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Fannie Hendricks

vs.

John Britton Hendricks

CIRCUIT COURT OF

COUNTY,

IN EQUITY.

I, T. W. Ricimmon Register of said Court. do hereby certify that I

did, on the 6th day of Dec 1920, send to

John Britton Hendricks Defendant

whose address was Wilmington Nc

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the

Bill of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court;

and that ~~such~~ duplicate receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the 8th day of

Jan 1921

Witness my hand, this 8 day of Jan 1921

T W Ricimmon

Acts 1915, Page 604.

Registry Reply to Registry Inquiry Register.

Showing that this copy of Complaint & summons was delivered to Dept by Postmaster Dec 9th 1920. T W Ricimmon Register

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No. 277

CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

Fannie Hendricks

vs.

John Britton Hendricks

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this 5th  
day of January 1921  
T. M. Beeson  
Register.

RECORDED





The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Fannie Hendricks

Complainant

vs.

John Britton Hendricks

Defendant

Deposition of Fannie Hendricks, Adrian Ray and Della Ray

application for oral examination by the application for oral exam  
By virtue of the appointment to take the Deposition, indorsed in writing, on the Interrogatories by the

Solicitor filing the same, in the above stated cause pending in said Court of said County, I,

T.W. Richerson

, Register of said Court of said County, have called and

caused to come before me Fannie Hendricks, Adrian Ray and Della Ray

the witness<sup>es</sup> named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness<sup>es</sup> to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

Fannie Hendricks Testified as follows:

My name is Fannie Hendricks. I am complainant in this suit. I reside in Bay Minette, Alabama, where I have resided continuously for the last twelve months, ~~and more~~ This has been my residence for several years continuously. Yes my husband and I were in Pensacola Florida for two or three months during the middle of last year. He merely went there temporarily to get work. We did not intend to make that our home, but maintained our home here in Bay Minette, Alabama. Mr. Hendricks, defendant in this suit and I were married in Bay Minette in June 1914. We separated in Bay Minette in July, 1920. When I married him he was sober and industrious. I never saw or heard of him drinking to excess prior to our marriage. Since we married he has become an habitual drunkard. Shortly prior to our separating he came home several times beastly drunk. When drunk he was high tempered and often cursed and abused me whenever I would try to talk with him about his drinking. He got to the place where he rarely came sober. He spent every thing he made on "shinny". Shortly before we separated some of our neighbors gave him some money to order flowers for the funeral of a little child. He immediately hunted up a blind tiger and got drunk. He must have used this money to buy the whiskey with.

I know he

He did not have any of his own. He has never paid this money back.  
I have tried to get him to quit but he has grown worse al the time.

Fannie Hendricks,

Ardian Ray testified as follows:

My name is Adrian Ray. Fannie Hendricks is the sister of my wife Della Ray. She has been living at my home since her separation from her husband. They werestaying at my home when they separated. I knew John Britton Hendricks ~~since~~<sup>since</sup> their marriage. He drank some

~~but~~ but was not a drunkard I never saw or heard of his being drunk before their marriage. Since their marriage he has become na haditual drunkard. While they were staying at my home he came in ~~frequency~~<sup>very often</sup> ~~at~~ night ~~and~~<sup>very often</sup> drunk and quarrelsome. He spent what little moeny he made on whiskey. He had been growing worse for more than a year.

Yes, I remember the time he was given money to buy flowers for a funeral. I am sure he spent this money on whiskey. He was drunk almost all the time while at my home and rarely worked.

Adrian Ray

Della Ray testified as follows:

My name is Della Ray. I am the sister of Fannie Hendricks. Her husband, John Britton Hendricks is an habitual drunkard. He stayed drunk almost all the time he was in our house. They were with us two or three months last year just prior to their separation. She is with us now. No, he was not a drunkard before their marriage.

Yes, he was high tempered when drunk and often cursed and abused Fannie and the children. No he gave them verry little to live on. He worked seldom and spent what he made on drink. I don't know whether he spent the money given him to buy flowers for whiskey. I know it was given him. He immediately left home and came back several house afterwards drunk. The flowers never came and he has never paid back the money. Yes, I know that the flowers were not ordered

*Della King*

I, T.W. Richerson, the said Register, hereby certify that the foregoing

testimony was taken down in writing by me

in the words of the witness, and were read over to them, that th ey assented, swore to and subscribed

the same in my presence, the 15th day of November, 1921, at

Bay Minette, Alabama; that I have personal knowledge of, or had proof made before me

of the identity of the witness, and 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.

And I enclose the deposition, together with the Interrogatories, Direct and Cross, and the documents which were deposed to, in an envelope properly endorsed and sealed and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 31st day of January, 1921.

*T.W. Richerson*, Register.

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..... \$ 5.00

The State of Alabama,

*Baldwin* COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

*F. Marie Hendrick*

vs. Complainant,

*John Britton Hendrick*

Defendant.

Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.

Deposition of *Complainant*  
*Hendrick*

Filed *21st* day of *Jan*, 19*11*

Published by order of the Court \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 191  
*D. W. Beaman*  
Register.

FANNIE HENDRICKS, COMPLAINANT

VS.

JOHN BRITTON HENDRICKS? DEFENDANT

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
IN EQUITY

Comes complainant in the above styled cause, said  
cause being ready for submission, and files this, her  
motion that the papers in said case be forwarded to the  
Honorable John D. Leigh, Judge of this court for final  
decree, this the 2nd day of February 1921.

