

TO THE HON. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Comes your complainant, Prince Gray, and humbly complaining against the defendant, Ruby Neal Gray, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST:

That your complainant and the defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years and that your complainant is a resident of the Town of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than three years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint. That the defendant resides at 602 West Jackson Street, Pensacola, Florida.

SECOND:

That your complainant and the defendant were married in the year 1921 in Bay Minette, Alabama, and lived together as husband and wife until in the year 1928; that during the year 1928 the defendant voluntarily and without just cause abandoned the bed and board of the complainant, and has continuously remained away voluntarily since that time.

WHEREFORE, your complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Ruby Neal Gray a party defendant to this bill of complaint, requiring her to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that your Honor will give and grant unto him a decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your complainant and the said defendant, Ruby Neal Gray; and complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as he may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive; and as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

*Beebe Hall & Beebe*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE: The defendant, Ruby Neal Gray, is required to answer

each and every allegation contained in the foregoing bill of complaint, paragraphs FIRST and SECOND inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

Beebe Hall & Beebe  
Solicitors for Complainant,

The State of Alabama }  
Baldwin County

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

PRINCE GRAY, COMPLAINANT

VS.

RUBY NEAL GRAY, RESPONDENT

I, R. S. Duck,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Prince Gray, Will Cox and Bob Graves,

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 19 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 Prince Gray, Will Cox and Bob Graves doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF PRINCE GRAY.

My name is Prince Gray. I am the Complainant in this case. I was married to Ruby Neal Gray in the year 1921 and we lived together as man and wife until sometime in 1928, when she voluntarily and without any just cause left me and has not returned to live with me since. She left of her own free will and accord without any fear or threats on my part and voluntarily stayed away from me ~~xxxx~~ from that time. I have at all times been able and willing to support her if she would return to me.

*Prince Gray*

TESTIMONY OF WILL COX.

My name is Will Cox. I have known Prince Gray and Ruby Neal Gray for about seventeen years. During the time they lived together I saw both of them practically every day. I do not remember the exact date that Ruby Neal Gray left Prince, but I do know that it was more than two years ago and I know that she left him of her own free will and accord. I know that Prince was good to her and did not run or off or threaten her in anyway so as to place her in fear of bodily harm. I also know that Prince would have been willing for her to return to live with him at any time she so desired. She is, at the present time, living at Pensacola, Florida.

