OSCAR E. MIDDLETON, Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AT LAW

VS.

R. S. FARMER, INC., A CORPORATION, et al, Defendants

CASE NO. 8758

STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Before me, Sara F. Blackerby , a Notary Public in and for said State-at-Large, personally appeared Mabel Amos, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, who is known to me and who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that in her official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of Alabama she, on the Sth day of October, 269 sent by certified mail in an envelope addressed as follows:

"R. S. Farmer, Inc. P. O. Box 36353 Houston, Texas 77036"

"Certified Mail— Return Receipt Requested Deliver to Addressee only"

bearing sufficient and proper prepaid postage, a notice bearing her signature and the Great Seal of the State of Alabama in words and figures as follows:

"R. S. Farmer, Inc. P. O. Box 36353 Houston, Texas 77036

You will take notice that on August 6, 1969 Montomery County, Alabama, served upon me, in my official capace Complaint and Affidavit in a case entitled: OSCAR E. MIDDLETON R. S. FARMER, INC., A CORPORATION, et al, Defendants CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAM.	city, Summons and I, Plaintiff VS
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(Signed)	Mabel Amos
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Enclosures (2)	Secretary of State

Affiant further says that the notice above set out which was so mailed in the envelope addressed as above set forth had attached to it a true copy of the Summons and Complaint and Affidavit in the above-styled cause.

Affiant further says that on October 17, 1969 she received the "Return Card" showing receipt by the designated addressee of the aforementioned matter at not given on not given

Affiant—Mabel Amos
Secretary of State

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 20th day of October, 1969

Sara J- Blackethy Notary Public-State-at-Large

My Commission expires: /-/7-7/

Enclosures—"Return Receipt" and Copy of Process

CC: Honorable James E. Atchison Seale, Marsal, Seale & Duke P. O. Box 1746 Mobile, Alabama 36601

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Circuit Court, Baldwin County 8758

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TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., a corporation; JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE, D7B/A CLAY MYDER TRUCK LINES: being the person, persons, firm or corporation operating a 1964. White Tractor trailer truck on October 2, 1962 with Registration. 1968 -5c/v-4728 Florida; R. S. FARMER, INC., a corporation; R. S. FARMER, d/b/a R. S. FAXMER TRUCK LINES: JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE D/B/A being the person, persons, firm; or corporation operating a 1960 International tractor-trailer with Registration 1968 B-354 Maryland on October 2. 1968; whose exact name or names are otherwise unknown to the Plaintiff but will be corrected by amendment when ascertained; OTIS EDMAND BRANCH: JAMES REO HATRELL. Jointly & individually, to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint

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ALABAMA

AT LAW

Defendants.

CASE NO. 875-8

Plaintiff claims of the Defendants, jointly and individually, the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$310,000.00) for that heretofore and on, to-wit, the 2nd day of October, 1968, the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al and Otis Edmand Branch so negligently operated a motor vehicle in a, to-wit, westerly direction on and along U. S. Highway 90 at or near a point approximately, to-wit, 6.6 miles east of the center of Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama, said U. S. Highway 90 being a public road in Baldwin County, Alabama, at the time and place mentioned that it was caused to run into, over, upon and against the motor vehicle being operated by the Defendants, R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell, and that the Defendants, R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al et al and James Reo Hairell, so nagligently operated a motor vehicle time and place as aforesaid, that the motor vehicle being at the time and place as aforesaid, that the motor vehicle being

operated by the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al and Otis Edmand Branch, was caused to run into, over, upon and against the aforesaid motor vehicle being operated by R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell; and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendants, jointly and individually, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, Oscar E. Middleton, a pedestrian at said time and place, was damaged and injured as follows:

Plaintiff's pelvis was fractured; Plaintiff was knocked unconcious and sustained numerous lascerations of the forehead; Plaintiff suffered a trans-section of the urethra; Plaintiff was caused to be hospitalized from 10-2-68 to 11-8-68 and from 1-3-69 to 1-11-69; Plaintiff was caused to suffer a very serious operation; Plaintiff was caused to suffer severe headaches and still so suffers; Plaintiff was permanently injured; Plaintiff was caused to suffer much physical pain and mental anguish and will so suffer in the future; Plaintiff was caused to spend great sums of money for doctor, medical, and hospital expense in his effort to recover and will be caused to spend such sums of money in the future; Plaintiff was rendered unable to maintain a gainful occupation and will be less able to earn a livelihood in the future; all of the above direct and proximate results of the negligence of the

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff sues and seeks to recover in this law suit.

