

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE

, Complainant

vs.

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE

, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ^{Answer & Waiver} ~~Decree~~

~~XXXXXX~~ 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 George Patrick Cooke is forever divorced from the said Mary Helen Metre Cooke for and on account of abandonment of bed and board for more than 1 year next before suit filed

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 Complainant, George Patrick Cooke the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 12th day of April, 1952.

J. H. M. M. M. M. M.
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____

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant.

vs.

Respondent.

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ALICE L. DUCK, Register

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

No. _____ VS. _____

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

ORDER OF SUBMISSION

This cause coming on to be heard, is submitted for decree on the pleadings and on the proof
as noted.

Dated, April 11, 1952

NOTE OF EVIDENCE

At the hearing of this cause the following note of evidence was taken to wit:

FOR COMPLAINANT

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W. J. Smith Register

Bill of Complaint, Answer and
Waiver, Depositions of George
Patrick Cooke, and Kathryn Oselene
Klein.

Shelton Reed
Solicitor—for Complainant

FOR RESPONDENT

Solicitor—for Respondent

No. 14

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

Vs.

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

ORDER OF SUBMISSION
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Register

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE, I IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY
COMPLAINANT I ALABAMA, IN EQUITY
VS I
MARY HELEN METRE COOKE I
RESPONDENT

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MOBILE

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared GEORGE PATRICK COOKE, Complainant in the above styled cause, who is known to me, and who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, on oath doth depose and say: MARY HELEN METRE COOKE, the Respondent in the above styled Cause, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and now resides in the State of Maryland, her post office address being 904 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.; and said Respondent is more than 21 years of age, in the belief of the affiant.

SIGNED: George Patrick

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22th day of February, 1952.

Press Street
NOTARY PUBLIC, ALABAMA, STATE AT LARGE

My Notarial Commission is valid until September 14, 1952.

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GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

VS

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY

No. _____.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT, Sitting in Equity:

Comes now your Complainant, GEORGE PATRICK COOKE, AND, humbly complaining, presents this his Bill of Complaint againstt the Respondent, MARY METRE COOKE, and shows:

O N E

Complainant is and has been for more than one year next before the filing of this Bill of Complaint a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama, now resides in Baldwin County, Alabama, and is more than 21 years of age. The Respondent is a non-resident of Alabama, now resides in the State of Maryland, her post office address being 904 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland; and is more than 21 years of age.

T W O

The Complainant and the Respondent were lawfully married to each other at Gulfport, Mississippi on the 11th day of April, 1950 and lived together as husband and wife for a short time thereafter. No child was born of this marriage and none is expected.

T H R E E

More than one year next before the filing of this suit the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of the Complainant and has never cohabited with him as husband and wife or otherwise since.

P R A Y E R

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that respondent be made the party defendant hereto in a manner provided by law; that upon a final hearing herein, a decree be rendered forever dissolving and annulling the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the parties hereto.

AND COMPLAINANT Prays for general relief.

Shelton Street
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

George Patrick Cooke
COMPLAINANT

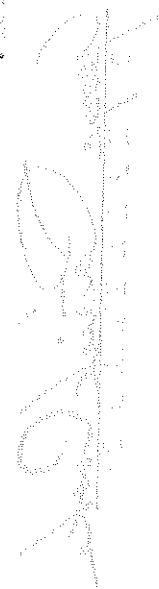
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George Patrick Cooke.

vs.

Mary Helen Cooke.

Bill of ComplaintFiled: 2-28-52
Alice J. Duck



GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

VS

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

NO. _____

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ANN STREET, The Commissioner agreed upon by the parties to take the testimony herein, hereby certify that in pursuance of the powers conferred upon my by said agreement, I caused to appear before me the witnesses requested that is to say, GEORGE PATRICK COOKE, the Complainant and KATHRYN OSELENE KLEIN; that said witnesses appeared before me at 74 Main Street, Prichard, Alabama that they were known to me; that I thereupon caused them and each of them to be duly sworn according to law, after which they were orally examined by Shelton Street, Solicitor for Complainant, and in answer to said oral interrogatories they did testify as hereinafter set out; that I then caused their said testimony to be reduced to writing as near as might be in their identical language in narrative form; that their said testimony was then read over to said witnesses who did assent to and subscribe the same in my presence and in the presence of Shelton Street, Solicitor for Complainant.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not of kin nor of counsel to either of the parties to this cause and have no interest whatsoever in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 11th day of April, 1952.


