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ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Robert S. Duck, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ... on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness ... and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of myself J. B. Blackburn and Ora Sirmon, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ... or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness ... ; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or 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 12th day of October 1935.

Robert S. Duck (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed Oct 12, 1935

Robert S. Duck Register

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Register

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Era Belle Howell

witness .. named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 12th day of October

1935, at the office of J. B. Blackburn

in Bay Minette, \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Era Belle Howell

\_\_\_\_\_ doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Era Belle Howell and my husband's name is Jasper Howell. I am over twenty-one years of age and am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have resided practically all of my life but I have resided here continuously for more than twelve months prior to the time this suit was commenced. My husband, Jasper Howell, is over twenty-one years of age and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and was a resident of Pensacola, Florida at the time this suit was commenced.

I was lawfully married to Jasper Howell in Bay Minette, Alabama on April 7, 1929, and lived with him as his wife until January 30, 1931, when we separated. At that time Jasper Howell voluntarily abandoned me without fault on my part and has lived separate and apart from me since that time. My maiden name was Era Belle Pipkins.

Era Belle Howell

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

Your Oratrix, Era Belle Howell, brings this Bill of Complaint against Jasper Howell, and thereupon your Oratrix complains and shows unto the Court as follows:

1. Your Oratrix is over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has resided continuously for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of this Bill, and the said Jasper Howell is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. Your Oratrix and the said Jasper Howell were lawfully married in Bay Minette, Alabama, on to-wit, April 7, 1929, and lived together as man and wife until on to-wit, January 30, 1931, when they separated, at which time they were residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.

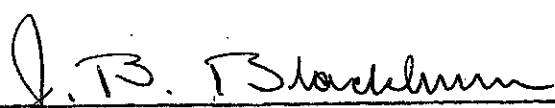
3. Your Oratrix further shows unto the Court and your Honor that on to-wit, January 30, 1931, the said Jasper Howell, without fault on the part of your Oratrix voluntarily abandoned her and has lived separate and apart from her since the said date.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

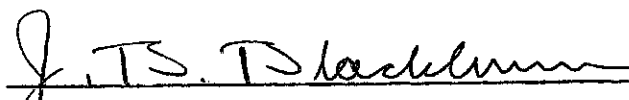
Your Oratrix prays that the said Jasper Howell be made a party respondent to this Bill of Complaint and that the usual process of this Honorable Court do forthwith issue to him.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Your Oratrix prays that upon a final hearing of this cause your Honor will enter and grant unto her a divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between your Oratrix and the said Jasper Howell, will grant unto her the right to resume the use of her maiden name and grant unto her the right to marry again, and your Oratrix further prays for such other, further and general relief as she may be equitably entitled to the premises considered.

  
Solicitor for Oratrix.

FOOT NOTE: The said Jasper Howell is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint Numbered 1 to 3 both inclusive, but not under oath, his oath thereto being hereby expressly waived.

  
Solicitor for Oratrix.

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BANKRUPTCY  
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BILL OF COMPLAINT

ER. BEILE HOWELL,

Complainant,

vs.

JASPER HOWELL,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BAYLON COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY.

Filed on this the 11 day of May,  
1935

*Walter Wood*  
*Registrar*

J. B. BLACKBURN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
BAY MINISTERS, ALABAMA

Comes the Complainant and amends her Bill of Complaint in the said cause so that the same will read as follows:

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

Your Oratrix, Era Belle Howell, brings this Bill of Complaint against Jasper Howell, and thereupon your Oratrix complains and shows unto the Court as follows:

1. Your Oratrix is over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has resided continuously for more than twelve months next preceding the filing of this Bill, and the said Jasper Howell is over twenty-one years of age and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, whose present residence and post office address is c/o Post Hospital, Fort Barrancas, Florida.

2. Your Oratrix and the said Jasper Howell were lawfully married in Bay Minette, Alabama, on to-wit, April 7, 1929, and lived together as man and wife until on to-wit, January 30, 1931, when they separated, at which time there were residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.

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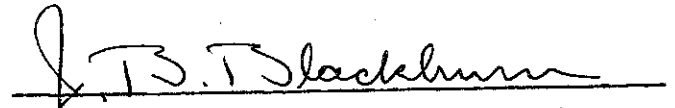
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Solicitor for Oratrix.

FOOT NOTE: The said Jasper Howell is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint Numbered 1 to 3 both inclusive, but not under oath, his oath thereto being hereby expressly waived.

  
Solicitor for Oratrix.

AMENDED BILL OF COMPLAINT

ERA BEULIE HOWELL

VS.

JASPER HOWELL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY. NO 127

Filed on this the 6 day of June,  
1955.

*Robert S. Blackburn*  
*Attorney*

J. B. BLACKBURN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA



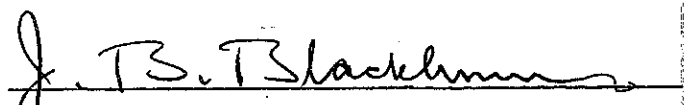
ERA BELLE HOWELL,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
JASPER HOWELL,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO.

Motion is hereby made against the Respondent, Jasper Howell, on the ground that copies of the original Bill of Complaint, Amended Bill of Complaint and summons were mailed to the Respondent by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked for delivery only to the person to whom addressed, with return receipt requested, addressed to R. S. Duck, Register in Chancery, Bay Minette, Alabama, which said registered articles were delivered to the Respondent and more than thirty days have elapsed since the said return card was received by R. S. Duck, Register, and said Respondent has failed to plead, answer or demur to the Amended Bill of Complaint in this cause to the date hereof.

