# The State of Alabama, BALDWIN COUNTY

## CIRCUIT COURT. (Equity)

December Term, 1940

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TO THE HON. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Comes your complainant, A. F. SMITH, and brings this his bill of complaint against that certain land situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 ft. off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway; and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East.

and against the hereinafter named persons/claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance thereupon, for the purpose of establishing your complainant's title to and interest in said land, and for the further purpose of clearing up all doubts and disputes concerning his title to the said land, and respectfully shows unto your Honor as follows:

#### FIRST

That your complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that he is the owner in fee simple of and is in actual peaceable possession of the hereinabove described land; and your complainant claims title to said land absolutely in fee simple, and his title to the said land was derived from the persons hereinafter named, and that title to the said land and to each part thereof stands upon the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in your complainant's name; that no suit is pending to test your complainant's title to, interest in or right to the possession of said land, and your complainant and those through whom he claims title as hereinafter stated have held title thereto, claimed and paid taxes on the said lands during the whole period of ten or more consecutive years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, and no other person, firm or corporation has paid any taxes thereon or had any possession of said land or any part thereof or is known to your complainant to have claimed said land or any part thereof during any part of said

period any your complainant brings this his bill of complaint against the following named persons:

- Alice Worden, a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present post-office address is unknown;
- John E. Mathes, a non-resident of the State of Alabama whose present post-office address is unknown;
- Clara E. Mathes, a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present post-office address is unknown;
- J. E. Mathers, a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present post-office address is unknown;
- C. E. Mathers, a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present post-office address is unknown;
- J. B. Rogers, a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present post-office address is unknown;

#### SECOND

Your complainant further shows unto your Honor that his title to said land was obtained from the persons and in the manner shown as follows, viz:

- Tax Deed from G. W. Humphries, Judge of Probate, to M. E. Walker, dated July 3rd, 1929, and recorded 46 NS., page 555-6.
- Tax Deed from J. E. and C. E. Mathers by Judge of Probate to J. C. Graydon, dated June 13, 1928 and recorded in 45 NS., page 98-99;
- Tax Sale by Tax Collector, assessment in the name of Mrs. Alice Worden to the State of Alabama, dated Sept. 1, 1933 and recorded in Sales Book 10, p. 145;
- Quit Claim Deed from Jackie Graydon, as executrix of the estate of J. C. Graydon, deceased, to your complainant, dated Nov. 30, 1936, and recorded in 60 NS., p. 593;
- Warranty Deed from Frank W. Walker and wife to your complainant, dated July 11, 1938, and recorded in 65 NS., page 198;

Your complainant further shows that he and those under whom he claims title by the aforesaid instrument or instruments of writing have regularly assessed and paid all taxes upon said land and have had possession of the same.

#### THIRD

Your complainant further alleges that the within named defendants, or if any be dead, their unknown heirs or devisees, claim or are reputed to claim some title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance upon the said land, or some part thereof; that your complainant has made diligent search and incuiry to ascertain the names, ages and post-office addresses of said reputed claimants, and that your complainant has had abstract of title compiled to the said land in an effort to ascertain the same and has inspected the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama, and inquired of persons living in the vicinity of said land who would probably have information concerning the names and addresses and whereabouts of the said reputed claimants, and has called on numerous persons in order to ascertain the names, ages and present post-office addresses of the said persons.

#### FOURTH

Complainant further alleges that neither of the said defendants named above, nor any other person, has for ten (10) consecutive years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint had any possession of the said land, neither has any of the said named defendants regularly assessed and paid any taxes on the said property described herein, and that the title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance upon the said land reputed to be claimed by the said defendants, or either of them, to the said land, or any part thereof, is invalid and that the complainant's aforesaid title to the said land and to each and every part thereof, is perfect as against the said defendants, and each of them, and against any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance upon the said land, or any part thereof.

or instruments the same were derived or created.

