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 ARTHUR TOMPKINS,
 Complainant)
 -vs-)
 JULIA TOMPKINS.
 Defendant.)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
 STATE OF ALABAMA.
 BALDWIN COUNTY.
 No _____.

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT, EQUITY SIDE, AND THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING IN EQUITY:-

Comes your Complainant, Arthur Tompkins, and exhibits this his original bill for divorce against Julia Tompkins, on the ground of voluntary desertion and abandonment and respectfully represents and shows unto your honor and unto this honorable court as follows:-

FIRST:-

That your complainant and the defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years, both are bona fide residents of the State of Alabama, Baldwin County, having resided in said county and State for more than three years next immediately preceeding the filing of this bill of complaint.

SECOND:-

That your complainant and the defendant were married on to-wit: June, 1914, and lived together as man and wife until to-wit; September, 1914, more than two years before the filinf of this bill.

THIRD:-

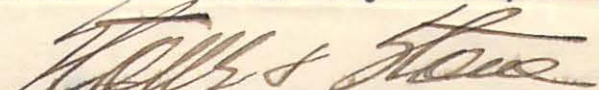
That on to-wit; September 1914, the said defendant Julia Tompkins, voluntarily deserted and abandoned your complainant, without just cause ot legal excuse, and has continued to so abandon and desert, complainant since that time, having refused on several occasions to return to him when so requested by complainant.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF.

The Premises Considered, complainant prays that such orders and decrees may be made and entered and such subpoenas issued directed to the said defendant, requiring her to appear and plead, answer or demur to this bill within the time required by law,


under the pains and penalties of this honorable court.

Upon a final hearing of this cause complainant prays that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Arthur Tompkins, the complainant, and Julia Tompkins, the defendant, be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation if he so desires. And as in duty bound, he will ever pray, etc., etc.,


Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The defendant, Julia Tompkins, 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.


Solicitors for Complainant.

The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 235 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Arthur Tompkins

Complainant...

vs.

Julia Tompkins

Defendant...

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Julia Tompkins

Defendant...

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

This 20 day of Sept 1920

Stuart Stover

Solicitor. >

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Souphus

Vs.

Julia Souphus

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Sampkins

Complainant

vs.

Julia Sampkins

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the

Register

that a Summons requiring the Defendant

Julia Sampkins

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

Julia Sampkins

was served upon *her* by the Sheriff of *Baldwin* County, Alabama, on the

10 day of *August* 19*20*, 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

Sateboro for Complainant

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

Julia Sampkins

Defendant aforesaid.

This *20* day of *Sept* 19*20*

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Tappin

vs.

Julia Tappin

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Tompkins, Complainant

vs.

Julia Tompkins, Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the following witnesses:

Arthur Tompkins, the complainant and a witness for the complainant,
 Adolph Sledge and Willie Thomas, witness for the complainant.

who reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in Bay Minette Alabama,

on this the 2 day of November, 1920, and there being present

Solicitors for complainant

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

Arthur Tompkins, a witness for the complainant testified as follows:-My name is Arthur Tompkins and I am the complainant in this case. I am the husband of Julia Tompkins, the defendant. We both live in Baldwin County, Alabama, where we have lived all of our life, we are both over twenty one years old. Julia Tompkins and I were married in the month of June 1914. We lived together as man and wife until the September, 1914, when Julia Tompkins voluntarily deserted and abandoned me. I gave her no cause to do this. This was more than two years before I brought this case. She has never returned to live with me since that time. I asked her several times to come back and live with me but she would not.

Arthur Tompkins

Willie Thomas, a witness for the complainant testified as follows:-
My name is Willie Thomas. I live in Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have lived all of my life. I have known Arthur Tompkins and Julia Tompkins, his wife, all of their lives. They are both over 21 years old and live in Baldwin County where they have lived all of their life.

I remember when Arthur and Julia Tompkins were married. They were married about June 1914. Julia Tompkins left Arthur Tompkins a few months after that and she has never lived with him as his wife since that time. I know of no reason she had for ~~leaving~~ leaving him. This was more than two years before May 24th., 1920.

Arthur Tompkins has lived in this county continuously all of his life.

Willie Thomas

Adolph Sledge, a witness for the complainant testified as follows:-

My name is Adolph Sledge. I live in Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have lived all of my life. I know Arthur Tompkins and Julia Tompkins, his wife. I have been knowing them both as long as I can remember. I remember that they were married in the year 1914, the best I can recollect. They lived together not very long. She left him shortly after they were married and has never been back since that time. I know of no reason she had to leave him as she did. This desertion by her was in the year 1914. Both Arthur Tompkins and his wife are over 21 years old and they have lived in this county as long as I can remember.

Adolph Sledge

I, T. M. McQuinn, as Register
 hereby certify that the foregoing deposition..... on oral examination was taken down by me in writing
 in the words of the witness et 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 et; 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 2nd day of Nov, 1920
T. M. McQuinn (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.

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The State of Alabama,

Barbour COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Tinsley

vs. Complainant,

Julia Tinsley

Defendant.

Deposition Taken Before Register on Oral Examination.

Deposition of *Witness*

for *Complainant*

Filed *2* day of *Nov*, 19*20*

Published by order of the Court, *2nd*

day of *Nov*, 19*20*

J. M. McQueen

Register.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. Fall Term, 19120.

Arthur Tompkins, Complainant.....

vs.

Julia Tompkins, Defendant.....

To T.W. 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 Stone and 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.

Stone & Stone
Solicitor for Complainant.

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

Arthur Tompkins,

vs.

Julia Tompkins,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION.

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Arthur Tompkins,

vs.

Julia Tompkins,

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, decree pro-confesso,
Testimony of Arthur Tompkins, Adolph Sledge and Willie Thomas,

and in behalf of Defendant upon



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No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Arthur Tompkins,

vs.

Julia Tompkins,

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 3rd,

day of Nov 1920. 191

[Handwritten Signature]

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 Julia Tompkins

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

Arthur Tompkins,

against said Julia Tompkins,

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 24th day of May

1920.

T. W. Richerson

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

~~Arthur~~ Tompkins,

vs.

Julia Tompkins,

*Near Hurricane
Lives with Sarah McCall
or O'Bannon.*

Stone and Stone.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this _____
day of _____ 192_____

Sheriff

Executed this *10th* day of
August 192*0*

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Julia Tompkins
Defendant

W.R. Street
Sheriff

By _____
Deputy Sheriff

8/10/20

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 235 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Arthur Tompkins, Complainant

vs.

Julia Tompkins, Defendant

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

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

his 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

Arthur Tompkins, is forever divorced from the said

Julia Tompkins, for and on account of

Voluntary abandonment

as alleged in said Bill of Complaint;

It is further ordered, that the said Arthur Tompkins, 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 Arthur Tompkins, 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 Arthur Tompkins.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Arthur Tompkins, shall not again marry except to said Julia Tompkins, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Julia Tompkins, during the pendency of said appeal.

This 19th day of November 1910
John D. Leigh
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

No. 255

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Arthur Tompkins

vs.

Julia Tompkins,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

22nd

day of

Nov 1912

J. M. Whinnon
Register.

E. O. M.

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minutes)