Dated this 15th day of July, 1935.

  
Solicitor for Complainant.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO.

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ERA BELLE HOWELL,

Complainant,

VS.

JASPER HOWELL,

Respondent.

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

Filed on this the 15th day of  
July, 1935.

*Robert L. Davis*  
*Registrar*

The State of Alabama, { Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity  
Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Jasper Howell

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

Eva Belle Howell

against said Jasper Howell

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, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 11th day

of May 1935

*Robert S. Duck*

Register

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

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

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY

No. 127

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this

*11/11*

day of

*Monday*

, 193

*W. M. Wilkins*

SHERIFF

Executed this

day

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by leaving a copy of the within Summons w

VS.

Defendant

Sheriff

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

Solicitor for Complainant

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*W. M. Wilkins*  
*My friend*  
*W. M. Wilkins*  
*Sheriff*  
*Dependent out of state*  
*Mrs. Wilkins*  
*C. N. Anderson, 108*  
*G-29-35*



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**Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY**

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

**SUMMONS**

vs.

Solicitor for Complainant

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY**

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_

SHERIFF

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day

193\_\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within Summons wi

Defendant

Sheriff

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

The State of Alabama, { Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity  
Baldwin County

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ERNA BELLE HOWELL

against said JASPER HOWELL

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, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 193 5

*Robert S. Duck* Register

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY

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

SUMMONS

*Shawell*

VS.

*Shawell*

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_

SHERIFF

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day

193\_\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within Summons wil

Defendant

Sheriff

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



The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

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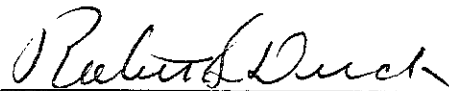
Era Belle Howell

against said Jasper Howell

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WITNESS, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 11th day

of May 1935



Register

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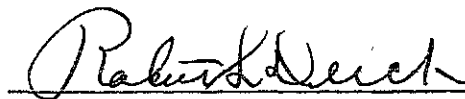
ERA BELLE HOWELL,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
JASPER HOWELL,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY. NO. \_\_\_\_.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON SERVICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

In this cause, it being made to appear to the Register that copies of the original Bill, Amended Bill and Summons were served upon the Respondent by registered mail as required by law, requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to the Amended Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days from the service of said Summons, that the return card attached to the said registered articles was received by the Register on June 12th, 1935, and the said Respondent having failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Amended Bill of Complaint to date hereof; it is now therefore on motion of the Complainant, ordered and decreed that the Amended Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Jasper Howell, Respondent aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 15th day of July, 1935.



Register.

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DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
SERVICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

ERA BELLE HOWELL,

Complainant,

VS.

JASPER HOWELL,

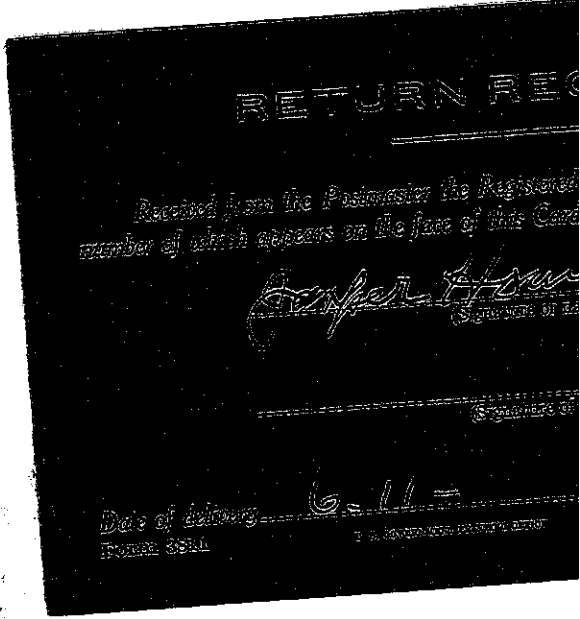
Respondent.

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

Dated this 15th day of July, 1935.

*Robert Wood*  
*Register*

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copy of original &  
Amended bill and  
Summons & ~~return~~  
marked by reg mail  
June 6. 1935  
cost paid by W.B.B.



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I have done  
nothing to  
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necessarily be made before I  
will be able to leave the Hospital to  
appear before court, and I further  
more wish to state that I am by no  
means in a condition to be bothered  
any further by false statements  
of which my orator has me charged,  
and can prove same.

Please find also enclosed my  
summons that same return must  
be returned.

And again to say that my orator must  
have her claim filed right if she  
wishes my signature or consent  
Trusting that same will quickly receive  
her consideration.

Yours Truly  
Jasper Howell  
Post Hospital  
St Barrancos  
Fla.

Post Hospital,  
St Barrancos, Fla.  
6-11-35

Mr Robert S Duch,  
Register and Clerk of the Circuit  
Court, Baldwin County,  
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Sir -

This is to inform  
of Eric Belle Howell and  
Jasper Howell filed for  
no value and if the  
Belle Howell and her  
wishes my signature for  
the claim against me  
sent out I have twice  
her solicitor.

The fact is that it was  
that I left her and  
will prove same if I  
force me to do so.

This is also to inform  
will be several weeks

