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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE MARRIAGE OF ETHEL SANSOM
AND SAMMY G. SANSOM

Upon the Petition of)

ETHEL SANSOM,)

Petitioner-Appellee,)

And Concerning)

SAMMY G. SANSOM,)

Respondent-Appellant.)

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Clinton
(CD 11939), James E. Kelly, Judge.

Respondent, Sammy, appeals from the alimony, or spousal
support, provision of the dissolution decree. **AFFIRMED.**

J. David Zimmerman of Pillers, Pillers & Pillers,
Clinton, for respondent-appellant.

Dorothy O'Brien, Clinton, for petitioner-appellee.

Considered by Oxberger, C.J., and Schlegel and Hayden,
JJ.

PER CURIAM**297**

Respondent husband appeals from the decree dissolving the parties' marriage. He contests the award of alimony to petitioner wife. Petitioner wife requests attorney fees on appeal.

This is a twenty-four-year marriage. Ethel was forty-nine years old and Sammy was fifty years old at time of trial. Upon our de novo review of the entire record, we agree with and affirm the trial court.

Ethel has various physical and health problems. She has not worked for nineteen years and has only an eleventh grade education. These matters and her age will make it difficult to obtain gainful employment. Sammy currently earns \$27,000 annually. Taking all this into consideration, we determine the award of alimony, or spousal support, in the sum of \$100 every two weeks for ten years and then reduced to \$50 every two weeks for the following twenty-four months, unless terminated by her death or remarriage, is equitable and in conformance with the criteria set out in Iowa Code section 598.21(3) (1987).

We award Ethel, petitioner, \$500 attorney fees on appeal. Costs are assessed against Sammy, respondent.

AFFIRMED.