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Letha Whitehurst,)
Complainant

In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. In Equity.

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Louis Whitehurst,

Respondent .

Amendment of Complaint.

comes now the complainant and amends her Complaint by adding at the end of paragraph 1 of the complaint the following additional words Viz:

That at times respondent committed acts of actual violence on the person of your Cratrix attended with danger to her life and health and his conduct was such to cause her to have a reasonable apprehension of actual violence on her person attendant with danger to her life and health that for this cause she forced to leave respondent and return to live with her uncle Edwart Faulk at Bay Minette, Alabama, where he has since resided since she ceased to live with the respondent about a year ago.

Complainant amends her complaint by adding the following additional count, yiz:

3. Your Oratrix further shows that after she married respondent he became addicted after marriage to your Oratrix to habitual drunkenness.

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Splicitor for Complainant

Foote Note:

The respondent is required to answer the foregoing Bill of Complaint from paragraph one to paragraph three inclusive, but not under oath, oath to the answer being hereby expressly waived.

Solicitor for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA. Tetha Whitehurst

Louis Whitehurst,

VS.

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Letha Whitehurst, Complainant In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County Louis Whitehurst, Respondent Alabama. In Equity.

Louis Whitehurst, the person named as defendant or respondent in the above stated cause, and for answer to the bill of complaint herein, say He denies each and every allegation of the same and therein contained and demands strict proof of the same, except that he admits that he married th complaiant, Letha Whitehurst, on February 22nd, 1930 and that they lived a husband and wife in Mobile county and that they separated about one year ago, while they were living in Mobile and admits that they are both residents of the state of Alabama and have so resided for past three years. Respondent waives service by the sheriff of subpoena on said bill of con plaint filed in said cause, also, a copy of the interrogatories that may be filed in the cause, and waives the right to cross examine the witnesses and waives notice of the time of taking the evidence in the cause either on or examination of witnesses or on interrogatories fixled in the cause and t right to cross said interrogatories that may filed in the cause and conser that the cause may be submitted to the Circuit Judge for decree in vacatio on note of testimony to be taken and made by the Register .

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State of Alabama.

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A Notary Public in and for said

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County and state, personally appeared Louis Whitehurst, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath says that he signed the foregoing answer to a ce ain Bill of Complaint, filed on the 4th day of June, 1932, in the Circui Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein Letha Whitehurst is Complainant and Louis Whitehurst is respondent and the same above is his signature to same and I further certify that said Louis Whitehurst is known to me and that he signed said answer in my presence and on the date therein set out.

Given under my hand and seal this --- day of June 1932

Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA,) CIRCUIT COU	URT, IN EQUITY.
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	Solicitors of record, now files w	ith the Register of this Court
this written request to deliver th	e papers in this cause to the Judge i	or final decree in vacation.
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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 LOUIS WHITEHURST
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and further to do and perform w	what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.
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N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

8381 NOTE OF TESTIMONY Letha Whitehurst THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY IN EQUITY, CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY. Louis Whitehurst, Amended This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the Bill of Complaint, ____ service on Defendant, answer of Defendant as testimony of Letha Whitehurst, Sarah Cattett and Tom Reed, and in behalf of Defendant upon

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The State of Alabama

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

		LETHA VEITERU	RST	COMPLAINANT
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of Alabama, for the past three years before the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause. I am the complainant in said cause and I was married to the Respondent, Louis Whitehurst at Prichard, Alabama, Mobile, Gounty, Alabama, February 22, 1930,. We lived together as husband and wife until June 1, 1931, when I was forced to leave him and returned to live at Bay Minette, Alabama on account of his misconduct and cruel treatment of me; since said time I have lived at Bay Minette with my Uncle, Edward Faulk, except when I am off at work. I am going on 19 years old, and I was seventeen years old when I was married. My husband is upwards of twenty-one years of age, I think he is twenty-one. He is a resident citizen of Baldwin Jounty, Alabama, residing temporarily at 506 Selma St., Mobile, Alabama. Whenever my husband, Louis Whitehurst would get frunk he would treat me most cruelly. We lived at Prichard, Alabama, in Mobile County until June 1, 1931, After we were married my husband became addicted to drunkeness and stayed drunk most of the time. He drank so much and so constantly that he couldn't keep a job, and I suffered at times for want of something to eat. At times when he would get drunk he would tear up the furniture and run me off of the premises. At one time he even whipped me. He became so mean and quarrelsome that I hade to leave him for the fear that he would do me great bodily harm and in a fit of temper, even when he would not be drunk he would jump on me and beat me.

