

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

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

LEOLA JOHNSON

COMPLAINANT

VS.

DOCK JOHNSON

RESPONDENT

I, Bernice F. Reid

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Leola Johnson and Reuben Henry

witness<sup>es</sup> named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 27th day of July

1943, at the office of Beebe & Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness<sup>es</sup> to speak the truth.

My name is Leola Johnson. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Stockton, Alabama, and am over the age of twenty one years. I have lived at Stockton all my life.

The Respondent, Dock Johnson, is over twenty one years of age, and a resident of Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama, where he has lived for the past twenty years.

The Respondent and I were married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, in March, 1934. We lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County Alabama, until in February, 1943.

That about the middle of February, 1943, and at various other times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused me, and threatened to do actual violence to my person, which would have necessarily endangered my life and health. The conduct of the Respondent is such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I do actually believe, that if I continue to live with him as his wife he will carry out his threats and do violence to my person which will necessarily endanger my life and health.

We have not been getting along so well for the past several years and conditions have grown worse from time to time, until now they are such that it is impossible for us to longer live together in peace.

Leola Johnson.

Reuben Henry, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: My name is Reuben Henry. I live at Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with Leola Johnson and Dock Johnson, and have known them both for all my life. I know that Leola Johnson, and Dock Johnson lived together at Stockton until in February of this year, 1943, I know that for quite some time prior to February, 1943, the Complainant and the Respondent had been fussing and the Respondent often threatened and abused the Complainant. While I have never seen the Respondent actually strike the Complainant, I know from my own personal knowledge that his conduct toward her was such as to give her every reasonable apprehension to believe, and I know that she does actually believe, that he will carry out his threats and do violence to her person which will necessarily endanger her life and health.

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Bernice F. Reid, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition<sup>s</sup> on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness<sup>es</sup> and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and of H. M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness<sup>es</sup> or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness<sup>es</sup>, 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 28th day of July, 19<sup>43</sup>.

Bernice F. Reid (L. S.)

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

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

LEOLA JOHNSON Complainant

VS.

POCK JOHNSON Respondent

**ORAL DEPOSITION**

Filed July 19 \_\_\_\_\_

B. F. Reid Register

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

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
answer and waiver of Respondent, and testimony of complainant's witnesses

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*D. Duck* Register.

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The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

LEOLA JOHNSON

COMPLAINANT

VS.

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RESPONDENT.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this

day of

29<sup>th</sup>  
July  
1943  
R. S. Smith  
Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term, 194\_\_\_\_\_

LEOLA JOHNSON \_\_\_\_\_, Complainant

Vs.

DOCK JOHNSON \_\_\_\_\_, Defendant

To R. S. DUCK \_\_\_\_\_, Register

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by Beabe & Hall

\_\_\_\_\_ Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vaca-

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**The State of Alabama,**

Baldwin County

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

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**REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION**

Filed July 29, 1943

*Robert*

Register.

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# The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

## CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LEOLA JOHNSON \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant  
 VS  
 DOCK JOHNSON \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decress Pro Confesso on ~~Answer and Waiver of Respondent~~ 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 LEOLA JOHNSON is forever divorced from the said

DOCK JOHNSON  
 for and on account of Cruelty

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 Leola Johnson and Dock Johnson be, and ~~they are~~ hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Dock Johnson the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1943  
[Signature]  
 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 the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

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Respondent.

**DIVORCE DECREE**



The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To Bernice F. Reid

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 Leola Johnson and Reuben Henry

as witnesses in behalf of Leola Johnson in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Leola Johnson

Complainant  
and Dock Johnson

Defendant,  
on oath to be by you administered, upon July 27th, 1943  
to take and certify the deposition of of the witness es. and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 26th day of July 1943



REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' FEES, \$ \_\_\_\_\_



STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA, --GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, that you summon DOCK JOHNSON to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery jurisdiction within sixty days after the service of the summons, and there to answer, plead or demur without oath to a Bill of Complaint, lately exhibited by LEOLA JOHNSON against the said DOCK JOHNSON, and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your execution thereon, to our said court immediately upon the execution thereof.

28 WITNESS R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this day of June, 1943.

*R. S. Duck*  
Register.

LEOLA JOHNSON	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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COMPLAINANT	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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VS	)	IN EQUITY.
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DOCK JOHNSON	)	
RESPONDENT.	)	

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

Now comes your Complainant, LEOLA JOHNSON and humbly complaining against the Respondent, DOCK JOHNSON, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That the Complainant and the Respondent are both over the age of twenty one years, and residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, in March, 1934, and lived together as husband and wife until in February, 1943;

3.

That in February, 1943, and at various other times prior thereto the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused the Complainant and often threatened to do violence to her person which would endanger her life, and health, that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give the Complainant every reasonable

apprehension to believe, and she did actually believe, that if she continued to love with him, he would carry out his threats and do violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said Dock Johnson 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 give and grant unto her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the respondent, and that your Honor will give and grant unto her such other, further, different and general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

BEEBE & HALL

BY 

Solicitors for Complainant.

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LEOLA JOHNSON,  
COMPLAINANT

VS

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RESPONDENT.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

*2nd July 29 1945*  
*Ernest J. Murphy*  
*Registrar*

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LEOLA JOHNSON

COMPLAINANT

VS

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RESPONDENT.

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE, ANSWER AND

WARRANT.

Subd July 29 1945  
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CIRCUIT COURT

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_  
vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES: