

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

DARLEEN JEAN COOK, Complainant

vs.

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ on Answer and Waiver and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the 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 that the said Darleen Jean Cook is forever divorced from the said William Calvin Cook for and on account of

voluntarily abandonment

It is ~~therefore~~ <sup>further</sup> ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant ~~be, and she is hereby awarded the care, custody and control of the said~~ minor child, Claude Dennis Cook.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Darleen Jean Cook the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1950---

Jessie J. Mallberry, Jr.  
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

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Darleen Jean Cook  
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vs.

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DIVORCE DECREE

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A. J. French  
Clerk*

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

DARLEEN JEAN COOK

Complainant

VS.

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK

Respondent

I, Peggy Guy

as Register and Commissioner in the above styled cause

have called and caused to come before me Darleen Jean Cook and Claude W. Billie

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 23 day of March  
1950, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompson  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Darleen Jean Cook and  
Claude W. Billie doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Darleen Jean Cook, that I am over the age of eighteen years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been more than two years next preceding. The Respondent in this cause William Calvin Cook is over the age of twenty-one years and is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been more than two years next preceding. That the Respondent and I were married at Fairhope, Alabama on October 24th, 1948 and we lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, until the middle of March 1949, at which time he abandoned me and we have not lived together as husband and wife since that time, nor has he supported me or our baby for this twelve months. There is one child, Claude Dennis Cook, age of about eight and one-half months, as fruits of our marriage. Claude Dennis Cook has been with me, in my care and custody, since birth. I respectfully ask the Court to grant to me the care, custody and control of our child, Claude Dennis Cook.

Darleen Jean Cook

That my name is Claude W. Billie, that I am a resident of the State of Alabama and I am over the age of twenty-one years and have known both parties to this cause more than two years. I know that they were married and lived together as husband and wife in Fairhope, Alabama, until about the middle of March 1949 at which time William Calvin Cook abandoned his wife, Darleen Jean Cook, and they have not lived together as husband and wife since he abandoned her as stated above. I do not know of any cause she gave him to abandon her. They do have one child, Claude Dennis Cook, who has lived with his mother.

Claude W. Billie

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Peggy Guy, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. LeNoir Thompson at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proom made before me of the identity of said witnesss; 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 23rd day of March, 1945.

Peggy Guy (L. S.)

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## Oral Deposition

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COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Peggy Guy

KNOW YE: that we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine \_\_\_\_\_

Darleen Jean Cook and Claude W. Billie

as witnesses in behalf of Darleen Jean Cook in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein \_\_\_\_\_

Darleen Jean Cook, Complainant

and \_\_\_\_\_

William Calvin Cook Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Peggy Guy to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1950.

Wm. J. Renshaw  
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

DARLEEN JEAN COOK

Complainant

vs.

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

PEGGY GUY

WITNESSES:

DARLEEN JEAN COOK

CLAUDE W. BILLIE

DARLEEN JEAN COOK

vs.

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County  
IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint,

and oral depositions

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer and waiver

*C. L. Geisthousen*

*W. J. Lewis*

Register.



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**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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DARLEEN JEAN COOK

Complainant

Vs

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK

Respondent

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

Now comes the Respondent and accepts service of the summons and complaint in this cause.

The Respondent admits the allegations as to ages and marriage and residence, but denies all other allegations contained in the bill of complaint, and demand strict proof of the same.

The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross-examine Complainant's witnesses; and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without notice.

William Calvin Cook

STATE OF ALABAMA Ø  
BALDWIN COUNTY Ø

I, Harold Burns, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that William Calvin Cook, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

March Given under my hand and seal on this the 14 day of February, 1950.

Harold Burns  
A Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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Respondent

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

From the law office of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Bay Minette, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY }

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon William Calvin Cook, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, by Darleen Jean Cook, as Complainant and against William Calvin Cook, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1950.

Register

DARLEEN JEAN COOK

Complainant

Vs

WILLIAM CALVIN COOK

Respondent

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN JR., JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY SITTING:

Your Complainant, Darleen Jean Cook, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over the age of eighteen years; that the Respondent is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years.

2.

That your Complainant and Respondent married at Fairhope, Alabama, on October 24, 1948; that they lived together, as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on-to-wit, March, 1949.

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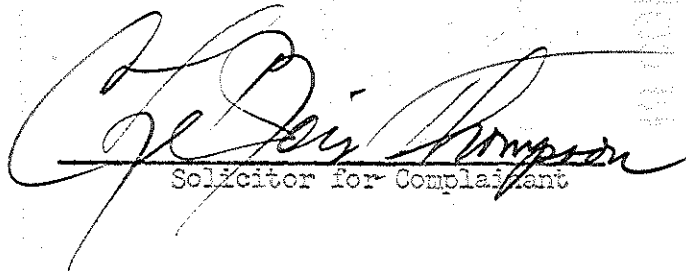
In March, 1949, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

4.

That your Complainant and the Respondent have as fruits of their marriage a child, Claude Dennis Cook, age seven months; that your Complainant is the proper person to have the care, custody and control.

~~WHEREFORE~~ the premises considered your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said William Calvin Cook, party respondent to this bill of complaint, requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof your Honor will make and enter a decree forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent; that your Complainant be granted the care, custody and control of her infant child, Claude Dennis Cook; and that she be granted such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

  
Solicitor for Complainant

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From the law office of  
C. LeNoir Thompson  
Ray Minette, Alabama

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