*Reckley & Duke*  
Solicitors for Complainant





# REGISTRY INQUIRY

AS TO DISPOSITION OF REGISTERED LETTER OR PARCEL.

Post Office, *Bay Minnette Ala.*

*12/27*, 19*20*

To the Postmaster at *Wilmington N.C.*

Inquiry is made at this office as to what disposition has been made of registered 

Letter
Parcel

 No. *576* addressed to

*John Britton Hendricks*  
Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

City and State *Wilmington N.C.*

and sent to you from this office under cover of Registered Package or Tag Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ on *12/7*, 19*20*

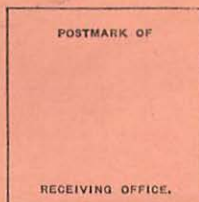
Please state in the space at the bottom of this form (under "Reply") whether you have received the registered letter or parcel above described, and if so what disposition has been made of same; and return this circular to me immediately.

Respectfully,

*J. C. Burns*, Postmaster.

## REPLY.

*Inclosed for a Return Receipt signed in person by J. B. Hendricks Delivered Dec-9-1920*



*H. McL. Green, Postmaster*

*at Wilmington N.C.*

Please obtain receipt.

*Duplicate*  
RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

*J. H. Hendricks*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

*Delivered to addressee only*

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 191

Form 3811

*Filed  
Jan 5 to  
J. H. Hendricks  
Postmaster*

c5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 576

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to T. M. Richerson  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at Brynmere

State Calif.

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 277. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Fannie Hendricks, Complainant

vs.

John Britton Hendricks, 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.

John Britton Hendricks,

It is further ordered, that the said Fannie Hendricks, 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 Fannie Hendricks, 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 John Britton Hendricks.

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

This 2nd, day of 192

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, 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 192, in the cause of Complainant

vs.

Defendant as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the day of 192

Register.

CERTIFIED COPY.

No. ....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY,  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Fannie Hendricks

Vs.

John Britton Hendricks,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this .....

day of ....., 192.....

Register.

E. O. M. ....

BOND  
HAWKSWORTH

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

Judge of the Circuit Court in Baldwin County

Comptroller

Deputy

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Register

*Fannie Andrews*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

vs.

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

*John Britton Hendrix*

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, .....

*Answer of Defendant. And testimony of  
Fannie Andrews. Della Ray. And Adrian  
Ray. Memos for Complainant.*

~~and in behalf of Defendant, upon~~ .....

*J. W. Hendrix*

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No. 277

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Fannie Hendrick

vs.

John Britton  
Hendrick

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 2nd

day of February 1911

J. W. McInnis

Register

RECORDED

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 John Britton Hendricks

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

Fannie Hendricks,

against said

John Britton Hendricks,

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 6th day of Dec

1920



Register.

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



*Original*

Serve on \_\_\_\_\_

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

*Fannie Hendricks*

vs.

*John Britton Hendricks*

*Rickarby and Beebe.*

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_

Sheriff

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

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

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

*Copy of Summons  
& Complaint Requested  
to Dept at  
Helmington N.C.  
Dec 14 1920  
J. W. Rimmer  
Clerk*

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY SITTING:

Comes your Oratrix, FANNIE HENDRICKS, and humbly  
complaining against JOHN BRITTON HENDRICKS, respectfully  
shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Oratrix and the said John Britton  
Hendricks are both over the age of twenty-one years; that  
Oratrix is a resident of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama,  
where she has resided for the last twelve months, continuous-  
ly next preceding this suit; that the said John Britton Hen-  
dricks is a resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, his post-  
office address being in care of Western Union Telegraph Com-  
pany at said city.

SECOND: That oratrix and said John Britton Hendricks  
are husband and wife, having intermarried at Bay Minette, Alabama,  
in June, 1914; That they lived together as husband and wife  
until July, 1920, when they separated, their separation taking  
place in Bay Minette, Alabama.

THIRD: That when oratrix and said John Britton  
Hendricks married he was a man of sober and industrious habits;  
that subsequent to their marriage he has become addicted to  
drink and has become an habitual drunkard; that complainant  
faithfully tried to dissuade him from this habit, but without  
avail; that it grew worse on him and he came home frequently  
in a drunken condition, at which times he was high-tempered,  
cursed and abused oratrix; that this conduct grew worse until  
oratrix could no longer live with him; that she separated from  
him in July, 1920, since which time they have not lived together  
as husband and wife.

WHEREFORE, oratrix prays this court will take jur-  
isdiction of the cause made by this her bill of complaint and  
by appropriate process make the said John Britton Hendricks a  
party defendant to this bill, and require him to plead, answer

or demur to this bill within the time and under the usual penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this honorable Court;

And oratrix further prays that upon the final hearing of this cause, and order and decree be made and entered forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between oratrix and defendant, John Britton Henrichs, and your oratrix prays for such other further or different relief as in the premises she may be entitled to receive.

Solicitors for Oratrix

Defendant is required to plead, answer or demur to the foregoing bill or complaint, paragraphs, one to three, inclusive, but not under oath, oath is hereby waived.

Solicitors for Oratrix.

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 277. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Fannie Hendricks, Complainant

vs.

John Britton Hendricks, Defendant

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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.

John Britton Hendricks,

It is further ordered, that the said Fannie Hendricks, be, and S. 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 Fannie Hendricks, 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 John Britton Hendricks,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Fannie Hendricks, shall not again marry except to said John Britton Hendricks, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days S. he shall not marry again except to said John Britton Hendricks, during the pendency of said appeal.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1921

John D. Leigh  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_, in the cause of \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant  
as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_

Register.