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REUBEN MCCURDY
Complainant
-vs-
LADORA MCCURDY,
Defendant
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, EQUITY SIDE, AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING IN EQUITY.

Comes your complainant, Reuben McCurdy, and exhibits this, his bill of divorce, against the defendant, Ladora McCurdy, for voluntary desertion and abandonment and for ground thereof shows unto your Honor and unto this Court, as follows:-

FIRST.

That your complainant and the defendant are both over the age of twenty one years; that your complainant is a "bona fida" resident of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, where he has resided for more than three years next immediately preceeding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the defendant is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her more particular address being unknown to your complainant and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquires on his part.

SECOND.

That your complainant and the defendant were married on to-wit: April 6th., 1915, and lived together as man and wife for five years.

THIRD.

That on to-wit:- about April, 1920, the defendant, Ladora McCurdy, without just cause or legal excuse, voluntarily deserted and abandoned your complainant and has continued to so desert and abandon him since that time and has never returned to live with him. That said abandonment and desertion took place more than two years before the filing of this bill of complaint.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED:- Complainant prays that such orders, decrees, notices and subpoenas be made and issued as are necessary to make the defendant party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring her to appear and plead, answer or demur to this complaint within the time required by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

UPON THE FINAL HEARING OF THIS CAUSE, complainant prays that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the complainant, Reuben McCurdy, and the defendant, Ladora McCurdy, be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation should he so desire. And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray, etc.

STONE & STONE.

Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:2

The defendant, Ladora McCurdy, 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.

STONE & STONE.

Solicitors for Complainant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, IN EQUITY.

Ruben McCurdy Complainant.

vs.

Ladora McCurdy Respondent.

I W. P. Richardson
Register

as

have called and caused to come before me George Baldwin, W.P.
Baldwin and Ruben McCurdy

witness¹⁰ named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25 day of June

192⁴, at the office of Register

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness¹⁰ to speak the truth, the

whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said witness

doth depose and say as follows:

GEORGE BALDWIN A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is George Baldwin and I am thirty three years old and reside at Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, having lived in Baldwin County and in and near Robertsdale all of my life. I know both Ruben McCurdy and Ladora McCurdy, his wife. They are both over twenty one (21) years old. Ruben McCurdy is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where he has resided continuously as long as I can remember; he has resided in Baldwin County, Alabama for more than three (3) years next immediately preceeding March 17th 1924. I do not know where Mrs. Ladora McCurdy is and it has been some four (4) or five (5) years since I have seen her and then this was outside of Baldwin County.

I know that Ruben McCurdy and Ladora McCurdy were married about nine or ten years ago although I do not know the exact date. I know that they lived together as man and wife for about five (5) years; during this time they lived about five miles from where I lived.

About four years ago Ladora McCurdy left Ruben McCurdy. I remember the time for she came by our home and stayed a while with us at the time she left him. I know of no just cause or legal excuse that she had for leaving him. She voluntarily deserted and abandoned Ruben McCurdy; this ~~w~~ desertion took place more than two (2) years before March 17th., 1924 and she has never returned to live with hi since that time. I am not related to either of the parties by blood or marriage.

George Baldwin

W. P. BALDWIN A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is W. P. Baldwin and I am thirty two (32) years of age and reside at Robertsdale, Baldwin County, Alabama, having lived in Baldwin County and in and near Robertsdale all of my life. I know both Ruben McCurdy and Ladora McCurdy and they are both over the age of twenty one years. Ruben McCurdy is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama where he has resided continuously as long as I can remember. He has resided in Baldwin County, Alabama for more than three (3) years next immediately preceeding March 17th., 1924. I do not know ~~where~~ where Mrs. Ladora McCurdy is. It has been about four or five years since I have seen her.

