

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Julia Thompson Bell

Complainant

vs.

Noah Bell

Defendant

No. 124

Now comes the Complainant by Hon. F.S. Stone

Solicitor of Record, and makes application to the Register of said Court to issue a Commission to take the testimony in said cause, or oral examination, of the following named witness, who reside within the State of Alabama:

NAME OF WITNESS.

RESIDENCE OF WITNESS.

Julia Thompson Bell

Bay Minette, Ala.

Hattie Thompson

" "

Andrew Thompson

" "

And he suggests the name of The Register

who resides at as a suitable person to be appointed Commissioner to take the testimony of said witness

This 18th day of Dec 19 18.

Solicitor for

The Applicant for said Oral Examination is hereby required to give in writing days notice thereof, before the examination is taken, to the adverse party, or to Solicitor of Record, if either reside in this District, but if neither reside therein, the notice may be given by entry on the Order Book of the Clerk.

[Handwritten Signature]

Register.

No. 124

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

APPLICATION FOR ORAL  
EXAMINATION.

Julius B. Bell

vs.

John Bell

Filed in office this 19

day of Dec 19 8

J. W. [Signature]  
Register.



*Julia Thompson Bell*

vs.

*Noah Bell*

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, .....

*personal service - Testimony of complainant  
- Hattie Thompson and Andrew Thompson*

and in behalf of Defendant upon.....

*none*

*J. W. Rice*

Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

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vs.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

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T. W. Keenan .....

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 124 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Julia Thompson Bell Complainant

vs.

Noah Bell Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the evidence of complainant and witnesses

and 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

her 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 said

Julia Thompson Bell is forever divorced from the said

Noah Bell for and on account of

Voluntary Abandonment for more than 2 years

as alleged in said Bill of Complaint;

It is further ordered, that the said Julia Thompson Bell

be, and she 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 Julia Thompson Bell

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 issue against the said Julia Thompson Bell

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Julia Thompson Bell

shall not again marry except to said Noah Bell

until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Noah Bell during the pendency of said appeal.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1918

*Al. Gable*

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.



No. 124.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Julia Thompson Bell

vs.

Noah Bell

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

21<sup>st</sup>

day of

Dec

191<sup>8</sup>

*T. B. Richardson*  
Register.

E. O. M.

*Decree Recorded on  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Julia Thompson Bell Complainant vs.

Noah Bell, Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the following witnesses:

Julia Thompson Bell --- Hattie Thompson and Andrew Thompson

who reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 19th day of December, and there being present

Julia Thompson Bell Hattie Thompson and Andrew Thompson.

The said Witnesses being first sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

Julia Thompson Bell who testifies in her own behalf testifies as follows. My name is Julia Thompson Bell and I am the complainant in this case against Noah Bell for divorce for abandonment, both of us are over the age of twenty one years, and both of us residents of Baldwin County Alabama, where we have resided all our lives, I have been a continuous resident for all my life and Noah Bell returned to this county about two years ago. we were married during the year 1896 near Bay Minette Baldwin County Alabama and lived together as man and wife until 1904, then he voluntarily deserted and abandoned me and has never returned to me for the past 14 years. He stills absndons and voluntarily deserts me. He has not lived with me for 14 years.

Handwritten signature: julie thompson bell

Hattie Thompson being duly sworn testifies as follows My name is Hattie Thompson, I am the sister in law of Julia Bell Thompson



Bell, I know both her and Noah Bell, they are both over 21 years of age they were married in 1896 near Bay Minette and lived together as man and wife until 1904, he voluntarily deserted and abandoned her 14 years ago and has never since lived with her.

Both have resided in Baldwin County Alabama all their lives.

Attie Thompson

Andrew Thompson being duly sworn testifies as follows.

My name is Andrew Thompson and I am the brother of complainant Julia Thompson Bell, both she and Noah Bell are over 21 years of age and have resided in Baldwin County Alabama all their lives, they were married near Bay Minette Baldwin County Alabama in 1896 and lived together as man and wife until the year 1904 when Noah Bell voluntarily deserted and abandoned Julia Thompson Bell and has never returned to live with her in the past 14 years.

Andrew Thompson



THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
IN COUNTY  
IN CIRCUIT COURT IN COUNTY

I, J. Wilkinson, as

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition..... on oral examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of the said witness....., or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness as; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause; or in any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court, and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 19th day of Dec, 1918

J. Wilkinson (L. S.)

WITNESS FEES.

