The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

vs.
SIDNEY C. MOORE , Respondent
This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Recree Francesca
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 said bill.
It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimouy heretoforexisting between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and that the
MARGARET F. MOORE is forever divorced from
saidSIDNEY_CMOORE for and on account
habitual drunkenness.
The agreement as to support made between the parties and file
in the cause is hereby confirmed, and SIDNEY C. MOORE is hereby
Ordered to comply therewith.
It is further Ordered that neither party shall molest or
interfere with the other from this date on.
It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry exce to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within six 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 again contract marriage upon payment of the cost of this suit.
It is further ordered that MARGARET F. MOORE
This 75 day of November, 19.55. Judge Circuit Court, In Equit
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MRS. MARGARET F. MOORE, COMPLAINANT, OFFERED THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY IN HER OWN BEHALF:

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My name is MARGARET F. MOORE and I am bringing this bill of complaint against my husband, SIDNEY C. MOORE. I am over twenty-one years old and am now residing in Baldwin County. I have lived all my life in the State of Alabama and lived in Mobile at 1805 Old Shell Road with my husband until we separated on or about the 7th day of November, 1955, when I came over here to live with my son at 209 Pecan Street, Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama.

My husband, SIDNEY C. MOORE, is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Mobile County and is still living at 1805 Old Shell R oad, Mobile, Alabama.

We were married in Jefferson County, Alabama, on the 5th day of July, 1913, and lived together as husband and wife until we separated the first part of this month. At the time we were married, Mr. Moore was not a habitual drunkard - he might have taken a drink when we married; and up until the birth of my second child, he did not heavy drinking. After my second child was born, which was about thirty-three years ago, he started drinking heavily. At first, I did not classify him as a drunkard, but conditions went from endurable to unendurable. We were living in Birmingham in 1952 and he was working with the Dispatch Bricking Company and he lost his job there because of his drinking and he got several other jobs, but he could not hold them because he would get off and get drunk and lose his job. Finally, we were reduced to such sad circumstances that I had to get out and get a job to support us and I took a job in Mobile and worked for two and one-half years. I worked with Wilmer Hall at Spring Hill, Alabama, at the Episcopal orphanage there, and he came back down to Mobile and he stayed there with me at the orphanage and I had to give up that position because of his drinking. When I left the orphanage about a year ago, Mr. Moore had come down here and taken a position with the Gill Printing Company and we got an apartment on Shell Road and it took all my earnings to live there

although he had a good job with Gill Printing Company.

I tried to continue with our marriage, even after I left Wilmer Hall, but I just could not. He would come in intoxicated every weekend and he would be loud and abusive and profane and would threaten me with physical violence, threaten to kill me, beat me up, and turn on the gas and kill us all. The situation got so bad that I could not stand it and had to come over here to Fairhope to live with my son and his family.

I have tried my best to make a go of this marriage, but it is just impossible.

To this marriage there have been born three children. One child died. The other one is over the age of twenty-one and self supporting.

The other son, the third child, ALISON MOORE, is a dependent child in a State institution at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and unable to provide for himself. We contribute the clothing and some small things for his support.

Mr. Moore is earning good wages as a pressman with the Gill Printing Company in Mobile and has worked pretty regularly during the past year, except for a few times when his drinking caused him to lose time. We have made an agreement for my support and we have attached a copy of the agreement to the bill and that was the agreement that Mr. Moore and I signed. This agreement was made on the 18th day of November, or rather was executed on the 18th day of November, but Mr. Moore and I met in Mr. Rickarby's office on the 11th of November and we agreed to this support and Mr. Rickarby was instructed to write it down and we executed it on the next Friday, when Mr. Moore came over.

I am asking for this divorce so that I can live happily with my son over here without my husband interfering in my life.

MARGARET F. MOORE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22 nd day of Movember, 1955.

ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY (DECEASED)

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

November 22, 1955

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Margaret F. Moore

vs.

Sidney C. Moore Our File: 3533

With this we are handing you Original Bill, Answer and Waiver, testimony and Note of Testimony, and Divorce Decree in the above styled cause.

Also enclosed find check for \$15.00 to cover costs.

Please let me have decree as soon as possible, and oblige.

Yours very truly,



EGR/fm Encl.

cc: Mrs. Margaret F. Moore

I, FLORA S. MATTHEWS, Commission/acting under stipulation of the parties in the divorce suit of MARGARET F. MOORE vs. SIDNEY C. MOORE, pending in the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby certify that I have caused the witnesses in this cause, namely, MARGARET F. MOORE and GERTRUDE COX, who were made known to me and known to be the identical witnesses called by the parties, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, where said witnesses, after being first duly sworn by me, upon examination of E. G. RICKARBY, JR., Esquire, Solicitor for the Complainant, did testify as shown by the atta ched testimony, and that their testimony was, by me, reduced to writing as given by them as near as might be in their identical language and, after being so reduced to writing, was read over by the said witnesses who assented to and signed the same in my presence.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or kin to either of the parties to the cause, nor anywise interested in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner on this the 22 nd day of November, 1955.

Flora S. Matthews Commissioner

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TESTIMONY OF GERTRUDE COX, A WITNESS ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINANT.

GERTRUDE COX, being duly sworn, deposes and says, as follows, to-wit:

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My name is Gertrude Cox. I live at 1805 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Alabama. I have known the complainant, Mrs. Sidney C. Moore (Margaret F. Moore), for about a year and I lived in the same house with her and across the hall from her and, naturally, would see her approximately every day. She and her husband, Mr. Sidney C. Moore were my neighbors. I know that M_r . Moore was addicted to habitual drunkenness because practically every week-end he would come in drunk. By drunkenness, I mean he would come in loaded and it would be noticeable because he would talk in a loud voice, use abusive language, and when he would get in the Moores' room I could hear him using ugly language towards Mrs. Moore. He would use profanity and I have heard him threaten bodily violence several times. I knew he was drunk because when he came in sober he was nice, quiet and polite, but on the week-ends when he would come in he would be loud and talk ugly. I was further thrown in contact with him on several of these occasions and was able to smell alcohol on his breath and I know from my association with ${}^{
m M}$ r. Moore that he was a habitual, periodic alcoholic, and very much so. I further Know Mrs. Moore very well and know that she is a calm, placid person and would not provoke quarrels and bickering, but that the quarrels, bickering and threatening were brought on by Mr. Moore's drinking, and he would do the talking and threatening and she would never raise her voice.

I further know that the Moores' are residents of Alabama because they have lived here for quite a while before they moved into the same house with us.

GERTRUDE COX

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the $\frac{2/3^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ day of

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SIDNEY C. MOORE.

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the respondent, SIDNEY C. MOORE, in the above styled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause, and to each and every paragraph thereof, says:

He denies each and every allegation contained therein and demands strict proof thereof.

Respondent hereby submits himself to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court and waives notice of the time and place for taking testimony in said cause, waives the issuance of a formal commissioner to take testimony in said cause and consents that testimony may be taken without further notice to him and further waives notice of the time and place of submission of said cause and consents that said cause may be submitted for final decree at any time or place without further notice to him of such submission.

STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

I, <u>F.G.</u>, A Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that SIDNEY C. MOORE, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me to be the respondent above named, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 18 day of Not

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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NOTE OF EVIDENCE

This cause is submitted for final decree on Complainant's bill, answer and waiver filed by Respondent, and depositions of Complainant and Gertrude Cox.

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BY C. RICKARRY JR

E. G. RICKARBY, JR. Solicitor for Complainant

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COMPLAINT

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

Comes MARGARET F. MOORE, by this her Bill of Complaint presented against SIDNEY C. MOORE, and respectfully shows:

- 1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 2. That the defendant, SIDNEY C. MOORE, is over the age of twenty-one years, a resident of Mobile County, Alabama, and his mailing address is 1805 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Alabama.
- 3. That complainant and defendant were lawfully married in Jefferson County, Alabama, on, to-wit, the 5th day of July, 1913, and have lived to-gether as husband and wife until about the 7th of November, 1955, when the complainant moved from the defendant's residence.
- 4. That the defendant has become, after this marriage, addicted to habitual drunkenness.
- 5. That to this marriage there were born three children, all of whom are of age, but their son, ALISON MOORE, is a dependent and in a State institution.
- 6. That the defendant is earning good wages as a pressman for the Gill Printing Company in Mobile; that the parties have agreed on a suitable amount for him to pay for the support of this complainant, which agreement is attached hereto and made Exhibit "A".