I know that Ruben McCurdy and Ladora McCurdy were married about nine or ten years ago and they lived together as man and wife for about five (5) years. About five years ago Mrs. McCurdy left Ruben McCurdy. This desertion took place in Baldwin County, Alabama where they were residing at the time. Mrs. McCurdy left of her own accord and I know of no just cause or legal excuse she had for doing so. This desertion took place for more than two years prior to March 17th., 1924 and has continued, she not having returned to live with him. We were ~~living~~ living about five miles from the McCurdys when the desertion took place. I am not related by blood or marriage to either party.

Rubens

RUBEN MCCURDY? THE COMPLAINANT AND A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT? TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is Ruben McCurdy and I am sixty eight (68) years of age. I reside in Baldwin County, Alabama where I have lived continuously for the past fifty (50) years or more. I am the complainant in the above styled cause now pending in the Circuit Court, equity side, Baldwin County, Alabama and wherein Ladora McCurdy, my wife, is the defendant. This cause was filed by me on March 17th., 1924. I and Ladora McCurdy are both over twenty one years of age; I am, at this time, and was on March 17th., 1924, a bona fide ^{resident} of Baldwin County Alabama and had been such for more than three years next immediately preceding the filing of my Bill of Complaint in this cause. Ladora McCurdy does not ~~live~~ live with me and her whereabouts are unknown at this time, at the time I filed my divorce and had been for many years prior thereto. I made ~~inquires~~ in an effort to ascertain her address but after making such diligent inquires could not ascertain the same. I was informed and believe and state upon such information and belief that she is not in the state of Alabama but is a non-resident of the state. Her old home is in St. Louis, Mo.

I and the said Ladora McCurdy were married on April 6th., 1915 in Mobile, Alabama and immediately moved to Baldwin County, to my home near Robertsdale where we lived together as man and wife for about five years. In June 1, 1920, my wife, Ladora McCurdy, voluntarily deserted abandoned me with me and this without just cause and legal excuse. This desertion took place in Baldwin County, Alabama and occurred more than two years prior to March 17th., 1924 and has continued without interruption up to this time. She left without any warning to me and a short time afterwards I saw her in Mobile and tried to get her to return but to no avail.

Rubens McCurdy

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, J. W. Richerson, as Register

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition 5 on Oral Examination 5 taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness so and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of me and McSteece

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of said witness so or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness so; 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.

Given under my hand and seal, this 25 day of June, 1924
J. W. Richerson (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Paulson McBundy

vs. Complainant,

Lubna McBundy

Respondent.

ORAL DEPOSITION.

Filed June 25, 1924

J. W. Richerson Register.

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 427. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Reuben Mc Curdy, Complainant

vs.

Ladora Mc Curdy, 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 Reuben Mc Curdy, 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 Reuben Mc Curdy, 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 Ladora Mc Curdy,

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

This 28th day of June 1924
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.

No. 427.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Reuben Mc Curdy,

vs.

Ladora Mc Curdy,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

24th

day of

July

1924

D. V. Richardson

Register.

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BALDWIN COUNTY,
THE STATE OF ALABAMA

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY

John B. Stepp
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 24th day of July, 1924.



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REUBEN MCCURDY
Complainant

-vs-

LADORA MCCURDY,
Defendant
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, STATE OF ALA-
BAMA, EQUITY SIDE, AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE
THEREOF, SITTING IN EQUITY.

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FIRST.

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SECOND.

That your complainant and the defendant were married on to-wit: April 6th., 1915, and lived together as man and wife for five years.

THIRD.

That on to-wit:- about April, 1920, the defendant, Ladora McCurdy, without just cause or legal excuse, voluntarily deserted and abandoned your complainant and has continued to so desert and abandon him since that time and has never returned to live with him. That said abandonment and desertion took place more than two years before the filing of this bill of complaint.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED:- Complainant prays that such orders, decrees, notices and subpoenas be made and issued as are necessary to make the defendant party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring her to appear and plead, answer or demur to this complaint within the time required by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

UPON THE FINAL HEARING OF THIS CAUSE, complainant prays that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the complainant, Reuben McCurdy, and the defendant, Ladora McCurdy, be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation should he so desire. And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray, etc.

STONE & STONE.

Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE: 2

The defendant, Ladora McCurdy, 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.

STONE & STONE.

Solicitors for Complainant.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN } County.

No. Spring Term, 1924

Ruben McCurdy Complainant

v.s.

Ledora McCurdy 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 & 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
Solicitors for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

B A L D W I N County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Ruben McCurdy

vs.

Ladora McCurdy

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN

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Reuben Mc Curdy,

No. 427.

vs.

Ladora Mc Curdy.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin, COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 17th day of March, 1924

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of

Reuben Mc Curdy,

that the Defendant

Ladora Mc Curdy,

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and her Post Office address or whereabouts of Defendant is unknown to affiant,

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant, the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said

Ladora Mc Curdy,

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 21st day of April, 1924,

or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against said defendant.

Stone and Stone
Atty's for Complainant.

[Signature]
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The State of Alabama,

Reuben Mc Curdy

Complainant

VS.

Ladora Mc Curdy,

Respondent

No. 427.

In Circuit Court,
In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by his solicitor and submits the same for final decree,

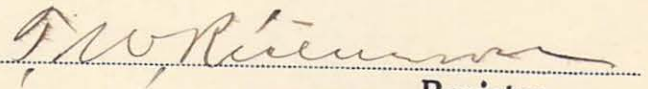
decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto decree pro confessor,

, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Reuben Mc Curdy, George Baldwin and W.P. Baldwin,

I hereby certify that the above note of Testimony is correct.

This 26th, day of June, 1924



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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Circuit Court in Equity

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Reuben Mc Curdy

Complainant

RECORDED vs.

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Ladora Mc Curdy,

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
No. 427. Vacation Term, 1924.

Reuben Mc Curdy, Complainant
vs. Ladora Mc Curdy, Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication here-
tofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 20th
day of March, 1924, in the Baldwin Times,
Co. Ala.
a newspaper published in Bay Minette Baldwin Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court
House door in Baldwin County, on the 20th
day of March 1924, and

And it now further appearing to the Register T.W. Richerson, that the said
~~Reuben Mc Curdy~~ Ladora Mc Curdy,

having to the date hereof failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, there-
fore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register that the
Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Ladora Mc Curdy,

This 16th, day of June, 1924.

T.W. Richerson
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Reuben McCurdy

vs.

Leona McCurdy,

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PUBLICATION.

Issued *June 16 1924*

D. H. [Signature]
Register.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT.

Reuben McCurdy, No 427 vs Ladora McCurdy.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County, Circuit Court, in and for the County of Baldwin, Alabama.

This the 17th day of March 1924

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Reuben McCurdy, that the Defendant Ladora McCurdy is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and her Post Office address or whereabouts of Defendant is unknown to affiant, and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant—

the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Ladora McCurdy, to answer or demur to

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T. W. Richerson, Register
Stone and Stone Atty'
for Complainant.

ing duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a

published at Bay Minette, Baldwin

County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Reuben McCurdy

or

Ladora McCurdy,

Was published in said Newspaper for _____ consecutive weeks in the following issues:

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“ “ fourth “	<i>Apr 10 “</i>	Vol. <i>35</i>	No. <i>9</i>

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this *23* day of *June* 19*24*.

T. W. Richerson
Clerk of Court.

Baldwin Times
Mary Sumner Foreman.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Reuben McCurdy, who is known to me and who, after being by me first duly sworn, doth depose and say under oath:-

That he is the complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court-Equity Side, said state and county, andwherein Ladora McCurdy is the defendant; that both he and the said Ladora McCurdy are over the age of twenty-one years; that Ladora McCurdy's present whereabouts or address are unknown to affiant and that he cannot ascertain same although he has made diligent inquiry to that end; that he is informed and verily believes that the said Ladora McCurdy is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that service by publication is necessary in order to make the said Ladora McCurdy party defendant to the bill of complaint in said cause.

your signature

x Reuben McCurdy

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this March 13, 1924.

Dana Z. Groves
Notary Public, Baldwin County.
State of Alabama.