M. A. MARSAL and JAMES E. ATCHISON

Attorneys for Plaintiff

JAMES E. ATCHISON

Plaintiff demands a trial by struck jury.

JAMES E. ATCHISON

Defendants may be served by and through the Secretary of State, State of Alabama, in accordance with Title 7, Section 199(1) Code of Alabama 1940. Affidavits as required by above citation accompanies this complaint.

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OSCAR E. MIDDLETON

Plaintiff,

VS

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ALABAMA

AT LAW

Defendants.

CASE NO	
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Now comes James E. Atchison, Attorney for Plaintiff, in the above style cause, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers that the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al are not residents of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, said Defendants are residents and have their principal place of business in the State of Florida, City of Auburndale, and that the Defendant Otis Edmand Branch is not a resident citizen of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendant is a resident citizen of the State of Florida, City of Lakeland, whose address is 614 Organ Avenue, and that said Defendant is over the age of twenty—one (21) years; and that the said Defendant, R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al, are not resident citizens of the State of Alabama,

and to the best of the knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendants are resident citizens and have their principal place of buisness in the State of Texas, City of Houston, and the said Defendants are over the age of 21 years; and that said Defendant James Reo Hairell, is not a resident citizen of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendant is a resident citizen of the State of Texas, City of Houston, whose address is 2207 Samson Street in said city; and that the said Defendant is over the age of twenty-one (21) years.

Subscribed and sworn to on this

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ALIGE J. DUCK REGISTER

OSCAR E. MIDDLETON, Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW

VS.

JAMES REO HAIRELL, et al, Defendants

CASE NO. 8758

STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Before me, Sara F. Blackerby , a Notary Public in and for said State-at-Large, personally appeared Mabel Amos, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, who is known to me and who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that in her official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of Alabama she, on the ______Sth______ day of ___October, 1969______ sent by certified mail in an envelope addressed as follows:

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in the CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW

Case No. 8758

a true copy of which Summons and Complaint and Affidavit are attached hereto and the said service upon me as Secretary of State of the State of Alabama has the force and effect of personal service upon you, said service being under provisions of Title 7, Section 199(1) of the 1940 Code of Alabama and Supplement thereto.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Great Seal of the State of Alabama this the ____8th____day of October__1969_____

(Signed) MabelSAmos

MabelSAmos Secretary of State*

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Affiant-Mabel Amos

Secretary of State

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Sana J- Blackerby Notary Public-State-at-Large

My Commission expires: 17-71

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Plaintiff,

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ALABAMA

AT LAW

Defendants.

CASE NO. 9758

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operated by the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al and Otis Edmand Branch, was caused to run into, over, upon and against the aforesaid motor vehicle being operated by R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell; and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendants, jointly and individually, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, Oscar E. Middleton, a pedestrian at said time and place, was damaged and injured as follows:

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff sues and seeks to recover in this law suit.

M. A. MARSAL and JAMES E. ATCHISON Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Plaintiff demands a trial by struck jury.

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Defendants may be served by and through the Secretary of State, State of Alabama, in accordance with Title 7, Section 199(1) Code of Alabama 1940. Affidavits as required by above citation accompanies this complaint.

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Plaintiff.

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JAMES E. ATCHISON

Subscribed and sworn to on this

-- /3-th day of June

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STATE OF ALABAMA

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

August 26, 1969

Hon. James E. Atchison Seale, Marsal, Seale & Duke P. O. Box 1746 Mobile, Alabama 36601

Dear Mr. Atchison:

Re: OSCAR E. MIDDLETON vs OTIS EDMAND BRANCH, et al

Please refer to your file in the above-styled cause and be advised August 6, 1969 , I sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, deliver to addressee only, my notice, with copy of Summons and Complaint attached, to:

Otis Edmand Branch 614 Organ Avenue Lakeland, Florida 33801

On August 26, 1969 , this letter (Certified No. 52593 was returned to me with reason for non-delivery given as "UNCLAIMED"

If you would like to further pursue service on this defendant, according to the provisions of Title 7, Section 199(1), an additional \$2.00 deposit will enable me to attempt personal service by local law enforcement officers.