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that this Court will make the defendant, SIDNEY C. MOORE, a party respondent to this cause by appropriate process, requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that, upon a hearing of this cause, the Court will render a decree forever divorcing her from the said defendant, and confirm the agreement as to support made between the parties, and order that the said defendant make said payments, as agreed, and grant her the right to remarry, should she so desire, and grant her such other further or different relief as to Equity may seem meet.

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Solicitor for complainant

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COMPLAINANT MOORE RESPONDENT ORIGINAL BILL 44000 IN EQUITY 5 5 0

VS. SIDNEY C. B 79 15 70 14 • 00100110 ARC IN THE BALDWIN COUNTY, SALABAMA

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WHEREAS, MARGARET F. MOORE and SIDNEY C. MOORE desire to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the parties and WHEREAS, they have agreed between them selves on a suitable amount for the said SIDNEY C. MOORE to pay for the support of MARGARET F. MOORE, his wife, and for him to contribute to the support of their dependent son;

IT IS AGREED THAT as long as the said SIDNEY C. MOORE continue to work with the Gill Printing Company in Mobile, he is to pay the sum of EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) per month, at the rate of TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) each week, for the first four (4) weeks in each month, and the first payment is to be made Saturday, November 18, 1955; and that these payments, so made, are to be the only claims made by the said MARGARET F. MOORE against the said SIDNEY C. MOORE, while he is so working.

Should his employment with the Gill Printing Company be terminated, the parties will mutually agree on a fair amount to be paid for support, or, failing to so agree, will have the Court determine the proper amount for support.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that SIDNEY C. MOORE is to keep up the policies of insurance that are now in effect, namely, two burial policies with Brown Service, one on MARGARET F. MOORE and one on SIDNEY C. MOORE; one life insurance policy on the life of ALISON MOORE in the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), payments being ONE DOLLAR AND TEN CENTS (\$1.10) per month; and a policy of Blue Cross Insurance, covering hospitalization, medical and surgical benefits on Mr. and Mrs. Moore, in the sum of FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$4.50) per month.

AND THE PARTIES AGREE not to molest or interfere with each other from this date on.

Done this the 18 day of November, 1955.

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STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

I, E. G. RICKARBY, JR. , a Notary Public in and for said State and County hereby certify that MARGARET F. MCORE, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date, that being informed of the contents of this instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Witness my hand and seal this 18 day of November , 1955.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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Witness my hand and seal this the 18 day of November , 1955

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alas

NATIONAL BUTANE COMPANY OF ALABAMA, INC.

: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Complainant.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Versus

IN EQUITY NO. 3662

CERTAIN LANDS, et al.

Respondents.

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DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard is submitted for final decree upon the bill of complaint as amended, decree pro confesso and proof as noted, and it appears to the court and the court finds that the bill of complaint in this cause complies in all respects with the statutory requirements for proceedings in rem to establish title to land, and that the lis pendensfiled in the Probate Court and the notice published in this cause complies in all respects with the statutory requirements for such lis pendens and notice; that at the time of the filing of the bill of complaint, National Butane Company of Alabama, Inc., a corporation, was and now is in the actual peaceable possession of the property described in the bill of complaint as amended, and every part and parcel thereof, claiming to own the same in its own right in fee simple; that the complainant made a diligent search and inquiry in regard to the heirs or devisees of C. M. Seever and Lizzie Ward Seever and in regard to the directors, stockholders and successors of Sanford Orchards Company, Inc., a dissolved corporation, and was unable, after reasonably diligent inquiry to locate any heirs of said C. M. Seever or Lizzie Ward Seever, or the directors, stockholders or successors of said Sanford Orchards Company, Inc.; that the complainant and its predecessor in title have been in the actual, open, notorious, adverse and continuous possession of said property for more than ten years immediately preceeding the filing of the bill of complaint in this cause, and that complainant after diligent inquiry knew of no other person who has had possession of said land, or any part thereof, within said ten years, nor of any person who claims said lands, or any part thereof, nor of any person who has at any-