Complinant further prays that upon the final hearing of this cause it will be ordered, adjudged and decreed that complainant at the time of the filing of this bill of complaint had the legal title to the above described land, and that none of the defendants, or any other person, have or own the same, or any part thereof, or have any right, title or interest therein or thereto; or any lien or incumbrance thereon, and complainant prays for such other, further, different and general relief as in equity and good conscience he may be entitled to receive in the premises. And your complainant will ever pray.

SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT.

STATE OF ALABAMA. BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, da M. Jurubull, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, this day personally appeared J. P. Beebe, who is known to me and who being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he is the attorney or record for A. F. Smith, complainant, in that certain cause pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, wherein the said A. F. Smith is complainant and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama, except 30 ft. off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama, and Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, Clara M. Mathes, J. E. Mathers, C. E. Mathers, and J. B. Rogers and if any are dead, their unknown heirs, devisees or personal representatives and any and all persons claiming any part thereof are defendants; that he has read the said bill of complaint and knows the facts therein alleged are true, to which said bill of complaint this affidavit is attached and made a part thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the //th day of September, 1940.

Alabama. Jurubull
Notary Public, Baldwin County,

I certify that the within is a true and correct Bill of Costs in the within styled cause.

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A. F. Smith, Complainant.

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JOHN P. BEEBI

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

LAMBERT BUILDING

	THE STATE OF ALABAMA, CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
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	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
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Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

NO. 663.

TO THE HON. R. S. DUCK, REGISTER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Comes the complainant, A. F. Smith, in the above styled cause, by his solicitor of record, said cause being ready for submission, and requests that all the papers therein, together with all evidence, be submitted to Hon. F. W. Hare, Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, for final decree.

This the  $\frac{28}{}$  day of November, 1940.

Solecitor for Complainant.

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# THE STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, (In Equity)

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My name is Will W. White. I am 70 years of age and have lived in Baldwin County, Alabama, 29 years and have lived in the vicinity of Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama, for the same period of time. I an acquainted with the property that is described as The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 feet off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway, and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, All in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East. For more than 10 years next preceding the giving of this testimony and for more than 10 years prior to 17th day of September, 1940, this property has been under fence. In fact the fence has been there for least thirty years. I have never known of anyone being in possession of this property except A. F. Smith and those through whom he claims title. The property has not been cultivated by anyone since i have known the same.

My name is W. C. Byrd. I am 28 years old and have live in the vicinity of Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama, for about 14 years. I am personally acquainted with the property that belongs to Mr. A. F. Smith, which is described as The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 feet off of the South and East ends for public highway, and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama, During the 14 years that I have known this property there has been a fence around it. During the time I have known the same, namely 14 years next preceding the time I offer this testimony no one has been in the possession of the same except Mr. A. F. Smith and those through whom he claims title. The land is not in cultivation and has not been in

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My. name is A. F. Smith. I am the complainant in the cause. I am over twenty one years of age and a resident of Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama. There is no suit now pending to quietthe title to the property described inthe bill of complaint, which is described as follows, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 feet off of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 feet off of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all in Section 1
Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama. I purchased this property from Frank W. Walker and his wife, and from Jackie Graydon as the Executorix of the Estate of J. C. Graydon. I am now in the possession of the above described property and all of the same and have been in possession of the same since I purchased it. At the time I purchased this property it was under a fence and has remained thereunder down to this date. I have been personally acquainted with this property forat least 25 years next preceding the Biling of the bill of complaint in this cause and during the whole of that time the said property has been under fence. The Bence was placed on the property by predecessors in title and has remained there to this date. I own the property described above in fee simple and in peaceable possession of the same and was also in the peaceable possession of the same at the time suit was brought. The title to this property now stands on the records of Baldwin County, Alabama, in my name. My title to the same at through Jackie Graydon and Frank W. Walker. I have regular assessed the said property for State and County taxes and have paid the same as they became due. No other person than myself and those through whom I claim title have ever been in the possession of this property Since I have known the seme.