Will you please advise me as to any further steps you wish me to take in perfecting this service.

Very truly yours,

eh

Mabel S. Amos Secretary of State

cc: Hon. Alice J. Duck Clerk Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

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OSCAR E. MIDDLETON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Plaintiff,

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ALABAMA

AT LAW

Defendants.

case no. <u>825</u>

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WHEREFORE Plaintiff sues and seeks to recover in this law suit.

by:

M. A. MARSAL and JAMES E. ATCHISON

Attorneys for Plaintiff

JAMES E. ATCHISON

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OSCAR E. MIDDLETON

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JAMES E. ATCHISON

Subscribed and sworn to on this

day of

1969.

Notary Public

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Executed by sorving 9 copies of the within on make amos Secretary of State of The State of Alabama. This the day of aug. 1969
Sheriff of Montgomery County M. S. Butler, By Wyllacker D. S.

STATE OFALABAMA Baldwin County

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

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No. 8758

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by OSCAR E. MIDDLETON

Witness my hand this

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STATE OF ALABAMA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

September 23, 1969

Honorable James E. Atchison Seale, Marsal, Seale & Duke P. O. Box 1746 Mobile, Alabama 36601

Re: Oscar E. Middleton, Plaintiff VS R. S. Farmer, Inc., a Corporation, et al, Defendants, Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Case Number 8758

Dear hr. Atchison:

In reply to your letter of September 17, I wish to advise that service of process has not been obtained through this office on the above named defendant.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the letter mailed from this office on September 9th giving the reason for this service not having been served.

Please advise me as to any further steps you wish me to take in perfecting this service.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Mabel S. Amos Secretary of State

fc Enclosure

CC: Honorable Alice J. Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 STATE OF ALABAMA SECRETARY OF STATE ... MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

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June 13, 1969

Mrs. Alice Duck Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

HARRY SEALE

M, A, MARSAL

LEON G. DUKE

A.J. SEALE

Please find enclosed herewith the necessary copies of a law suit that we wish to file in your court. Please file the same and have Service of Process aquired through the Secretary of State. The necessary affidavits, check, etc. are also enclosed.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

James E. Atchison

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

OSCAR E. MIDDLETON,		
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vs.		
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a corporation; JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE D/B/A CLAY HYDER		
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1968-5c/v-4728 Florida; R. S. FARMER, INC., a corporation; R.S.	*Seconds	No. 8758
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amendment when ascertained; OTIS EDMAND BRANCH; JAMES REO HAIRELL,	The same of the sa	
jointly and Individually,	general Articles	and the professional services and the services of the services

Defendants.

TO: Mrs. Alice J. Duck
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Baldwin County, Alabama
Bay Minette, Alabama

Mr. M. A. Marsal Mr. James E. Atchison P. O. Box 1746 Mobile, Alabama

PLEASE BE ADVISED that on the 2nd day of September, 1969, at Mobile, Alabama, OTIS EDMAND BRANCH and CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., defendants in the above entitled matter, filed in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division thereof, a petition to remove the above entitled cause to said District Court of the United States from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. True and correct copies of the petition and bond filed in said cause are attached hereto.

This notice is given you in accordance with the provisions of Title 28, Section 1446(e), United States Code.

OF COUNSEL:

INGE, TWITTY, DUFFY & PRINCE P. O. Box 1109 Mobile, Alabama 36601

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EDMAND BRANCH: JAMES REO HAIREL, jointly and individually,	. Aleksings	
Defendants.		

