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ETHEL PRESSLEY.

vs.

ALBERT PRESSLEY

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 8th  
day of 18th Feb 1937, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was  
sent to Albert Pressley

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom  
addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the  
10th day of Feb, 1937, such receipt was duly  
received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer  
or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered,  
adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all  
things taken as confessed against the said Albert Preesley.

Defendant

This the 11th day of March, 1937

*Register*

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ETHEL PRESSLEY,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
ALBERT PRESSLEY,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY. NO. 287.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, Ethel Pressley, who being first duly sworn, Complainant in the above styled cause, ~~and~~ states that she is informed and believes and states as a fact that the Respondent, Albert Pressley, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose address is unknown, after having made a diligent search and inquiry, and that Respondent, Albert Pressley, is over the age of twenty-one years.

Ethel Pressley.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 21st day of December, 1936.

Mary Lou Fortenberry  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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 Albert Pressley.

of Butler 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

Ethel Pressley.

against said Albert Pressley.

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, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 22. day of December. 1936

R. S. Duck Register

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

Ethel Pressley, Complainant  
vs  
Albert Pressley, Respondent

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

To The Honorable Francis W. Hare, Judge of the Twenty First Judicial  
Circuit of Alabama, which includes Baldwin County:

Humbly complaining, your Oratrix, Ethel Pressley, respectfully  
represents unto your Honor as follows:

1. That your Oratrix, Ethel Pressley and Albert Pressley were  
legally married near Bay Minette, Ala. in Baldwin County, Alabama,  
on to wit, June 4th, 1927 and lived together as husband and wife,  
until August 5th, 1929, when we separated; he <sup>(voluntarily)</sup> voluntarily abandoned  
me with out just cause or legal excuse and went down in the Florida  
to live and since said abandonment respondent has failed to resume  
marital relations with me and, also failed to contribute to my support  
for more than two years after he left me and caring all that time  
we were living separate and apart; your Oratrix is now living at  
Bay Minette, Ala; last heard of respondent was living in Pensacola  
Florida, but oratrix states he is a nonresident of the State of  
Alabama and she does not know respondent's present address.

2. That your Oratrix and respondent <sup>are</sup> over twenty one years ~~xxx~~ of age  
That your Oratrix is a resident of Baldwin, Alabama and has  
been so for more than three years before the filing of the Bill in

This cause.  
Wherefore, the premises considered, your Oratrix, the Ethel Pressley,  
Prays that a subpoena be issued and directed to the said Albert  
Pressley, respondent aforesaid in this cause; that he be brought into  
This Honorable Court and be directed to answer the charges herein made  
Against him under the rules of this Honorable Court; that he may be made  
a party defendant to the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause and  
that upon a final hearing of the evidence offered in this cause, your  
Honor, will order, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony -  
heretofore existing between your Oratrix and respondent, the said  
Albert Pressley, be forever dissolved and that your Honor will, Also,  
Order, adjudge and decree that your Oratrix be permitted to marry  
again and that she be granted such other and further relief as may  
in equity and good conscience may seem meet and proper to your  
Honor.

And Your Oratrix will ever pray etc

*S. Jenkins*

Solicitor for the Complainant

Foot Note:

The respondent is required to answer each and every paragraph of  
The foregoing Bill of Complaint from item 1 to 2 inclusive, but his  
answer under oath is hereby expressly waived

*S. Jenkins*

Solicitor for the Complainant

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

ETHEL PRESSLEY, Complainant

vs.

ALBERT PRESSLEY, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Service by registered mail 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 ETHEL PRESSLEY is forever divorced from the said

ALBERT PRESSLEY

for and on account of abandonment.

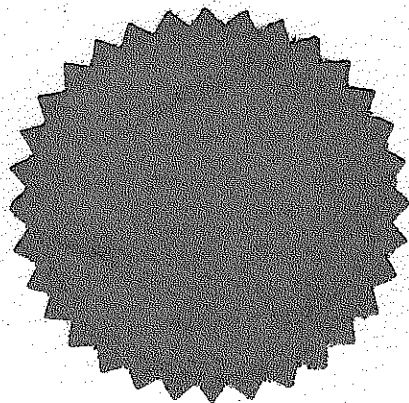
It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that ETHEL PRESSLEY, be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 11th day of March, 1937, J. H. Hare Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R. S. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court for 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 11th day

of March, 1937.

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

ETHEL PRESSLEY,

vs. Complainant.

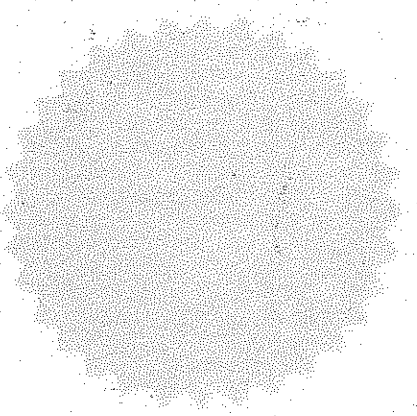
ALBERT PRESSLEY,

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed on this the 15  
day of March, 1937.