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# THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Baldwin County

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A. F. SMITH, Complainant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

WHEREAS, A. F. Smith has filed his bill of complaint in this Court on the 17th day of September, 1940, alleging that he is the owner in fee simple of and is in the actual, peaceable possession of said lands described, situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter except 30 ft. off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway, and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East; and further alleging that the title to said lands stands on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in his name; and further alleging that he and those through whom he claims title have held said lands under color or title for more than ten (10) years next preceding the filing of said bill of complaint and that he and those through whom he claims have annually listed and paid the taxes on said lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than ten (10) years consecutively next preceding the bill of complaint and that there is no suit pending to test the validity of his title to, interest in, claim, lien or incumbrance on the said lands, and that the said described lands and Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, Clara E. Mathes, J. E. Mathers, C. E. Mathers and J. B. Rogers are defendants, or should any of the named defendants be dead, then against the heirs, next of kin and personal representatives, claim or reputed to claim some

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title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance on the said lands, or some part thereof and it appearing from the said bill of complaint, the same having been verified as required by law, that diligent search and inquiry has been made to ascertain the names and post office addresses of all of the named defendants, but that the complainant was unable to determine the present post-office addresses of all of the said named defendants;

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that notice to the lands above described and the above named defendants, and to any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance upon said land or any part thereof, of the pendency of said suit, be drawn by the Register and published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, for four (4) consecutive weeks.

JUDGE.

F. Smith, Complainant.

VS.

The SE quarter of the SE quarter except 30 ft. off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway; and the W half of the SW quarter of the SE quarter, all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County Alabama, Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, Clara E. Mathes, J. E. Mathers, C. E. Mathers and J. B. Rogers,

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Filed in office this // day of Sept. 1940.

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Register.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

A. F. Smith, Complainant, vs. the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter except 30 ft. off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama, Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, C. E. Mathers, J. E. Mathers, Clara E. Mathes, J. B. Rogers, addresses unknown, and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance on the whole or any part of the above described lands, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That A. F. Smith did on the 17th day of September, 1940, file a bill of complaint in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity, against the above described lands and the above named and described persons and against any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance on the said lands or any part thereof, to quiet and establish his title to the said lands as and to be in fee simple, clear of incumbrance, against the said named and described persons and against any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or incumbrance on the said lands, or any part thereof, and to settle and clear up all doubts and disputes concerning the same.

That the complainant in his bill of complaint alleges that he is the owner in fee simple of the said lands, and each part thereof; that the title to the same stands on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in his name; that he and those through whom he claims title have for more than ten (10) consecutive years next preceding the filing of the said bill of complaint annually listed and paid the taxes on said lands to the proper officers of Baldwin County, Alabama, and no other persons, except this complainant, and those through whom he claims, have paid any taxes on the said property during the said period of (10) ten years and that his title to the said lands is derived by mesne conveyance from the State of Alabama through, by and under the following instruments:

Tax Deed from G. W. Humphries, Judge of Probate, to M. E. Walker, dated July 3, 1929 and recorded 46 NS., p. 555-6.

Tax Deed from J. E. and C. E. Mathers by Judge of Probate to J. C. Graydon, date June 13, 1928 and recorded in 45 NS., p. 98-99.

Quit Claim Deed from Jackie Graydon, as executrix of the estate of J. C. Graydon, deceased, to the complainant, dated Nov. 30, 1926 and recorded in 60 NS. p. 593.

Warranty Deed from Frank W. Walker and wife to the Complainant dated July 11, 1938 and recorded in 65 NS., p. 198.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, R. S. Duck, as Register in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 17th day of September, 1940.

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Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

No. 663.

