

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

, Complainant

vs.

GORDON C. PARKER

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~ 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 Dorothy Hadley Parker is forever divorced from the said Gordon C. Parker for and on account of Cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court that the Complainant, Dorothy Hadley Parker, shall have the care, custody and control of the minor child, Rebecca Ann Parker.

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 payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Gordon C. Parker the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 55

Hubert M. Hale

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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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

Complainant

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Respondent

**DIVORCE DECREE**

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ALICE L. ROCK, Register

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER  
COMPLAINANT  
VS  
GORDON C. PARKER  
RESPONDENT

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

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

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

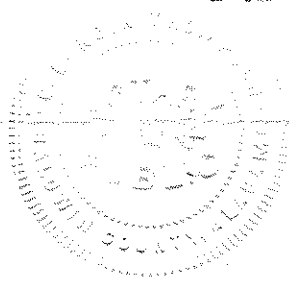
The Respondent waives notice of the time of taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant; the right to cross-examine Complainant's witnesses; and agrees that this cause be submitted for final decree without further notice.

Gordon C. Parker

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

I, [Signature] Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Gordon C. Parker, 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.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 8th day of October, 1955.



[Signature]  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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COMPLAINANT

VS.

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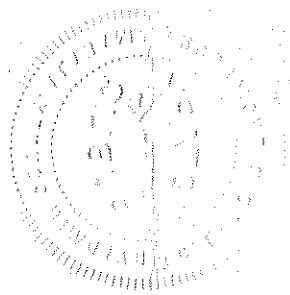
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ANSWER AND WAIVER

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ALICE L. DUCK, Registrar



STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons Gordon C. Parker, 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, in Equity, by Dorothy Hadley Parker as Complainant and against Gordon C. Parker as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 11 day of October, 1955.

Alice J. Dunge  
Register.

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

COMPLAINANT

VS

GORDON C. PARKER

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

CASE NO. 3629.

TO HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA:

Your Complainant, Dorothy Hadley Parker, respectfully represents unto  
Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is over the age of 18 and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been more than one year next preceeding, The Respondent is over the age of 21 and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been more than one year next preceeding.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Lucedale, Mississippi on August 31, 1954 and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County until July 15, 1955.

3.

That on July 15, 1955, and on several occasions prior thereto the Respondent threatened and abused the Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person which would necessarily endanger her life and health. 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 live with him he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

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There was born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent one child, Rebecca Ann Parker, age about eight months, and there is no property to be divided.

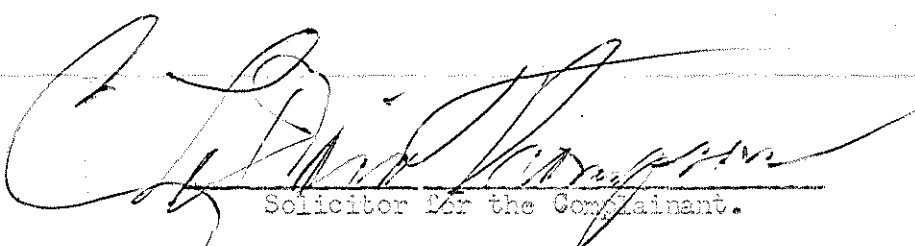
WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said Gordon C. Barker, party Respondent to this bill of complaint requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to the Complainant the care, custody and control of the minor child, Rebecca Ann Parker, age about eight months; Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

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Solicitor for the Complainant.

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ALICE J. JACK, Register

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## THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

Complainant

VS.

GORDON C. PARKER

Respondent

I, Lois Howard

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Dorothy Hadley Parker and Ernest Hadleywitness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 8th day of October  
1955, at the office of C. LeNoir Thompsonin Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Dorothy Hadley Parker and  
Ernest Hadley doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Dorothy Hadley Parker, I am over the age of 18 and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been all my life. The Respondent Gordon C. Parker is over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been more than two years next preceeding. We were married on August 31, 1954 at Lucedale, Mississippi and lived together as husband and wife until on or about July 15, 1955 at which time I was forced to leave him because of his threats and mistreatments of me and because he had constantly been getting worse in his threats so that when he threatened me that day I was in fear of my life or health and forced to leave him. He then threatened me again in writing and I know I could never live with him again as husband and wife. There was one child born as fruits of this marriage Rebecca Ann now age about eight months. I respectfully submit to this Honorable Court that I am a fit suitable and proper person to have her care custody and control as I have had her care custody and control since her birth. There is no property to be divided.

*Hadley*  
Dorothy Parker

That my name is Ernest Hadley, I know both parties to this cause, Dorothy Hadley Parker is over the age of 18 and has been a resident of Alabama all her life. Gordon C. Parker is over the age of 21 and has been a resident of Alabama more than two years next preceeding. They were married at Lucedale, Mississippi on August 31, 1954 and lived together as husband and wife until July 15, 1955 but were separated at times during this period. On or about July 15, 1955 because of the threats made by the Respondent against her person, Dorothy Hadley Parker became in fear of her life or health and left him. I have seen a letter since that time where Gordon Parker threatened her again so I know that she was in fear of her life or health as she left the community where she lived. Because of these threats I do not believe that she will ever live with him as husband and wife any more. There is no property to be divided. I do believe that she is a fit suitable and proper person to have the care custody and control of a little daughter Rebecca Ann born during this marriage.

Ernest Hadley



ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lois Howard, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition<sup>s</sup> on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing 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 C. LeNoir Thompson at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness<sup>es</sup> or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness<sup>es</sup>; that I am not of counsel or 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 8th day of October, 1955

Lois Howard (L. S.)

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Respondent.

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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
Testimony of Dorothy Hadley Parker and Ernest Hadley. \_\_\_\_\_

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**Baldwin County**

**IN EQUITY**

**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

vs.

GORDON C. PARKER

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 11

day of Oct., 1955

*Walter J. Duck*

*W. J. Duck* - Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: LOIS HOWARD

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Dorothy Hadley Parker and Ernest Hadley

a witnesses in behalf of Dorothy Hadley Parker in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

Dorothy Hadley Parker

Complainant

and Gordon C. Parker

Respondent

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

Witness 11 day of Oct., 1955

Alice J. Duck Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

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

**CIRCUIT COURT**

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

Complainant

VS.

GORDON C. PARKER

Defendant

**COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION**

COMMISSIONER:

LOIS HOWARD

WITNESSES:

DOROTHY HADLEY PARKER

ERNEST HADLEY

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