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NANCY HODGES EASTERLING,
Complainant.

-vs-

HENRY M. EASTERLING,
Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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

Your complainant, Nancy Hodges Easterling, exhibits this,
her Bill for Divorce against Henry M. Easterling and for grounds there-
of shows unto your Honor and unto this court as follows:-

F I R S T .

That both the complainant and the defendant are over the
age of twenty-one years; that the complainant is a bona fide resi-
dent of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such for all of her
life continuously with the exception of a short time spent in
the State of Mississippi as hereinafter alleged and that she has
resided therein and been such a bona fide resident of ~~the~~ State
of Alabama for more than one year next before the filing of this
bill; that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama,
residing at Laurel in the State of Mississippi.

S E C O N D .

That your complainant and the defendant were married on
heretofore, to-wit; Septemeber 29th., 1921 and lived together as
man and wife until, to-wit; December 6th., 1921.

T H I R D .

That the defendant became addicted after marriage to ha-
bitual drunkenness and that during the time your complainant lived
with him as his wife hewas habitually and continusbusly under the
influence of liquors or alcohol of some kind.

F O U R T H .

That the defendant, after their said marriage and up tot
the time that your complainant was compelled to leave him, treated
your complainant in a cruel and inhuman manner; that he kicked her
and otherwise abused her and committed actual violene on her person
attended with danger to life or health; that from his conductt your
complainant has reasonable cause to apprehend violene on her person
at the hands of the defendant, attended with danger to her life or
health; that complainant was forced to leave the defendant and seek
safety elsewhere.

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PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that the defendant, Henry M. Easterling, be made party defendant to this bill of complaint and that he be required to appear and plead, answer or demur to this complaint within the time required by law, under the pains and penalties of this honorable court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant prays that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the complainant, Nancy Hodges Easterling and the defendant, Henry M. Easterling, be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation, if she so desires. And, as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc.,

STONE & STONE

Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The defendant, Henry M. Easterling is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing bill from "FIRST" to "FOURTH", both inclusive, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

STONE & STONE

Solicitors for Complainant.

NANCY HODGES EASTERLING,
Complainant.

-vs- # 366

HENRY M. EASTERLING,
Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Affidavit of non-residence.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me, Norborne Stone, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, Nancy Hodges Easterling who, being duly sworn, doth depose and says; That she is the complainant in the above styled cause now pending in said above named court and in which the said Henry M. Easterling is the defendant; that the said Henry M. Easterling is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Laurel in the State of Mississippi.

Nancy Hodges Easterling

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this January 12th., 1923.

Norborne Stone
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
State of Alabama.

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

No. 360. vs.

Henry M Easterling.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Vacation Term, 1923.

I, T.W. Richerson, Register of the Circuit Court of

Baldwin County, of the State of Alabama, hereby certify that on the affidavit

of Nancy Hodges Easterling,

on the 12th, day of January, 1923., an order of publication was made to

Henry M Easterling,

who is non-resident.

who reside at Laurel Miss,

and was published in the

a newspaper published in The Baldwin Times, once a week, for four

consecutive weeks, commencing on the 18th, day of January, 1923., requiring

the said Henry M Easterling.

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in the cause on the 17th, day of Febuary, 1923.

19....., or in thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

with copy of bill and summons And that a copy of said order was forwarded by mail, on the 12th, day of January,

1923, addressed to Henry M Easterling,

at Laurel Miss,

and that one other copy of said order was posted at the Courthouse door of said County for four consecutive weeks,

commencing on the 12th, day of January, 1923.

T. W. Richerson Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

vs.

Henry M Easterling.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION.

Filed in office this

Jan 13/20

day of

19²⁰

W. M. [Signature]

Register.

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Nancy Hodges Easterling

CIRCUIT COURT OF

vs. No. 366.

Henry M Easterling.

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

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

did, on the 12th day of January, 1923, send to

Henry M Easterling, Defendant.

whose address was Laurael Mississippi

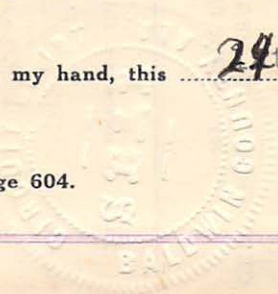
by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the Bill

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

Said copies were returned undelivered,
~~receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause,~~ on the 24th day of January, 1923.