Complainant having on the 20 day of November, 1940, filed his motion and request for oral examination of Will W. White, W. C. Byrd and A. F. Smith, as witnesses for complainant, and due and proper notice thereof having been given as required by law on the Order book of this court, and Nan Alice Thompson, as Deputy Register in Chancery, being a suitable person to act as Commissioner to take the depositions of said witnesses,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said motion for oral examination of Will W. White, W. C. Byrd and A. F. Smith, as witnesses for complainant, be and is hereby granted, and that the said Nan Alice Thompson is hereby appointed as Commissioner to take the depositions of said witnesses.

WITNESS my hand this the 20 day of November, 1940.

R.S. Duck
Register.

Complainant,

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Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

NO. 663.

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The Solicitor for the complainant in the above styled cause hereby gives notice to the above named persons, that the depositions of Will W. White, W. C. Byrd and A. F. Smith, witnesses for the complainant, will be taken before Nan Alice Thompson, Deputy Register in Chancery, at her office in the court house, Bay Minette, Alabama, on November 27, 1940.

WITNESS my hand this the 22 day of November, 1940.

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Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

NO. 663.

#### FINAL DECREE.

This cause coming on to be heard, is submitted for final decree upon the original bill of complaint filed September 17th, 1940, upon the order of the Register made and entered September 17th, 1940, directing notice of the pendency of the said suit be given by publication once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, upon notice of the pendency of the said suit as given by publication in The Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette. in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks and proof of such publication, together with the copy thereof, certified by the publisher of said paper on the 12th day of October. 1940, motion and application of complainant for oral examination of the said complainant, A. F. Smith, and Will W. White and W. C. Byrd, witnesses for complainant, dated November 20, 1940, notice to defendants of such motion for oral examination of said witnesses for complainant dated November 20, 1940, given by entry on the order book of the Register as certified by the Register; order granting motion of complainant for oral examination of A. F. Smith, Will W. White and W. C. Byrd, witnesses for complainant, entered Movember

20, 1940, and directing issuance of commission to Nan Alice Thompson, Deputy Register in Chancery, to take oral depositions of said witnesses dated November 23, 1940, notice to the defendants of the time and place of the taking of the oral examination of said witnesses for complainant dated November <23, 1940, given by entry on the order book of the Register as certified by the Register; motion for decree pro confesso on publication, dated November 19th, 1940; decree pro confesso on publication, dated November 20th, 1940; and upon the evidence adduced by the complainant, all as noted by the Register, and the same being considered by the Court, the Court is of the opinion, and does find, ascertain and decree, that due and proper notice of the pendency of the said bill of complaint against the said lands and against any and all persons claiming any interest in the said land or any part thereof, or any interest therein, or any lien or incumbrance thereon, has been given in the manner required by law, and that the complainant is entitled to the relief as prayed for in his bill of complaint and of his title to the said property;

It is therefore ASCERTAINED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that the said complainant, A. F. Smith, is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that at the time of the submission of this cause for final decree the complainant was and is in the actual and peaceable possession, claiming to own the same absolutely and in fee simple, of all that certain tract of land situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 feet off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway; and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East;

That there is no suit pending in any court to test his title to, interest in, or his right to the possession of said lands; that the said complainant and those through whom he claims title, have held title to said tract of land and have paid taxes on said tract of land for more than ten years next preceding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause; that complainant's title to