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF CAUSE TO FEDERAL COURT

Appearing specially for the purpose of filing this Petition, and without submitting to the jurisdiction of this Court to take any action other than action upon this Petition, now come your Petitioners, OTIS EDMAND BRANCH and CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., defendants in the above entitled cause, by and through their attorneys in the above entitled cause, and present and file this, their Petition for removal of the above entitled cause from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division thereof, held in the City of Mobile, Alabama, and respectfully show in support thereof the following:

1. This cause was filed by the above named Plaintiff in the Circuit
Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on, to-wit, the 16th day of June, 1969,
and was commenced by the filing of the complaint and issuance of a summons
thereon. The complaint seeks a recovery of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND

and No/100 (\$310,000.00) DOLLARS, as damages, which plaintiff claims for personal injuries allegedly suffered when the motor vehicle being operated by the defendant OTIS EDMAND BRANCH collided with the motor vehicle being operated by JAMES REO HAIREL, at a point on U. S. Highway 90 approximately, to-wit, 6.6 miles east of the center of Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama. Plaintiff alleges that he was a pedestrian at the place where this accident occurred and on the day of said accident, to-wit, the 2nd day of October, 1968, and that he was injured as a result of the negligence of the petitioner and of the defendants.

- 2. Copies of the complaint and summons which were issued in this case are attached hereto and made a part hereof. Said complaint and summons were served on petitioner CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC. on, to-wit, the 7th day of August, 1969, and are the only pleadings, orders and process which have been heretofore served on petitioners in this cause.
- 3. Petitioners show that the above entitled cause is one of a civil nature and is a suit for the recovery of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND and No/100 (\$310,000.00) DOLLARS, and that the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of TEN THOUSAND and No/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 4. OSCAR E. MIDDLETON, the plaintiff in this cause, was at the commencement of this suit, and still is, a citizen and resident of the state of Alabama, and the petitioners were at the commencement of this suit, and still are, citizens and residents of the state of Florida.
- 5. Petitioners file herewith a good and sufficient bond, such as is required by law, conditioned that Petitioners will pay all costs and disbursements which may be awarded by this Court, if this Court shall determine that this suit was not removable by Petitioners or was wrongfully or improperly removed hereto by Petitioners.

Sydney R. Prince, III

OF COUNSEL:

INGE, TWITTY, DUFFY & PRINCE P. O. Box 1109 Mobile, Alabama

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PRINCE, III, whose names is signed above and who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn on oath doth depose and say that he is one of the attorneys in the above entitled cause for CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., and OTIS EDMAND BRANCH, that he is familiar with the allegations of the foregoing Petition; that he is informed and believes that the allegations of said Petition are true and correct; and that upon such information and belief he states the allegations of said Petition are true and correct.

Sydney R. Prince, III

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of September, 1969.

Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No. 8758

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TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., a corporation; JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE, D7B/A CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES: being the person, persons, firm or corporation operating a 1964 White Tractor trailer truck on October 2, 1968 with Registration 1968 -5c/v-4728 Florida; R. S. FARMER, INC., a corporation; R. S. FARMER, d/b/a R. S. FARMER TRUCK LINES: JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE D/B/A being the person, persons, firm or corporation operating a 1960 International tractor-trailer with Registration 1968 B-354 Maryland on October 2. 1968; whose exact name or names are otherwise unknown to the Plaintiff but will be corrected by amendment when ascertained; OTIS EDMAND BRANCH: JAMES REO HAIRELL, Jointly & individually Hirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint

to appear and plead, answell of demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint

filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin county. State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against. Clay Hyder Truck

Lines, Inc., a corporation, et al Defendant.

by OSCAR E. MIDDLETON

Plaintiff

Plaintiff

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Plaintiff,

VS

BALDWIN COUNTY,

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HAIRELL, jointly and individually,

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Defendants.