My name is Letha Whitehurst; I am a resident of Baldwin

County, Alabama. I have been a resident of Baldwin County, State

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, IN EQUITY

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Letha Whitehurst, Complainant,)

In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County Alabama. In Equity.

Louis Whitehurst, Respondent.

Comes the defendant, Louis Whitehurst, for a further answer to the Bill of Complaint as amended and to the Bill of Complaint as heretofore exhibited—— against him and says:

He admits the parties were legally married at the time and place alleged in the complaint

He admits that the residence of the parties is as alleged in the complaint (3)

He admits that while they were living as husband and wife in Mobile that they separated on towit June 1931 and have not since sais separation lived together as husband and wife and that they are now both residents of the state of Alabama and have resided in said state for the past three years. Defendant or respondent waives service by the sheriff of a subpoena on the amended Bill of complaint filed in the cause and waives the right to cross examine ritnesses that may testify in said cause for complainant and waives notice of the time of taking the evidence in the cause either on oral examination of witnesses or on interrogatoties filed in the cause and consents — that the cause may be submitted to the Circuit judge for degree in vacation on note of testimony to be taken and made by the Register .

Pated — Day of July 1932

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Complainant,)

vs)

Louis Whitehurst,)

Respondent

In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama.
In Equity.

To The Honorable Francis W Hare, Judge of the Twenty First Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which includes Baldwin County:

- Your Oratrix, Letha Whitehurst, respectfully represents unto your Honor
- as follows:

 1. Your Oratrix, Letha Whitehurst and Louis Whitehurst were legally married

 February 22nd, 1930.

 in Mobile, Alabama at Pritchard, Ala. in said county,

and lived together as husband and wife until June 1st, 1931, when on ac count of cruelty and bad conduct towards here by respondent, Louis Whitehurst, she was forced to leave him and return to Bay Minette, Alabama where she uncle has since lived with her erl-Edward Faulk. While she lived with respondent as his wife, he would at times get drunk and beat her and treat her most cruelly and at times she actually suffered from hunger, as he would not work and times was ofteh was out of work and did not support her at steady work Since she left respondent in June 1931, she has not lived with said respondent as husband and wife and she has not received any support at all from him. 2. Your Oratrix, Letha Whitehurst and respondent, Louis Whitehurst are both alduin bona fide residents of state of Alabama and are both over the age of eigh teen years; your Oratrix has for past year been a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Bay Minette, Alabama . Respondent now 506, Selma Street, Mobile, Alabama. Your Oratrix has been for more than the past three years before the filing of the Bill in this cause, a bona fide resident of the state of Alabama.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your Oratrix, prays a subpoena be issued and directed to the said Louis Whitehurst, the respondent in this - cause; that he be brought before this honorable court and directed to answer the charges herein made against him under the rules of this Honorable court; that he be made a party defendant or respondent to this Bill of Complaint and that upon a final hearing of the evidence your Honor will order, adjudge, and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your Oratrix and the said Louis Whitehurst be forever dissolved and that your Oratrix be permitted to marry again and that she be granted such other and further relief as may in equity and good conscience may seem proper and meet to your Honor. And your Oratrix will ever pray etc.

The respondent is required to Solicitor for Complainant answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing Bill of Complaint, item 1 to 2 inclusive but his answer under oath is hereby espressly waived