the said land was derived from tax deed from G. W. Humphries, Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama, to M. E. Walker dated July 3rd, 1929, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of said County in 46 NS, pages 555-6; tax deed from J. E. and C. E. Mathers by Judge of Probate to J. C. Graydon, dated June 13, 1928, and recorded in 45 NS, pages 98-99; quit claim deed from Jackie Graydon, as Executrix of the estate of J. C. Graydon, deceased, to your complainant, dated November 30, 1936, and recorded in 60 NS, page 593; Warranty Deed from Frank W. Walker and wife to your complainant dated July 11, 1938, and recorded in 65 NS, page 198; that the said land was confirmed in Josiah V. Thompson as purchaser from the Mobile and Girard Railroad Company by deed dated April 25th, 1893, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Book "S", pages 629-41; that the said complainant and those through whom he claims title to said land have been in actual, open, notorious, continuous possession of the said land for more than ten years next preceding the filing of said bill of complaint in said cause; and have remained in the continuous, open and actual adverse possession of the said land and have annually listed and paid the taxes thereon for more than ten years next preceding the filing of said bill of complaint; that during the whole of said time down to the filing of said bill of complaint in this cause neither of the said defendants named in the said bill of complaint nor any other person has had possession of said land, or any part thereof, and that at the time of the filing of this bill of complaint the said A. F. Smith had and now has the fee simple title to the lands above described.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said A. F. Smith at the time of the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause and at this time had and has the fee simple title to the above described lands and to each and every part and parcel thereof.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that neither of the said defendants, Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, Clara E. Mathes, J. E. Mathers, C. E. Mathers, J. B. Rogers, nor any other person, have any right, title or interest in or claim or incumbrance upon

the whole or any part of the said lands, and that the fee simple title to the said lands, and each and every part and parcel thereof, be and the same is hereby quieted and established in and declared to be in the said A. F. Smith.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that a certified copy of this decree be by the Register of this Court recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in which County the said land lies, within thirty days from the date of this decree, and that the same be indexed in the direct index in the names of the said defendants, and in the reverse index in the name of the said A. F. Smith, as the same is provided by Section 9923 of the Code of Alabama for 1923, and that the costs thereof be taxed as a part of the cost in this proceeding.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said A. F. Smith be and he is hereby taxed with the cost of this proceeding, for which let execution issue.

This the 28th day of November, 1940.

F. W. Vare

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### THE STATE OF ALABAMA, 1 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY BALDWIN COUNTY No. <u>6</u>63 Fall \_\_, Term, 19<u>40</u> A. F. SMITH. Complainant Vs. CERTAIN LANDS, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA., ALICE WORDEN, ET AL., R. S. Duck, that the order of publication In this cause it appears to the Registerheretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the -September \_\_\_\_, 19 40 , in the \_\_\_\_ Baldwin Times \_\_\_\_ a newspaper published Bay Minette , Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door Baldwin County, on the 19th day of September 194 0 And it now further appearing to the Register R. S. Duck The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, except 30 ft.off of the South and East ends thereof for public highway; and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all in Section 1, Township 5 South of Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama; Alice Worden, John E. Mathes, Clara E. Mathes, J. E. Mathers, C. E. Mathers, J. B. Rogers; having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, 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 above named respondents. 20th November — day of \_\_\_\_

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Respondents.

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### THE STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County

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The State of Alabama BALDWIN COUNTY

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Complainant,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN CHANCERY

DEPOSITION

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JOHN H. KUCK,

Respondent.

Anna Feller Kuck, being first duly and solemnly sworn on oath did depose and say:

My name is Anna Feller Kuck and I am the complainant in the above entitled action. I was married to the respondent, John H. Kuck, on September 27th, 1940 in Bay Minette, Alabama.

I am 69 years old and for more than thirty years have lived on a farm near Elberta, Alabama. I was married to Fred Feller on November 2nd, 1910 and lived with him as his wife until January 25th, 1933, when he died. We had no children.

He left me 120 acres of land, on which we had made our home. However, only 28 acres of this is cleared and in cultivation, the rest of it being wood land. Since his death, I have made my own living by renting out the cultivated land for about enough to pay the taxes, raising chickens, selling eggs and milking two or three cows.

I am getting to an age, however, where the work necessary to make my living in this way is hard for me and, when I met the and respondent/he wanted to marry me for companionship and to make a home for him, I was interested, as he told me he had money and property and an income sufficient to enable us to live well without me doing anything except keeping house for him.

I became acquainted with him at the church which we both attended, and he told me that his wife had died recently and that he needed someone to make a home for him and that he was able to and would support me in comfort, and I would not have to do any work, except keep house for him.

