

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

HATTIE LEE MINOR, Complainant
vs.

RANCE MINOR, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Amended Bill of~~
~~Complaint, Answer and Waiver~~ and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon con-
sideration 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 HATTIE LEE MINOR is forever divorced from the

said RANCE MINOR 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 the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to
again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that HATTIE LEE MINOR
the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 3rd day of March, 1957.

Joseph J. Marshall
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 de-
cree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day

of _____, 19____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

*Filed 3-31-51
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

HATTIE LEE MINOR

Complainant

VS.

RANCE MINOR

Respondent

I, Lorna Underwood

as Register and Commissioner in chancery

have called and caused to come before me _____

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 5th day of January
1951, at the office of C. G. Chason

in Foley, Ala., Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Hattie Lee Minor and
Frank Osborne doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF HATTIE LEE MINOR:

My name is Hattie Lee Minor; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been such a bona fide resident citizen for more than one year; Rance Minor is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama; we were married in February of 1935, I believe on the 24th day; we lived together as man and wife since that time until January of 1950, although due to his abuse of me we have separated on several occasions prior to that time; just before our last separation Rance Minor struck me on the head with a tea kettle and it was necessary for me to go to Dr. Holmes who took six stiches in my head; this cut in my head was the result of the blow struck me by my husband with the tea kettle; he has done me other violence on other occasions and has made threats of doing additional violence; due to his abuse and mis-treatment of me I am unable to live with him as husband and wife.

Hattie Lee Minor

TESTIMONY OF FRANK OSBORNE:

My name is Frank Osborne; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a police officer in Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama; I am personally acquainted with Hattie Lee Minor and Rance Minor, her husband; both are over the age of twenty-one years and residents of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, having been such residents for over two years; on Saturday, July 5, 1950, Hattie Lee Minor was brought to Dr. W. C. Holmes' office in Foley for treatment of a cut in her head; I saw her at the time she was going to Dr. Holmes office and she informed me that her husband, Rance Minor, had struck her with a teakettle; I went, at that time, to the quarters South of Foley and arrested Rance Minor and put him in the Foley jail, charged with assault and battery; he was tried on July 16, 1950; he appeared before M. R. Howell, Recorder of the Municipal Court, Foley, and pled guilty to this charge and was duly fined; this plea of guilty and the proceedings of the court are a matter of record in the office of the Town of Foley; I have no knowledge of the date of separation of Hattie Lee Minor and Rance Minor.

Frank Osborne

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lorna Underwood, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition S on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and C. G. Chason

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; 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 5th day of January, 194 51.

Lorna Underwood (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

HATTIE LEE MINOR

vs. Complainant

RANCE MINOR

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lorna Underwood

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 Hattie Lee Minor and Frank Osborne

as witnesses in behalf of Hattie Lee Minor in a cause pending in our
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Hattie Lee Minor is

and Rance Minor is Complainant

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

Witness 2nd day of January, 1951

Commissioner's Fee, \$ 5.00

Witness' Fees, \$

Alice L. Underwood
Register.

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

HATTIE LEE MINOR

Complainant

VS.

RANCE MINOR

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Lorna Underwood

WITNESSES:

Hattie Lee Minor

Frank Osborne

HATTIE LEE MINOR,

Complainant,) (

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

-vs-

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RANCE MINOR,

Respondent.) (

IN EQUITY

Comes the respondent in the above-styled cause and waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

And for answer to the Ammended Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, respondent says:-

1. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the said Ammended Bill of Complaint.

2. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the said Ammended Bill of Complaint.

3. He denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 3 of said Ammended Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

B. and minor

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, a Notary Public, on this

25 day of November, 1950.

[Signature]
Notary Public, Baldwin County
State of Alabama

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 1951

HATTIE LEE MINOR

vs.

RANCE MINOR

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin CountyIN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, and
Testimony of Hattie Lee Minor and Frank Osborne

and amended bill of Complaint.