*Will Cox*

**CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.  
IN EQUITY**

No. *289*

*Eric Gray*

PLAINTIFF

*Ruby Neal Gray*

DEFENDANT

BILL OF COSTS

FEES OF REGISTER		Dollars	Cents	Brought Forward	
Filing each bill and other papers	\$ 10	<del>80</del>		For Receiving, keeping and paying out or distributing money, etc.: 1st \$1,000, 1%, all over \$1,000, and not over \$5,000, 3-4 of 1%; all over \$5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000, 1-2 of 1%, all over \$10,000 1-4 of 1%.	
Issuing each subpoena	50			Receiving, keeping and paying out money paid into court, etc., 1-2 of 1% of amount received.	
Issuing each copy thereof	40			Each notice sent by mail to creditor	15
Entering each return thereof	15			Filing receipting for and docketing each claim, etc.	25
For each order of publication	1 00			For all entries on subpoena docket, etc.	50
Issuing Writ of injunction	1 50			For all entries on commission docket, etc.	50
For each copy thereof	50			Making final record. per 100 words	15
Entering each return thereof	15			Certified copy of decree	1 00
Issuing Writ of Attachment	1 00			Report of divorce to State Health Office (Acts 1915)	50
Entering each return thereof	15				
Docketing each case	1 00	1 00		<b>TOTAL FEES OF REGISTER</b>	
Entering each appearance	25				
Issuing each decree pro confesso on per ser.	1 00			<b>FEES OF SHERIFF</b>	
Issuing each decree pro confesso on publica	1 00	1 00		Serving and returning subpoena on deft.	50
Each order appointing guardian	1 00			Serving and returning subpoena for witness	65
Any other order by Register	50			Levying attachment	1 50
Issuing Commission to take testimony	50			Entering and returning same	25
Receiving and filing	10			Selling property attached	
Endorsing each package	10			Impaneling Jury	75
Entering order submitting cause	50			Executing Writ of possession	2 50
Entering any other order of court	25			Collecting execution for costs	1 50
Noting all testimony	50			Serving and returning sci. fa., each	65
Abstract of cause, etc.	1 00	50		Serving and returning notice	65
Entering each decree	75	75		Serving and returning writ of injunction	1 50
For every 100 words over 500	15			Serving and returning writ of exeat	1 50
Taking account, etc.	3 00			Taking and approving bonds, each	75
Taking testimony, etc	15			Collecting money on execution	
Each report, 500 words or less	2 50			Making Deed	2 50
For every 100 words over 500	15			Serving and returning application, etc.	1 00
Amount claimed less than \$500, etc	2 00			Serving attachment, contempt of court	1 50
Issuing each subpoena	25				
Witness certificate, each	25			<b>TOTAL FEES OF SHERIFF</b>	
Issuing execution, each	75				
Entering each return	15			<b>RECAPITULATION</b>	
Taking and approving bond, each	1 00			Register's Fees	7 00
Making copy of bill, etc	15			Sheriff's Fees	5 00
Each notice not otherwise provided for	50			Commissioner's Fees	
Each certificate or affidavit, with seal	50			Solicitor's Fees	
Each certificate or affidavit, no seal	25			Witness Fees	
Hearing and passing on application, etc.	3 00			Guardian Ad Litem	
Each settlement with Receiver, etc.	3 00			Printer's Fees	
Examining each voucher of Receiver, etc	10			Trial Tax	3 00
Examining each answer, etc.	3 00			Recording Decree in Probate Court	
Recording resignation, etc	75				
Entering each certificate to Supreme Court	50			<b>TOTAL</b>	15 06
Taking questions and answers, etc	25				
For all other ser relating to such proceedings	1 00				
For services in proceeding to relieve minors, etc., same fee as in similar cases.					
Commission on sales, etc: 1st \$100, 2 per cent; all over \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000, 1 1-2 per cent; all over \$1,000, and not exceeding \$20,000, 1 per ct; all over 20,000, 1-4 of 1 per cent.					
Sub Total Carried Forward					

DECREE OF DIVORCE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 289

Circuit Court, In Equity

PRINCE GRAY Complainant

RUBY NEAL GRAY 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, on account of voluntary abandonment.

It is further ordered that the said Prince Gray 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 Prince Gray 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 be issued against the said \_\_\_\_\_

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

This 20th day of March, 1937.

F. W. Hare  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin  
County.

I, Alice J. Duck, 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 21st day of July, 1949.

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity

PRINCE GRAY,  
Complainant,

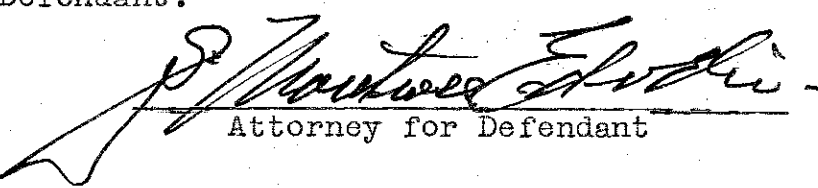
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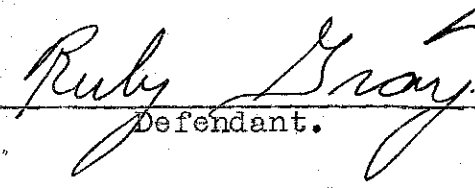
RUBY NEAL GRAY,  
Respondent.

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

) IN EQUITY.  
)

I appear for the Defendant.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Defendant

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

by Registered Mail

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

No. 289 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

in PRINCE GRAY, Complainant  
vs.

RUBY NEAL GRAY, Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register, R. S. Duck,  
that a summons requiring the Defendant, Ruby Neal Gray,

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 her  
was served upon her by Registered Mail,  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on the  
7th day of January, 1937.  
and Return Receipt filed January 9th, 1937;

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 Beebe, Hall & Beebe,  
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 Ruby Neal Gray

Defendant aforesaid.