I made no investigation of his finances but took his word, and we were married.

No sooner was the ceremony performed, before we even went home, he wanted me to go to a lawyer and make a will, leaving all my property to his children. I refused to do this and his attitude toward me began to change at once. When we got to my home he notified me that it would be necessary to sell all the wood and timber off my land and that we would have to make our living off of what we gould sell from the farm, as he had no money and had been delayed in collecting money which he expected.

When I refused to have the wood cut or to sell anything off the farm to provide our living, he said that he guessed it had been a mistake that we ever got married.

By that time it was obvious to me that he had married me with the idea that I had money and property and would support him, and I too recognized that I had made a mistake. I went and talked to my good friends and neighbors of many years, Mr. Salzman and Mr. Paul Haupt, and they both advised me that I should take immediate steps to have the marriage annulled.

We never did live together as man and wife and he took the few belongings he had brought to my house and left the next day.

I relied upon his representations as to his ability to take care of me and was deceived by him into believing that he could and would do so, and discovered as soon as the marriage ceremony was performed that his whole idea was to marry me for what little I had, and to force me to take care of and support him and, on such a basis, a happy marriage between us was impossible and, the marriage between us never having been consummated, I now ask that the court declare it a nullity.

Anna Feller Thick

#### CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, Mary Kate Cowden, by virtue of the attached Commission To Take Depositions, commissioner to take the testimony of Anna Feller Kuck, do hereby certify that on the 31st day of October, 1940, I caused the said Anna Feller Kuck to appear before me in my office at Foley, Alabama; that after being duly sworn, the testimony of said witness was by me taken down in shorthand, later reduced to typewriting, read over by the witness and subscribed by her.

That I have personal knowledge of the identity of said witness and am not of counsel or kin to any of the parties to this cause, and have no interest in the result of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of November, 1940.

Mary Fate Cowden Commissioner

I certify that the within is a true and correct Bill of Costs in the within styled cause. ATTEST: Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala. Received payment this-ATTEST: Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala. EQUITY COST BILL BALDWIN COUNTY State of Alabama, vs.

Defendant.\_

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ANNA FELLER KUCK

Complainant,

**VS**.⁵

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LLOYD A. MAGNEY
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FOLEY ALABAMA

Complainant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

JOHN H. KUCK,

Respondent.

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN CHANCERY SITTING:

#### PART ONE

Your complainant respectfully shows unto Your Honor that she is over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Elberta therein, and that the respondent, John H. Kuck is also over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Robertsdale, therein.

#### PART TWO

Your complainant further avers:

- That she is 69 years of age and the respondent 81.
- That the parties were married in Bay Minette, Alaba-2. ma on the 27th day of September, 1940.
- That your complainant was induced to enter into a contract of marriage with the respondent by the false and fraudulent representations of the respondent; that her consent to such marriage contract was obtained from her by the fraud of the respondent, which fraud consisted of this: The respondent represented to your complainant that he was a man of wealth and possessed of an income from investments which would enable him to support your complainant in comfort in her declining years and that he desired marriage with your complainant for companionship in his old age, and that his income was ample to support them both in comfort, whereas, the fact is, that the said respondent is not a man of wealth and has no income which would enable him to support himself and your complainant in comfort and, as soon as the marriage ceremony was completed he notified your complainant that they would have to live

in her home and on her money as he had no money with which to support them.

- 3. That because of the advanced age of the parties, the marriage between them was understood to be one of convenience which would result in company and companionship for the respondent and a home and the necessities and some of the comforts of life for your complainant, and that the fraud and deceit of the respondent, practiced upon your complainant as aforesaid, went to the essentials of the proposed relationship between them and was such a fraud upon your complainant as to make a happy married life with the respondent impossible.
- 4. That your complainant believed the representations of the respondent and relied upon them and, not until after the marriage ceremony, did the respondent inform her to the contrary.
- 5. That the marriage relation has never been consummated between your complainant and the respondent; they have never lived together but separated almost immediately after the marriage ceremony and as soon as your complainant learned from the respondent of the falsity of his representations to her, and the contract between them is based upon and was procured by the fraud of the respondent, and in equity and in good conscience ought to be annulled.