The State of Alabama Baldwin County

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

	Letha Whi	Ltehurst,	COMPLAINANT	
		vs.		
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	Letha Whitehurst, COMPLAINANT VS. Louis Whitehurst, RESPONDENT T.W.Richerson, of Baldwin Co,Ala, ster and Commissioner of Baldwin Co,Ala, ster and caused to come before me Letha Whitehurst, and Sarah named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the day of at the office of Register, Bay Minette , Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses, he whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Witnesses, doth depose and say as follows:			
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Letah Whitehurst deposes and Says: - I am the complainant in this cause, I am a bon a fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and am 19 years years of age and have been a resident of this County all my life except for a time when I lived with my husband Louis Whitehurst from Feb 22,nd 1950,until June 1st 1931 where I lived with at Prichard Paracia County, at which I forced to leave him and ret-urned to live at Bay Minette on account of his mis conduct and cruel treatment of me, and size that time I have livetd with my Uncle Edward Faulk at Bay Minette, except when I am off at work, my husband is a resident citizen of pandwin county, alabama, except when he is not at work, He now temporarily at work in Mobile Alabama, After we were married to Feb 22nd 1930, Louis Whitehurst my husband, became addicted to habital drunkeness, be continued to drink habitually until the lime I left him June the 1st 1931, at times I lived with him I suffered for the lack of something to eat at time when he would get drunk he would tear up the furniture in the house and run me off the premises, Just before I left him to wit: June 1st 1931, he drew a knife on me and threatened to kill me or otherwise do me great bodily harm at another time he choked me and struck me in the side with his fist, at onother time he best me with a st stick and the signs of the lick made scars on my arm which I have to this day, this violence by my husband upon my person was attended with danger of my life and heath and for this cause I left him, I had also reamonable approchension that he would continued this violence upon my person, as he had drawn a knife upon me a number of times,

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LETHA WHITEHUBST,

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LOUIS WHITEHURST,

Respondent.

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Solicitor for complainant.

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in June, 1951, she has resided in Bay Winette, Alabama and claims husband in Mobile County, Alabama. After she left her husband of Baldwin County, Alabama, except when she went to live with her Whithurst is now and has been for the past three years a resident Temporarily, Mobile, Alabama st., and Letha Mobile, Alabama st., and Letha ts sec isor the age of eighteen years. Louis Thitchurst resides as They are both residents of the State of Alabama, and both Le has not supported her in any, way, shape or form since June, times when she actually suffered for want of something to eat and and when at not at work he did not support his wife and there were and mistreat her most cruelly. He would not work at steady work

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ber of times beat his wife, Letha Whitehwrst, and he would curse and while there I have seen him drunk and I have seen him a num-I was living there about June 1, 1951. I was often in their home I have worked and lived at Prichard, Alabama. psa peen marufed. Rebruary, 1950 and I knew him while he was married and since he hurst for about fifteen years. I know when he married, about Louis Whitehurst and Letha Whitehurst. I have known Louis White-My name is Tom Reed. I live in Pensacola, Florida. I know

and would not keep a job when he could get it, and he became

and beat her also when he was drunk. He never would work steady

I have seen him at times give her whippings and beat her most cruelly. Most of the time when he whipped her and beat her he would be drank. I know that on about June 1, 1931 that his conduct and treatment of his wife, Letha Whitehurst, was so mean and cruel, that she had to leave him, and went to Bay Minette to live with her uncle, Edward Faulk, where she has resided ever since except when she is off to work. They are both over the age of eighteen years and both residents of the State of Alabama; both residing in Alabama, all of their lives.

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Sarah Catrett deposes and says:

My name is Sarah latrett, I am the mother of the Complainant Letha whitehurst, I was present at the time In Prichard, Ala when Louis whitehurst drew his knowe on Letha whitehurst and threatened to kill her this was prior to the time his wife left him and went to live with her Uncle in Bay Minette Ala this Was prior to June 1st 1931, I know of my own knowledge that Louis whitehurst made actual violence on the person of Letha whitehurst I saw him choke her at one time and again I saw him beat her with a stick, doing her great bodily harm to the extent of endangering her life and health, After my daughter married and while they lived at Prichard Ala I visited them often sometime twice

After he married my daughter he became addicted to habitual drunkeness, and when he got drunk he would treat he most shamefully and cruelly by choking her and striking her with his fist I have seen him do these things several times, the acts of actual violence upon the person of his wife Letha Whitehurst endangered both her life and her health, this was about June lst 1931, at which time she returned to Bay Minette and resided with her Uncle Edward Faulk.

Both Letha Whitehurst and Louis Whitehurst were raised in Baldwin County, and bon a fide residents of Baldwin County except when they both went away to get work Louis Whitehurst is in Prichard at work now he is 21 years of age and Letha Whitehurst is 19 years of age,