time within ten years next preceeding the filing of the bill, assessed or paid any taxes upon said lands or any interest therein; and that the evidence shows that there has been no such person in possession or person who assessed or paid taxes within said period; that there is no suit pending to test the complainant's title to, interest in or right to the possession of said property, or to enforce or test the validity of the title, claim, lien or encumbrance of any of the respondents in, to, or upon said property; that J. A. Hendrix was duly appointed guardian ad litem for all unknown defendants in this cause and was also appointed attorney ad litem for any of the defendants who might be in the armed forces of the United States of America or its allies, within the meaning of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act, and that he did represent in this cause all such persons; that the complainant has established by legal evidence that it is the owner in its own right in fee simple of said property.

Now, therefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court as follows:

The complainant, National Butane Company of Alabama, Inc., a corporation, is the owner in its own right in fee simple of the following property and every part and parcel thereof:

Begin at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 5
South, Range 3 East and run thence westwardly along the quarter section line 50 feet to a point on the west line of the right-of-way of the L & N Railroad; run thence north 27 degrees 37 minutes west along the west line of said right-of-way 1032 feet, more or less, to a point which is 912 feet due north of the south line of the said northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 3 East for a point of beginning, at which point there is an iron fence post; from said point of beginning run due west along the north line of property heretofore transferred to Emery A. Racine 150.3 feet to a point; thence run due north along the east line of property heretofore transferred to Charles N. Taylor and wife 25 feet to a point; thence run due west along the north line of said property heretofore transferred to Taylor 150 feet to a point on the east side of U. S. Highway No. 90; thence run northwardly along the curve of the east line of said Highway to a point which is 194 feet from the preceding point, measured along a

That C. M. Seever and Lizzie Ward Seever and their heirs or devisees and the directors, stockholders and successors of Sanford Orchards Company, Inc., a dissolved corporation, have no title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on said property or any part thereof.

It is further ordered and decreed that a certified copy of this decree be recorded in the office of the Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County; that the same be indexed in the direct index in the name of heirs of C. M. Seever and Lizzie Ward Seever and Sanford Orchards Company, Inc., and that it be indexed in the indirect index in the name of National Butane Company of Alabama, Inc. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the costs of this cause, including a reasonable fee to the guardian ad litem and the attorney ad litem, J. A. Hendrix, which the court finds to be the sum of \$ 100.00 , be taxed against the complainant, for which let execution issue.

Dated at Bay Minette, Alabama, this 19th day of June,

I, Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the circuit Judge.

Original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in about a standard decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

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Register of Circuit Court, in Equity

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CAFFEY GALLALEE & CAFFEY ATTORNEYS AT LAW 715-719 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING MOBILE 3, ALABAMA WILLIAM G.CAFFEY WILLIAM G.CAFFEY, JR. July 5, 1956 Mrs. Alice A. Duck, Register Circuit Court of Baldwin County. Bay Minette, Alabama. Dear Mrs. Duck:-Enclosed are an amendment to the bill of complaint in cause no. 3662, an original and two copies of a notice to be given in connection with the cause, and our check for \$1.75 to defray the cost of recording the notice as a lis Will you please file the amendment and pendens take the necessary steps to record the notice and to have notice published as required by the statutes for in rem title proceedings? You will note that this is the case in which we had the property in the wrong range. We, therefore, had to get a correction deed and an These are the only changes involved. amended plat. If you have any questions, or if there is anything that you want handled in a different way from what we have done, please call me collect or write and we will straighten the matter out. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. Yours very truly, CAFFEY, GALLALEE & CAFFEY, By Jack Pallalee Enc. JCG:od