

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Richard L. Dacus

Complainant

VS.

Ernestine M. Dacus

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on Answer and Waiver 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 Richard L. Dacus is forever divorced from the said Ernestine M. Dacus

for and on account of Adultery committed by said Ernestine M. Dacus.

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 the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

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

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1946.

J. M. Stare  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Register of the Circuit Court of 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

No. 1774 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Dacus

vs. Complainant

Dacus

Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_

Register

Richard L. Dacus  
Complainant

vs

Ernestine M. Dacus  
Respondent

Circuit Court

Baldwin County

Alabama

In Equity

To the Honorable F. W. Hare, Judge of said Court, sitting in Equity:

Comes Richard L. Dacus, Complainant, and respectfully exhibits unto Your Honor this, His Bill of Complaint against Ernestine M. Dacus and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: Complainant, who is 21 years of age, and Respondent, who is past 18 years of age, intermarried on February 8th 1946 at Bay Minette, Alabama, and both parties have been residents of Fairhope, Alabama, ever since.

Second: Subsequent to the date of said marriage and prior to September 15th 1946, Respondent committed adultery with one "John Doe" said name being fictitious in as much as Complainant cannot ascertain the true and correct name of said man.

The premises considered, Complainant prays Your Honor that appropriate legal process be issued making said Ernestine M. Dacus party Defendant to the within cause, compelling her to plead, demur or answer the within Bill of Complaint within the time prescribed by law and compelling her to abide and obey all orders and decrees made in the premises.

Further, Complainant prays, upon a hearing of the within cause, that a decree be granted divorcing Complainant forever from said Ernestine M. Dacus and granting him such other, further and different relief as to Your Honor may appear meet and proper in the premises.

  
Solicitor for Complainant.

Bill of Complaint

Dacus  
vs.  
Dacus

Filed

11-27-46

Alice French  
Reg.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Richard L. Dacus  
Complainant

vs

Ernestine M. Dacus  
Respondent

Circuit Court  
Baldwin County  
Alabama  
In Equity.

Comes Ernestine M. Dacus, Respondent in the above titled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein, says that she denies each and every allegation therein contained excepting such as apply to dates, ages, residence and the existence of said marriage which are admitted.

Further, Respondent, hereby waives the right to demand for oral examination, the right to cross examine Complainants' witnesses or to introduce evidence in her own behalf and agrees that this cause may be submitted for a final decree at any time without further notice to her upon the Complainants' pleadings and evidence as noted by the Register.

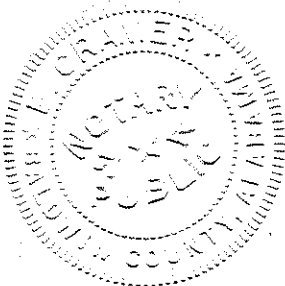
*Ernestine M. Dacus*

State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

Before me, E. Cramer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally came Ernestine M. Dacus, Respondent in the above titled action, and she acknowledged that she executed the foregoing answer and waiver voluntarily with full knowledge of the contents thereof, said Ernestine M. Dacus being known to me.

Given under my hand and official seal this 25th day of November, 1946.

*E. Cramer*



Richard L. Dacus

vs.

Ernestine M. Dacus

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,

and Testimony of Complainant

and in behalf of Defendant upon

E. Clanner  
att'y for complainant

Alice J. Luck

Register.

No. 1274

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Richard L. Vacus

vs.

Ernestine M. Vacus

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 27<sup>th</sup>

day of November, 1946

Alice J. Ruck  
Register.

Printed By The Baldwin Times

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Richard L. Dacus

Complainant

VS.

Ernestine M. Dacus

Respondent

I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me

Richard L. Dacus

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25 day of November  
1946, at the office of E. A. Cramer, attorney at law,  
in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Richard L. Dacus  
doth depose and say as follows:

I am 21 years of age and Ernestine is 18 last birthday. We were married February 8th 1946 in Bay Minette, Alabama, while I was still in the Army. We have both lived in Fairhope, Alabama, since each of our births. I left to go back to my station after we were married and did not get home again until September, 1946. When I got home, I found that she was pregnant about two months and she admitted to me that she had been having sexual relations with another man. I left immediately and had to return to my post and was unable to do anything about this at that time. Now, I have just returned from the service and would like to get a divorce. She knows that she has no right to demand anything of me and I have had nothing to do with her since I discovered her condition and since her admission concerning this other man.

*Richard L. Dacus*



ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Frances G. Crawford, 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 ———— and ———— signed the same in the presence of myself ————

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 25th day of November, 1946.

Frances G. Crawford (L. S.)

NO. 4774 PAGE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Placene

vs. Complainant

Placene

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed 11-27, 1946

Alfred M. Smith, Register.  
Recorded in

Record

Vol. \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Register.