Witness my hand, this 24th day of January, 1923.

T.W. Richerson
Register.



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CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY.
IN EQUITY.

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

vs.

Henry M Easterling.

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO NOTICE
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this 19th,

day of January, 1923

J. W. Ricurson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 346 Vacation Term, 1923

Nancy Hodgen Easterling Complainant
vs. Henry M Easterling Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register T W Ricewson that the order of publication here-
tofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 18th day of
January, 1923, in the Baldwin Times
a newspaper published in Baldwin Co Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court
House door in Baldwin County, on the 18th day of
January 1923, and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register T W Ricewson, that the said

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 T W Ricewson that the
Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said.....

Henry M Easterling

This 26th day of December, 1923

T W Ricewson
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Nancy Hodges Eastorling

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vs.

Henry M Eastorling

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DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PUBLICATION.

Issued March 26th 1923

M. K. Wilson
Register.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, IN EQUITY.NANCY HODGES EASTERLING Complainant.

vs.

HENRY M. EASTERLING Respondent.I, T. W. Richersonas Register in Chancery of above Courthave called and caused to come before me Nancy Hodges Easterling, the complainant and J. H. Hodges, witnesses for the complainantwitness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 29 day of March, 1924, at the office of the Register in Chancery at Bay Minette, Alabama, in Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said witnesses

doth depose and say as follows:

NANCY HODGES EASTERLING, THE COMPLAINANT AND A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is Nancy Hodges Easterling, I am over the age of 21 years and I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama where I have lived all of my life continuously with the exception of a short time spent in Mississippi; I am the complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court, equity side, State of Alabama, Baldwin County, wherein Henry M. Easterling is the defendant, I having filed my Bill of Complainant for divorce in said cause January 12th., 1923; I resided and was a bona fide resident of and in the state of Alabama for more than one (1) year next before the filing of said Bill.

The defendant, Henry M. Easterling, is over the age of 21 years; is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Laurel, Mississippi, at this time and was at the time I filed my Bill for divorce.

I and the said defendant were married on September 29th., 1921, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi and we lived together as man and wife until the first part of December following to the best of my recollection we lived together until December 6th., 1923; that after our marriage my husband became addicted to habitual drunkenness and practicable all of the time that I stayed with him he was either drinking or was drunk. He was constantly drinking and would drink anything that he could get to drink. Whiskey, shinnny, and patent medicines, this was in the State of Mississippi and on account of this I was compelled to leave him and return to my parents at Little River in Baldwin County, Alabama; after I returned home my husband followed me and gried me get me to return and while at my house trying to persuade me to go back he got drunk and stayed on a drunk all that day and until my parents sent him away;

After my marriage to the said defendant he treated me in a cruel and inhuman manner, on one occasion he kicked me and was constantly cursing & threatening me. His conduct and threats were such that I had reason to fear that he would comit violence on me, endangering my life or health, in fact, he did comit actual violence on me endangering my life or health when he kicked me; on account of this violence and cruel treatment I was compelled to leave him and go to the home of my parents. Even after he came to my parents home to try to get me to go back he strack me and this was in the presence of my father, H. J. H. Hodges.

I gave him no cause or excuse to treat me as he did. I have never returned to him or in any other way condoned this treatment.

Nancy Hodges Easterling

J. H. HODGES, A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is J. H. Hodges and I am 48 years of age, am the father of Nancy Hodges Easterling and I reside at Goodway, Monroe County, Alabama, moving there from Little River in Baldwin County, Alabama. I know both Nancy Hodges Easterling and her husband Henry M. Easterling; they are both over the age of 21 years. Nancy Hodges Easterling on January 12th 1923, was a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has resided continuously for practically all of her life. She has been a bona fide resident of the state of Alabama for more than one (1) year next preceeding January 12th., 1923, and had been such a resident continuously. The defendant, Henry M. Easterling, did not live in Alabama but lived in Laurel Miss. for I have visited him at that place for in the Fall of 1921 and when he came to my house after that he came from Laurel Miss., that being where he was borned and reared and where I was always informed that he lived; he is over the age of twenty one (21) years.