*W. H. [Signature]*  
Register.



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R. S. Duck,

Register

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IN EQUITY

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Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SHERIFF

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 193\_\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff

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

*Wm. J. ...*  
*Wm. J. ...*

*Geo. J. ...*  
*Sherrick*



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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALA.

In Equity.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Ethel Pressley

VS.

Albert Pressley.

Decree Pro Confesso After  
Notice By Registered Mail.

Filed in office this 11th day of

March, 1937

*R. H. [Signature]* Register

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The State of Alabama }  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
(In Equity)

ETHEL PRESSLEY, COMPLAINANT

VS.

ALBERT PRESSLEY, RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Ethel Pressley and Nettie Overstreet,  
and Henry Payne

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 10th day of March,  
1937, at the office of R. S. Duck, Register in Chancery  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Ethel Pressley and  
Nettie Overstreet and Henry Payne both depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF NETTIE OVERSTREET.

My name is ~~Ethel~~ Nettie Overstreet. I live at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama. I know that Ethel Pressley and Albert Pressley were married June 4, 1927 and they lived together as husband and wife until August 5, 1929, when they separated and they have not lived together since. Albert Pressley voluntarily abandoned her without just cause or legal excuse and went down into Florida to live and since said abandonment said Albert Pressley has failed to resume marital relations with the said Ethel Pressley and also failed to contribute to her support. This has been more than two years before the filing of this bill in this cause. Ethel Pressley resides in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama and for more than three years before filing the bill in this cause she has been a resident citizen of Baldwin County, in fact, living there all her life and she is now thirty-three years of age. Albert Pressley, when last heard of, was living at Pensacola, Florida.

Nettie Overstreet

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. S. Duck, 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 presence of myself and Mary Lou Fortenberry 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 10th day of March, 1937.

R. S. Duck (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

EMHEL PRESSLEY,

Complainant,

COMPLAINANT

vs.

ALBERT PRESSLEY,

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

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TESTIMONY OF ETHEL PRESSLEY.

My name is Ethel Pressley. Albert Pressley and I were married near Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on June 4, 1927 and we lived together as husband and wife until August 5, 1929 when we separated. Albert Pressley voluntarily abandoned me without just cause or legal excuse and went down into to Florida and ~~said~~ the said abandonment, the said respondent, Albert Pressley has failed to resume marital relations with me and he has also failed to contribute to my support for more than two years before the filing of the bill in this cause; that he has not contributed to my support since he abandoned me on August 5, 1929. I am now living at Bay Minette, Alabama and have been a resident citizen of Baldwin County for more than three years before filing the bill in this cause, in fact I have been residing in Baldwin County all of my life and am now ~~thirty~~-three years of age. Albert Pressley, when last heard of, was living in Pensacola, Florida.

Ethel Pressley.

TESTIMONY OF HENRY PAYNE.

My name is Henry Payne. I live at Bay Minette, Alabama and have lived here all of my life. I know Ethel Pressley and I know Albert Pressley and I know when they were married, to-wit, on June 4, 1927 and they lived together as husband and wife until August 5, 1929 when they separated. Albert Pressley voluntarily abandoned Ethel Pressley without just cause or legal excuse and went down into Florida to live. Since said abandonment he has failed to resume marital relations with her and also failed to contribute to her support and this has been more than two years prior to the filing of this bill in this cause. Ethel Pressley is now living in Bay Minette, Alabama, residing there more than three years prior to the filing of this bill; in fact, she has been a resident of Baldwin County all of her life. Respondent, Albert Pressley, when last heard of, was living in Pensacola, Florida.

Henry Payne.

BAY MINETTE, ALA

March 10, 1937

M R. S. Duck, Register

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Complainant,

vs.

ALBERT PRESSLEY,

Respondent.

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
Service by  
Summons by registered mail, Decree Pro Confesso on/Registered  
Mail, Testimony of Ethel Pressley, Nettie Overstreet and Henry  
Payne, and Request for Decree in Vacation.

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

*Q. S. Duck*

Register.



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**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**IN EQUITY**  
**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

VS.

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 11<sup>th</sup>

day of March, 1937

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Baldwin County.

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

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 Declared value, \$ Non-Receiptable Papers (Date)  
 From R.D. Smith - Registrar v. Clerk (Sender)  
 Addressed to Bay Mills (Post office and State)  
Arthur Albert (Residing) (Addressee)



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R. S. DUCK

Register and Clerk of the  
Circuit Court, Baldwin County  
BAY MINETTE, ALA.

This Respondent Albert Pressley may live with his sister,  
Mrs Annie Turner Who Lives on Route 3 Near C S Brays.  
Greenville Ala.

if Not There Please  
try to get address -

Don Pressley  
Emerghen Ala.

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Parties named above  
know nothing of Albert Pressley  
Mrs. Turner has no brother by  
this name & C. J. Ray says she  
doesn't know him  
yours sincerely truly  
R. S. Duck