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer and waiver

[Signature]
att for Complaintant

[Signature]

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

HATTIE LEE MINOR

VS.

RANCE MINOR

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this

day of 194

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ALICE J. QUICK, Register.
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AMENDED BILL OF COMPLAINT

HATTIE LEE MINOR,) ()
Complainant,) (IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
-vs-) (BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
RANCE MINOR,) (IN EQUITY
Respondent.) ()

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, Sitting in Equity;

Your complainant, Hattie Lee Minor, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:-

1. That complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of said State and County, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Amended Bill of Complaint; that Rance Minor is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

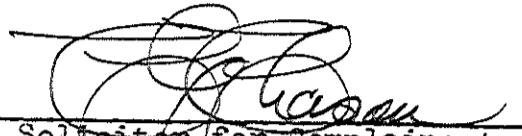
2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit, February 24, 1935.

3. Your complainant avers and charges that the said respondent did assault, beat, hit and strike complainant; that said respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life or health; complainant avers and charges that respondent has made numerous threats of doing her physical harm and from his manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he will commit actual violence on her person, attended with danger to her life or health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that Rance Minor be made a party defendant to this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this cause that your complainant be granted a divorce from said respondent. Should your complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other,

different and general relief to which she may be entitled, and as in duty bound, she will ever pray.


Solicitor for Complainant

Respondent resides
at Aaronville,
Foley, Alabama.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY

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TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon Rance Minor

to appear and plead, answer or 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 _____
Rance Minor _____, Defendant

by Hattie Lee Minor _____, Plaintiff.....

Witness my hand this 27th day of September 1950....

W. C. Lee _____, Clerk

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

vs.

Plaintiffs

Defendants

SUMMONS and COMPLAINT

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....., Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

....., 19.....

....., Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this, 19.....

by leaving a copy with

..... Sheriff

..... Deputy Sheriff

-VS-

Your complainant, Hattie Lee Minor, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:-

2. That your complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit, February 24, 1935.

4. Complainant shows that there were born of this marriage nine children, whose names and ages are as follows:

Claudie Mae Minor	Age	14
Rance Minor, Jr.	"	12
Willie Joy Minor	"	10
Robert Minor	"	9
John Lewis Minor	"	8
Lee Virginia Minor	"	5
Arthur Junior Minor	"	4
Carrie Lee Minor	"	2 1/2
Gloria Mae Minor	"	1 1/2

C. G. C.

Baldwin County, Alabama, and being described as follows, viz:-

A parcel of land 145 feet by 125 feet, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section thirty-two (32), Township seven (7) South, Range four (4) East, then running North on the half-section line 1820 feet and East 520 feet for a beginning corner; thence North 145 feet; thence East 125 feet; thence South 145 feet; thence West 125 feet to the point of beginning, containing .416 acres, more or less.

Complainant shows that she has contributed considerable sums of money in buying and paying for this property, which sum is in excess of that paid by the respondent.

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THE PREMISES CONSIDERED: your complainant prays that Rance Minor be made a part defendant to this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this Court and the statutes in such cases made and provided; that upon a final hearing of this cause, that your complainant be granted a divorce from said respondent and that your Honor will grant custody and control of the minor children hereinabove named to the complainant, Hattie Lee Minor, and shall fix such sum, as to your Honor seems just and meet, to be paid by said respondent as support and maintenance for said minor children. Complainant further prays that your Honor will direct the respondent, Rance Minor, to convey his undivided one-half ($1/2$) interest in the property hereinabove described to her as alimony, and that your Honor shall direct that upon his failure to do so within a period of thirty (30) days after the rendition of said decree that the Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity, shall be authorized and empowered to make such conveyance in behalf of the respondent. Should your complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other, different and general relief to which she may be entitled, and as in duty bound, she will ever pray.

c. g. c.

Respondent resides at
Aaronville, Foley, Alabama