I hereby certify that the following named witnesses are entitled to the amounts stated below:

- ..... days' attendance at \$1.50 per day ..... \$.....
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REGISTER'S FEES.

- ..... days at \$1.50 per day ..... \$.....
- ..... words at 20 cents per hundred ..... \$.....



**The State of Alabama,**

*Baldwin* COUNTY.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.**

*Jessie Thompson Beal*

vs. Complainant,

*Noah Beal*

Defendant.

**Deposition Taken Before Register on Oral Examination.**

Deposition of *Witnesses*

for *Complainant*

Filed *19* day of *Dec*, 19*18*

Published by order of the Court,

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Register.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 124 Fall Term, 1918

Julia Thompson Bell

Complainant.....

vs.

Noah Bell

Defendant.....

To JW Richerson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the

Complainant, by Frank Stone

Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Frank Stone

Solicitor for Complainant.



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BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed Dec 19 1918

*J. W. Keim*  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

No. 124

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Julia Thompson Bell

Complainant

vs.

Noah Bell

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the  
that a Summons requiring the Defendant

Register  
Noah Bell

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

Noah Bell

was served upon him by the Sheriff of

Baldwin

County, Alabama, on the

4th day of Sept

1918,

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

Julia Thompson Bell Complainant

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things taken as con-  
fessed against the said

Noah Bell.

Defendant aforesaid.

This 25th day of November 1918

J. W. [Signature]

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

..... County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued 11/2 1918

J. W. [Signature]  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County }

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 124 Fall Term, 1918

Julia Thompson Bell Complainants  
vs.

Noah Bell Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Noah Bell Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 25th day of November 1918

Frank H. [Signature] Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

..... County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

.....  
Complainants.

vs.

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Defendants.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO O.N PUBLICATION.

Filed ..... 25. April 1918

*J. W. Keenan*

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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 Noah Bell,

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

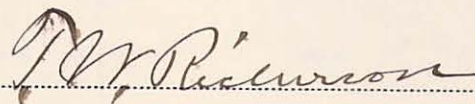
Julia Thompson Bell,

against said Noah Bell,

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 4th day of September

1918



Register.

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



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Serve on.....

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

No.....

SUMMONS.

Julia Thompson Bell.

vs.

Noah Bell.

Stone and Stone.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this Sep 4th.

day of ..... 191 8

W. E. Eubank  
Sheriff.

Executed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of

Sept 191 8

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Noah Bell

Defendant

W. E. Eubank  
Sheriff

By .....

Deputy Sheriff.



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JULIA THOMPSON BELL,	)	
Complainant.	)	(original bill)
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-v-	)	
	)	CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE
	)	STATE OF ALABAMA
NOVAH BELL,	)	BALDWIN COUNTY
Defendant.	)	
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, EQUITY SIDE, AND THE HON. A. E. GAMBLE, JUDGE THEREOF, IN EQUITY SITTING:-

Your Oratrix, Julia Thompson Bell brings this, her original Bill of Divorce against NovaH Bell, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor as follows;

FIRST:

That your Oratrix is a "bona fide" resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than three years next immediately preceeding the filing of this bill and is over the age of twenty-one years of age. That the defendant, NovaH Bell, is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years.

SECOND:

That Oratrix and the said NovaH Bell were married during the year 1896 near Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and lived together as man and wife until about the year 1904.

THIRD:

That fourteen years ago, during the year 1904, NovaH Bell voluntarily deserted and abandoned your Oratrix and has never since returned to live with her as her husband. That at the time said abandonment took place she was residing with him at Brushy, Mississippi.

-PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF-

The Premises considered, Oratrix prays that your Honor will order process issued out of this Court requiring the said NovaH Bell to<sup>appear&</sup> answer, plead or demur to this bill, within the time required by law, under the pains and penalties 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 Oratrix and the said NovaH Bell be forever dissolved and that your Oratrix will be granted the right to again contract the marriage



relation. And such other orders and decrees as in equity and good conscience she is entitled. And as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc,

*Stearns Stearns*

SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANT.

FOOT NOTE:-The Defendant Noah Bell is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint from "FIRST" to "Third" both inclusive, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

*d. Stearns + Stearns*

SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANT.

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