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GRACE MARIE DIXON HAMMETT,
COMPLAINANT
VS
WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT,
DEFENDANT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

DIVORCE DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Appearance of Defendant, and Testimony heard in open Court and Complainant was present with her solicitor, and the Defendant was present in Court, and, upon consideration of the testimony, 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 GRACE MARIE DIXON HAMMETT is forever divorced from the said WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT, for and on account of Defendant's voluntary abandonment, and the Complainant is hereby granted the care and custody of the three children of the said marriage; namely, CHARLOTTE ESTELLE HAMMETT, BEVERLY ZOE HAMMETT, and WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT, JR., and it is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Defendant pay for the support of said children in the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) per month, the first payment to be made on the 1st day of November, 1955, and it is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Complainant has the right to resume her maiden name.

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 further appears to the Court that the costs of this cause have been paid.

Done this the 6th day of October, 1955.

Hubert M. Hall

Judge of the Circuit Court,
In Equity

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I, Alice Duck, 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 October, 1955.

Register of the Circuit Court,
In Equity

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LAW OFFICES

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY

RICKARBY & RICKARBY
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

September 3, 1955

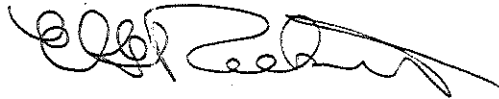
Mrs. Alice Duck
Clerk of Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

With this we are handing you Original Bill and Affidavit for service by Registered Mail in the case of Hammett vs. Hammett.

I am also sending \$25.00 as a deposit for cost. Please let me know as soon as we get service by Registered Mail or if the registered letter comes back undelivered.

Yours very truly,



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c/c Mrs. Hammett
9-19-55

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Defendant.

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MRS. GRACE MARIE DIXON HAMMETT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN. TESTIFIED:

Examination by Mr. Rickarby.

Q. Please state your name, please?

A. Grace Marie Dixon Hammett.

Q. Are you bringing this bill of complaint for divorce against Mr. Hammett?

A. Yes I am.

Q. What is his full name?

A. Walter Rodney Hammett.

Q. Are you over the age of 21?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been living for the last year?

A. In Alabama.

Q. Has it been and is it your intention to make Alabama your home?

A. Yes sir, as far as I know.

Q. For the last year have you been living here in Alabama as your residence?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you living in Baldwin County, Alabama?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Is Mr. Hammett over 21 years of age?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Where does he reside?

A. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Q. When were you married?

A. In 1936.

Q. When did you separate?

A. In June of 1953.

Q. Did he leave you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. After you and Mr. Hammett separated, have you all lived together as husband and wife?

A. No sir we have not.

Q. You are still living separate and apart?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you all have any children born to this marriage?

A. Yes sir, three.

Q. What are their names?

A. Walter Rodney, Jr., Beverley and Charlotte Estelle.

Q. How old is Charlotte Estelle?

A. Nine.

Q. How old is Beverley?

A. 15.

Q/ How old is Rodney?

A. 17.

Q. Who should the children live with, considering their best interest?

A. With me -p their mother.

Q. The mother?

A. Yes sir.

Q. That is you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you have any income?

A. No sir.

Q. Is Mr. Hammett able to support the children?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How much support are you asking for?

A. It was decreed in Louisiana as \$75.00 a month and transferred over here for the same.

Q. You are asking for the same.

A. I am asking for more --

Q. Are you asking for a divorce?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you want to have custody of the children?

A. Yes sir

Q. Do you want to resume your maiden name?

A. Yes sir.

THE COURT: With three children?

WITNESS: YES SIR.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony as taken by me in open Court, before Hon. Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court presiding, Mrs. Grace Marie Dixon Hammett, Walter Rodney Hammett, and Hon. E. G. Rickarby being present.

This 7th day of Octoberf, 1955..

Louise Dusenbury
Court Reporter.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, E. G. RICKAREY, JR., a Notary Public, personally
appeared Grace Marie Dixon Hammett, the Complainant in the above
styled cause, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

Walter Rodney Hammett, the Defendant in the above styled cause,
is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that his residence
and mailing address is 3421 Bank Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,
and that said defendant is, in the belief of the affiant, over the
age of twenty-one years.

(Mrs) Grace Marie Dixon Hammett
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 3 day of

Sept, 1955.

[Signature]

Notary Public
Baldwin County, Alabama

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ALICE I. BUCK, Register

Designated Counsel, Alabama
Notary Public

EXHIBIT

Before me, J. W. [illegible], a Notary Public, residing at [illegible]

and of legal age, residing in the State of Alabama, and being duly qualified, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same was presented to me for recording, and that the same was duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1955.

GRACE MARIE DIXON HAMMETT

COMPLAINANT

IN EQUITY

WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT

DEPENDANT

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RECEIPT FOR
REGISTERED ARTICLE NO.

70 Date 9-6-55

Value \$ none Special delivery fee _____¢
Fee \$ 40 Return receipt fee 7 _____¢
Surcharge \$ _____ Restricted delivery fee 20 _____¢

Postage \$ 3 ☐ Airmail

From 3421 Bank St
Chico, Ga

Addressed to Walter Rodney Hammett No. 2 in 92
(Address) (Accepting employee)



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TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

Comes GRACE MARIE DIXON HAMMETT, and by this, her bill of complaint presented against WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT, respectfully shows:

1. That she is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident of Alabama, and has been such for one year next preceding the filing of this her bill of complaint, and a resident of Baldwin County for five months, and intends to make Baldwin County her home.
2. That WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT, the defendant, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. That your complainant and defendant were lawfully married in Mobile, Alabama, on or about the 3rd day of December, 1936, and lived together as husband and wife until he abandoned her as hereinafter set forth.
4. That defendant voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of the complainant for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, since which time complainant and defendant have not lived together nor in any way recognized each other as husband and wife.
5. That to this marriage there have been born three children, namely Charlotte Estelle Hammett, age 9, Beverly Zoe Hammett, age 15, and Walter Rodney Hammett, Jr., age 17, and that it is to the best interest of said children to continue to live with their mother, this complainant.
6. That the defendant is an able bodied man who is able to earn good money and is able to provide for the support of these children.

The Premises Considered, your complainant makes the said WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT a party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, and in order that the complainant may have the relief herein prayed for, may it please Your Honor to cause the State's Writ of subpoena to issue, directed to the said WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT, commanding him to answer, plead or demur to this Bill of Complaint within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that, upon a hearing of this cause, the Court award her the custody of said children and require the defendant to pay SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) per month for the support of said children, will render a decree forever divorcing her from said defendant, allowing her to resume her maiden name, and granting her the right to remarry, should she so desire, and to have such other further and different relief as to equity may seem meet.

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ALICE I. BUCK, Register

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E. G. RICKARBY, JR.
Solicitor for Complainant

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ALICE J. GALT, Registrar

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT

to appear and answer, plead, or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to a Bill of Complaint filed in said Circuit Court, in equity, for said County of said State

against (WEEKY) WALTER RODNEY HAMMETT

Herein fail not. Due return make of this writ as the law directs.

Witness this 6th. day of Sept. 1955.

Alice J. Dugan, Register.

(Defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill on application to the Register.)

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SUMMONS

Returned by the Sheriff and filed in office, this
the day of, 19
, Register.

Received in office, this the day of

, 19

, Sheriff.

I have executed the within by leaving a copy

thereof with

defendant named herein, on this the

day of, 19

, Sheriff.