These parties were married in September, 1921, although I was not present at the ceremony I visited them right after their marriage. They lived together for only a few months for in the early part of December, 1921, my daughter returned to my home complaining that her husband was drunk all of the time and had mistreated her by striking her and cursing and threatening her.

Shortly after my daughter came home her husband, Henry M. Easterling, came there after her and tried to get her to go back with him. I heard her tell him that she would never go back to him for he was drunk all of the time and had kicked her and threatened her, this he did not deny. While he was at my place he got drunk and was almost helpless; also while he was here he not only threatened my daughter but I saw him strike her. On account of these things I made him leave my place and my daughter stayed with me. While he was at my place he was continuously asking me for liquor, was trying to get my boys to get him liquor all of the time and was continuously inquiring as to where he could get it. While under my observation he plainly showed by his actions and requests that he had a craving for whiskey and showed the effect of constant drinking by extreme nervousness and a constant craving for more.

JH Hodges

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, T. W. Richerson, as Commissioner,

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition.....on Oral Examination..... taken down in writing by me in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of Myself and N. C. Stone Atty,

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the 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 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 29th day of March, 1924

.....(L. S.)
As Commissioner.

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Nancy Hodges Esterling.

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vs. Complainant,

Henry M. Esterling,

Respondent

ORAL DEPOSITION.

Filed March 29th, 1924

T. W. Richerson, Register.

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

Complainant

VS.

Henry M. Easterling.

Respondent

No. 366.

In Circuit Court,
In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by her solicitor and submits the same for Final

decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto Decree pro confesso

....., and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Testimony of Nancy Hodges Easterling and J.H. Hodges,

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

This 29th day of March, 19 24.

D.W. Reelerson

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Circuit Court in Equity

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

Complainant

vs.

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Henry M. Easterling.

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 366. Spring Term, 1924

Nancy Hodges Easterling

Complainant.....

vs.

Henry M. Easterling,

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.

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

Nancy Hodges Easterling.

vs.

Henry M. Easterling.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION.

Filed March 29th, 191²⁴

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Nancy Hodges Easterling, Complainant.

No. 366.

vs.

Henry M. Easterling, Defendant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

COUNTY.

Baldwin

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 12th day of January 1922

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

Nancy Hodges Easterling

that the Defendant

Henry M. Easterling

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama residing at Laurel in the State of Mississippi.

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant 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

Henry M. Easterling

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 17th day of February 1923

or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Stone & Stone Atty's for Complainant.

[Signature] Register.

Largest Weekly Circulation in South Alabama

Bay Minette, Ala.,

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PROMPT SERVICE. LOWEST PRICES.

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ABNER J. SMITH, PROPRIETOR

DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF BALDWIN COUNTY AND HER PEOPLE

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

TELEPHONE NO. 7, LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

R. D. Vail, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the ~~FOREMAN~~ ^{Owner} of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Nancy Easterling vs Henry Easterling

Notice to Non-Resident.
 Nancy Hodges Easterling, Complainant vs. Henry M. Easterling, Defendant.
 No. 866.
 The State of Alabama, Baldwin County, Circuit Court, In Equity. This the 12th day of January, 1922.
 In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Nancy Hodges Easterling, that the Defendant, Henry M. Easterling, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Laurel, in the State of Mississippi, 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 Henry M. Easterling to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 17th day of February, 1923, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.
 T. W. Richerson, Register.
 Stone and Stone, Attys for Complainant. 49-4t

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks

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Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this 10th day of Feb. 1923.

T. W. Richerson
Clerk Circuit Court.

R. D. Vail
Foreman.
Owner

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 Henry M. Easterling

of Barrel Mississippi County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bald-

win 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

Nancy Hodges Easterling

against said Henry M. Easterling

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 12th day of Jan.

1922.

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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SUMMONS

Nancy Hodges Eastling

vs.

Henry M Eastling

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 day of
..... 192..

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By
Deputy Sheriff

January 12th 1923.
Copy of Bill of Complaint
and Copy of Summons
sent by registered mail
to Defendant Henry
M Eastling Laurel
Miss - Jan 12th 1923.
J. W. Richmond

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Register

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 19

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 14

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

Return

J W Richerson

(NAME OF SENDER)

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Street and number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at _____

State _____

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 366.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Nancy Hodges Easterling,

Complainant

vs.

Henry M. Easterling.

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 habitual drunkenness after marriage,

Nancy Hodges Easterling,

It is further ordered, that the said

be, and ^She is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

Nancy Hodges Easterling,

It is further ordered, that the said

pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then

Henry M. Easterling,

execution for such costs may issue against the said

Nancy Hodges Easterling,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said

Henry M. Easterling,

shall not again marry except to said

until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days ^She shall not marry again except to

Henry M. Easterling,

said during the pendency of said appeal

This 14th day of April 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. 366.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Nancy Hodges Easterling,

RECORDED

vs.

Henry M. Easterling.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

13th

day of

April

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 366. Vacation Term, 1923

Nancy Hedges Easterling, Complainants

vs.

Henry M Easterling, Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Henry M Easterling, 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 24th day of March, 1923

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Stone and Stone.

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Nancy Hedges Easterling.

Complainants.

Vs.

Henry M Easterling.

Defendants.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PUBLICATION.

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Baldwin Times Print, Bay Minette.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
T. W. RICHESON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
REGISTER IN CHANCERY
BAY MINETTE, ALA.

REGISTERED
NO. 816



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UNCLAIMED
FROM LAUREL MISS

Mr. Henry M. Easterling,
Laurel, Mississippi.

(Return receipt demanded)
(Deliver to addressee only)



UNCLAIMED
From LAUREL MISS



UNCLAIMED
FROM LAUREL MISS

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 Henry M. Easterling

of Barrel Mississippi 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

Nancy Hodges Easterling

against said Henry M. Easterling

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 12th day of Jan.

1922.



Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity

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SUMMONS

Alvin H. Easterling

vs.

Alvin H. Easterling

Gene T. Stone

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 -----
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by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By -----
Deputy Sheriff

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NANCY HODGES EASTERLING,
Complainant.)

-vs-

HENRY M. EASTERLING,
Defendant.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

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

Your complainant, Nancy Hodges Easterling, exhibits this, her Bill for Divorce against Henry M. Easterling and for grounds thereof shows unto your Honor and unto this court as follows:-

F I R S T .

That both the complainant and the defendant are over the age of twenty-one years; that the complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such for all of her life continuously with the exception of a short time spent in the State of Mississippi as hereinafter alleged and that she has resided therein and been such a bona fide resident of ~~Alabama~~ State of Alabama for more than one year next before the filing of this bill; that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Laurel in the State of Mississippi.

S E C O N D .

That your complainant and the defendant were married on heretofore, to-wit; Septemeber 29th., 1921 and lived to-gether as man and wife until, to-wit; December 6th., 1921.

T H I R D .

That the defendant became addicted after marriage to habitual drunkenness and that during the time your complainant lived with him as his wife he was habitually and continuously under the influence of liquors or alcohol of some kind.

F O U R T H .

That the defendant, after their said marriage and up to the time that your complainant was compelled to leave him, treated your complainant in a cruel and inhuman manner; that he kicked her and otherwise abused her and committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to life or health; that from his conduct your complainant had reasonable cause to apprehend violence on her person at the hands of the defendant, attended with danger to her life or health; that complainant was forced to leave the defendant and seek safety elsewhere.

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PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that the defendant, Henry M. Easterling, be made party defendant to this bill of complaint and that he be required to appear and plead, answer or demur to this complaint within the time required by law, under the pains and penalties of this honorable court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant prays that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the complainant, Nancy Hodges Easterling and the defendant, Henry M. Easterling, be forever dissolved and that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation, if she so desires. And, as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc..

[Handwritten signature]
STONE & STONE

Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The defendant, Henry M. Easterling is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing bill from "FIRST" to "FOURTH", both inclusive, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

STONE & STONE

Solicitors for Complainant.