#### PRAYER FOR PROCESS

WHEREFORE, your complainant prays that Your Honor will grant to her the writ of summons of the State of Alabama, directed to the respondent, John H. Kuck, and requiring him to answer, plead or demur to this Bill of Complaint within the time allowed by law and to abide such order and decree as may be entered herein; and your complainant shall ever pray, etc.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Your complainant further prays that upon final hearing of this cause, Your Honor will make and enter a decree cancelling the marriage contract between the respondent and herself and annulling the marriage relation between the complainant and the respondent.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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ANNA FELLER KUCK,

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"VS.

JOHN H. KUCK.

Respondent.

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Complainant,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN CHANCERY

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Vs.

JOHN H. KUCK,

Respondent.

This cause coming on to be heard on the Bill of Complaint, the answer of the respondent, the stipulation of the respondent for the submission of the cause and the testimony, as noted by the Register, and was submitted to the Court and upon consideration thereof the Court finds:

That it has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this cause and the persons of the parties; that the allegations of the Bill of Complaint are true, that the marriage ceremony, which was performed on the 27th day of September, 1940, purporting to join in matrimony the complainant and the respondent, was induced by the fraud of the respondent and was of no real force or effect; that no legal marriage relationship ever came into existence as between the complainant and respondent by reason of said ceremony; that the marriage relationship has never been consummated between the complainant and the respondent and that the said marriage ought to be and the same hereby is declared to be null and void and of no force or effect.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the marriage ceremony between the complainant, Anna Feller Kuck, and the respondent, John H. Kuck, performed on the 27th day of September, 1940 be, and the same hereby is declared null and void; that the marriage relationship between complainant and respondent be and the same hereby is annulled, set aside, cancelled and held for naught and the parties released from the obligation of the same and that complainant pay the costs of this action, taxed at \$\frac{1}{2}\$.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 1940.

Judge.

Complainant,

vs.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN CHANCERY

ANSWER

JOHN H. KUCK,

Respondent.

Comes now John H. Kuck, the above named respondent, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint says:

FIRST: He admits the allegations of Part One of the Bill of Complaint.

SECOND: He admits the allegations of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part Two of the Bill of Complaint.

THIRD: Your respondent denies that he made any false representations to the complainant.

FOURTH: Your respondent admits that the marriage relation has never been consummated between himself and the complainant, and that they have never lived together but separeted almost immediately after the marriage ceremony.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, your respondent prays that he may go hence without day and have judgment for his costs herein expended.

John Attorney Pro Se

Complainant,

vs.

JOHN H. KUCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN CHANCERY

STIPULATION

Comes now John H. Kuck, the above named respondent, and stipulates and agrees that the testimony in this case may be taken before Mary Kate Cowden, acting as commissioner, and the costs submitted on the bill, answer and testimony at any time.

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Respondent.

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### LLOYD A. MAGNEY LAWYER FOLEY, ALABAMA

#### November 5, 1940

Hon. R. S. Duck,

Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

#### Re: Kuck vs. Kuck

Judge Hare has indicated that he will sign a decree in this case and I have forwarded one to him.

I enclose a copy herewith for your use in certifying after the signed decree has been sent to you by Judge Hare.

Very truly yours,

LLOYD A. "MAGNEY.

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### LLOYD A. MAGNEY LAWYER FOLEY, ALABAMA

November 1, 1940.

Hon. R. S. Duck,

Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:0

#### Re: Kuck vs. Kuck

I enclose herewith the testimony in this case and wish that you would send the file to Judge Hare for the decree in vacation.

As soon as the decree is returned, please certify the enclosed copy and send it to me with your cost bill and I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

LLOYD A. MAGNEY.

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