle Johnson were married to each other on the first day of February, 1925, at Tensaw in Baldwin County, Alabama, by a minister of the gospel, and we lived together as man and wife until March 7, 1931.

On said date of March 7, 1931, she left me and my home, telling me that she was in love with another man and that she was going to live with him, and did not care any more about me anyhow. I tried to keep her, but she would not listen to me and went anyway. I did not do anything to cause her to leave me, as I gave her all that I made and treated her good in every way, so that the abandonment was without fault on my part, was against my wishes and without my consent. I always acted toward her as a dutiful husband should. That said abandonment occurred more than two years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause. Since said date of March 7, 1931, I and the respondent have not lived together as man and wife or otherwise, but we have lived separate and apart from each other from said last date to the date of the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause.

Dock Johnson

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT WILLIAMS, WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT.

Robert Williams, having been first duly sworn as a witness for Dock Johnson, the complainant, testified in substance as follows:

My name is Robert Williams. I live at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, and have so resided all of my life. I am 58 years of age. I have known Dock Johnson, the complainant, all of his life. I also know Isabelle Johnson, the respondent, and have known her since several years before their marriage. I remember when they were married at Tensaw, Alabama, but do not know or remember the exact date, but know that it was eight or nine years ago. They came on down to Stockton to live not long after they were married, and they lived there until they separated early in 1931. I do not remember the exact date, but I do remember that it was the first part of the year 1931. They were living not far from me at the time of their separation.

I do not know the exact details of my own knowledge of their separation, but I do know that the respondent, Isabelle Johnson, was going with another man at the time, and left the complainant, Dock Johnson, to go live with the other man, and that she has been living with the other man since the separation.

Dock Johnson works in the swamp with Mr. Archie Mc Millan on his pullboat, being the engineer. He is a hard-working man and is sober, honest and industrious, and hardly ever misses any time from some kind of work when the pullboat is not running. I know that he treated Isabelle just as well as he could, and gave her all he made, and so do not think he was to blame for the separation.

I see both of them several times a week and have never seen or heard of them being or living together in any way.

Witness:

William H. Aikin

Robert Williams

TESTIMONY OF LEE DAVIS, WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT.

Lee Davis, having been first duly sworn as a witness for Dock Johnson, the complainant, testified in substance as follows:

My name is Lee Davis. I live at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, and have so resided all of my life. I am ~~six-~~<sup>ty</sup> years of age. I have known Dock Johnson, the complainant, all of his life. I also know Isabelle Johnson, the respondent, and have known her since several years before their marriage. I remember when they were married at Tensaw, but do not know or remember the exact date, but know that it was eight or nine years ago. They came on down to Stockton to live not long ~~xxx~~ after they were married, and lived here until they separated early in 1931. I do not remember the exact date but do remember that it was the first part of the year 1931. They were living not far from me at the time of their separation.

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Witness:  
William C. Airlie

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