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plaintiff claims of the Defendants, jointly and individually, the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$310,000.00) for that heretofore and on, to-wit, the 2nd day of October, 1968, the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al and Otis Edmand Branch so negligently operated a motor vehicle in a, to-wit, westerly direction on and along U. S. Highway 90 at or near a point approximately, to-wit, 6.6 miles east of the center of Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama, said U. S. Highway 90 being a public road in Baldwin County, Alabama, at the time and place mentioned that it was caused to run into, over, upon and against the motor vehicle being operated of the Defendants, R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell, and that the Defendants, R. S. Warmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell, so negligently operated a motor vehicle at the time and place as aforesaid, that the motor vehicle time and place as aforesaid, that the motor vehicle at the time and place as aforesaid, that the motor vehicle

operated by the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al and Otis Edmand Branch, was caused to run into, over, upon and against the aforesaid motor vehicle being operated by R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al and James Reo Hairell; and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendants, jointly and individually, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, Oscar E. Middleton, a pedestrian at said time and place, was damaged and injured as follows:

Plaintiff's pelvis was fractured; Plaintiff was knocked unconcious and sustained numerous lascerations of the forehead; Plaintiff suffered a trans-section of the urethra; Plaintiff was caused to be hospitalized from 10-2-68 to 11-8-68 and from 1-3-69 to 1-11-69; Plaintiff was caused to suffer a very serious operation; Plaintiff was caused to suffer severe headaches and still so suffers; Plaintiff was permanently injured; Plaintiff was caused to suffer much physical pain and mental anguish and will so suffer in the future; Plaintiff was caused to spend great sums of money for doctor, medical, and hospital expense in his effort to recover and will be caused to spend with sums of money in the future; Plaintiff was rendered unable to maintain a gainful occupation and will be less able to earn a livelihood in the future; all of the above direct and proximate results of the negligence of the

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff sues and seeks to recover in this law suit.

by:

M. A. MARSAL and JAMES E. ATCHISON Attorneys for Plaintiff

JAMES E. ATCHISON

Plaintiff demands a trial by struck jury.

JAMES E. ATCHISON

Defendants may be served by and through the Secretary of State, State of Alabama, in accordance with Title 7, Section 199(1) Code of Alabama 1940. Affidavits as required by above citation accompanies this complaint.

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Plaintiff,

VS

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA

AT LAW

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Defendants.

CASE NO.____

Now comes James E. Atchison, Attorney for Plaintiff, in the above style cause, who being first only sworn, deposes and says that he is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers that the Defendants, Clay Hyder Truck Lines, et al are not residents of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, said Defendants are residents and have their principal place of business in the State of Florida, City of Auburndale, and that the Defendant Otis Edmand Branch is not a resident citizen of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendant as a resident citizen of the State of Florida, City of Lakeland, whose address is 614 Organ Avenue, and that said Defendant is over the age of twenty-one (21) years; and that the said Defendant, R. S. Farmer, Inc., et al, arenot resident citizens of the State of Alabama.

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and to the best of the knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendants are resident citizens and have their principal place of buisness in the State of Texas, City of Houston, and the said Defendants are over the age of 21 years; and that said Defendant James Reo Hairell, is not a resident citizen of the State of Alabama, and to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, the said Defendant is a resident citizen of the State of Texas, City of Houston, whose address is 2207 Samson Street in said city; and that the said Defendant is over the age of twenty-one (21) years.

Subscribed and sworn to on this

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EDMAND BRANCH; JAMES REO HAIREL, jointly and severally,	:	
Defendants.	>	

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned OTIS

EDMAND BRANCH and CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC., Principals, acting
herein by and through one of their attorneys in the above entitled cause,
being duly authorized in the premises, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT

COMPANY OF MARYLAND , a corporation, as Surety, are held and firmly
bound unto the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause, in the sum of FIVE

HUNDRED and No/100 (\$500.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which well and
truly to be made, the undersigned, and each of the undersigned, do bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly, severally and firmly by these
presents.

DATED this 2nd day of September, 1969.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas said OTIS EDMAND BRANCH and CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC, the principal obligors, have applied

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to the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division thereof, to remove a cause from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein the above named is the plaintiff and Petitioners are Defendants, to the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division thereof, held in the City of Mobile, Alabama, and that all further action in the Circuit Court aforesaid be stayed.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Petitioners shall pay all costs and disbursements that may be awarded by the United States District Court if the said District Court shall hold that such suit was not removeable or was wrongfully removed thereto, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

OTIS EDMAND BRANCH and CLAY HYDER TRUCK LINES, INC.

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	As One of their/attorneys.
	PRINC IPAL
	FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
	By As its Attorney in Fact
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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED on	this day of September, 1969.
	Clerk