This 25th day of February 1937.

R. S. Duck Register.

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, R. S. Duck, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s 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 John P. Beebe 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 19th day of March 19 37.

*R. S. Duck*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

*Frances Gray,*

COMPLAINANT

VS.

*Ruby Neal Gray,*

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed March 19, 1937

R. S. Duck, Register.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Register



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 RUBY NEAL GRAY,  
602 West Jackson Street,  
Pensacola, Florida

of \_\_\_\_\_ 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

FRINCH GRAY

against said RUBY NEAL GRAY

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 5th day of January 1937

R. S. Duck 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.

No. 289 Circuit Court, In Equity

PRINCE GRAY, Complainant

vs.

RUBY NEAL GRAY, 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,

on account of voluntary abandonment.

It is further ordered that the said Prince Gray 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 Prince Gray 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 be issued against the said

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Prince Gray shall not again marry except to said Ruby Neal Gray until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said Ruby Neal Gray during the said pendency of appeal

This 20th day of March 1937

*J. W. Hare*  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, R. S. Duck, 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 1937 in the cause of

Prince Gray, Complainant

vs.

Ruby Neal Gray, Defendant

as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the day of 1937

Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

PRINCE GRAY,

Complainant

-vs-

RUBY NEAL GRAY,

Respondent

DECREE OF DIVORCE

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Filed in office this 22 day of  
March, 1937.

R. S. Duck  
Register

Circuit Court, in Equity

Complainant

Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this term, was submitted upon the bill of complaint, decrees and confessions and the testimony as noted by the Register; and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of opinion that the complaint 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, on account of voluntary abandonment.

It is further ordered that the said Prince Gray 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 Prince Gray 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 be issued against the said

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

This 20th day of March, 1937.

F. W. Hare  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin  
County.

I, Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decrees rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decrees is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal on the 21st day of July, 1937.

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

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

PRINCE GRAY,  
Complainant,

VS

RUBY NEAL GRAY,  
Respondent.

APPEARANCE

*Filed February 1, 1937*  
*C. S. Smith, Register*

J. MONTROSE EDREHI,  
Attorney for Defendant.

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**The State of Alabama,**  
Baldwin County.

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

VS.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE *by*

*Registered Mail*

Issued *February 25, A* 19*37*.

*R. S. Wheeler,*  
Register.

Serve on Ruby Neal Gray

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY

No. 289

**S U M M O N S**

PRINCE GRAY,

*Complainant,*

VS.

RUBY NEAL GRAY,

*Respondent.*

BERBE, HALE & BERBE,  
Solicitor for Complainant

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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Defendant

Sheriff

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

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY  
Baldwin County, Ala.

Primer Gray,  
Complainant  
vs.

Ruby Neal Gray,  
Respondent

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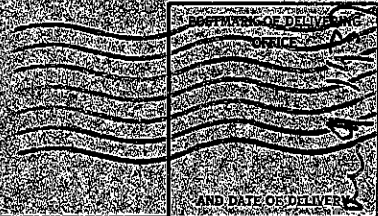
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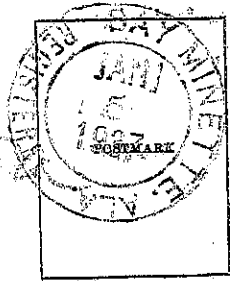
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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

No. 289 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

PRINCE GRAY, Complainant

vs.

RUBY NEAL GRAY, Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Ruby Neal Gray, Defendant

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

This 25th day of February, 1937.

Becke Hall Becke Solicitors

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PRINCE GRAY, Complainant, vs. RUBY NEAL GRAY, 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, Summons, Motion for Decree Pro Confesso, Decree Pro Confesso on Service by Registered Mail, Testimony of Prince Gray, Will Cox and Bob Graves, and Request for Decree in Vacation.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

R. S. Duck Register.

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

VS.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

By Register *l. J. Reid*

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*R. S. Duesel*  
Register.

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

VS.

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day of March 1937

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**The State of Alabama,**  
Baldwin County.  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

**REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION**

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