COMMISSIONER

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

VS

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

NO. _____

DEPOSITION OF KATHRYN OSELENE KLEIN

My name is KATHRYN OSELENE KLEIN. I know the parties to this suit, and have known them for several years. The Complainant is and has been for more than one year next before the filing of this suit a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama, Baldwin County, and is more than 21 years of age. The Respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her post office address being 904 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland; and she was more than 21 years of age at the time this suit was started.

The Complainant and the Respondent were lawfully married to each other in Gulfport, Mississippi on the 11th day of April, 1950 and lived together as husband and wife for a short time thereafter. No child was born to them and none is expected.

More than one year next before the filing of the Bill of Complaint the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of the Complainant in Baldwin County, Alabama and has never returned to him or cohabited with him as his wife or otherwise since. Her abandonment of him has been open, notorious, uninterrupted and without indication at any time of intention on her part to return to him or resume marital relations with him.

So after waiting for more than a year for her to return or show some indication of intention to do so, he has started this suit for divorce.

Kathryn Oselene Klein
KATHRYN OSELENE KLEIN

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE		IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COMPLAINANT		
		COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS		
		IN EQUITY
MARY HELLEN METRE COOKE		
RESPONDENT		NO. _____

DEPOSITION OF GEORGE PATRICK COOKE

My name is GEORGE PATRICK COOKE. I am the Complainant in the above styled cause and I am the husband of the Respondent, MARY HELEN METRE COOKE. I am and had been for more than one year next before this suit was started a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Alabama, Baldwin County, more than 21 years of age. The Respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, her post office address being 904 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland; and she was more than 21 years of age at the time this suit was started.

The Respondent and I were lawfully married to each other at Gulfport, Mississippi on the 11th day of April, 1950 and lived together as husband and wife for a short time thereafter. No child was born to us and none is expected.

More than one year next before the filing of the Bill of Complaint the Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board in Baldwin County, Alabama and has never returned to me or cohabited with me as my wife or otherwise since. Her abandonment of me has been open, notorious, uninterrupted and without indication at any time of intention on her part to return to me or resume marital cohabitation with me.

So after waiting for more than a year for her to return to me or show some indication of intention to do so, I have started this suit for divorce.


GEORGE PATRICK COOKE

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE

Complainant

No.

Vs.

MARY HELEN METRE COOKE

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
BALDWIN
IN EQUITY

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes the Defendant in the above entitled cause and for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein admits the allegations as to the ages, residences and marriage and denies each and every other allegation of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

I agree that the testimony in this cause may be taken by deposition on oral examination, and waive notice of the time and place of the taking such testimony and agree that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time. I waive all notices to which I may be entitled by law in this cause.

(X) Mary Helen Metre Cooke

Defendant

Note: The space below is intended for "Agreements Between the Parties"

It is mutually agreed between the parties hereto that ANN STREET, of Prichard, Alabama is a suitable person to take the testimony herein without a Commission from the Court; That Respondent be permitted to resume the use of her Maiden name of MARY HELEN METRE.

George Patrick Cooke
COMPLAINANT

(X) Mary Helen Metre Cooke
RESPONDENT

STATE OF Maryland
City
COUNTY OF Baltimore

I, Isabelle Lennon, a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that Mary Helen Metre Cooke, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me this day, that being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day same bears date.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of March, 19 52.

Filed, _____
JAMES A. CRANE, REGISTER

Isabelle M Lennon
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF Maryland
City
COUNTY OF Baltimore

No. _____

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE

Complainant

VS.

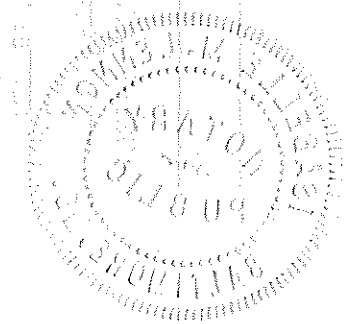
MARY HELEN METRE COOKE

RESPONDENT

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Filed 4-8, 1953

Alex J. Warner
Register



LAW OFFICES
SHELTON STREET
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SOLICITOR IN EQUITY
BOX 215, PRICHARD BRANCH
MOBILE, ALABAMA

April 7, 1952

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Re: George Patrick Cooke
Vs.
Mary Helen Metre Cooke

I mailed you the Bill of Complaint in this cause some time ago and indicated the hope that I would be able to file an answer, waiver and agreement.

I have now received the paper, duly notarized, and am enclosing it herewith. It contains the agreement by the parties that Ann Street of this place shall take the testimony, which she will do within a day or so. It will be mailed to you with a check for cost, which is, I believe, \$12.00.

Very truly yours,



SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

SS/msp

Encl.

GEORGE PATRICK COOKE
COMPLAINANT

VS

MARY HELEN MEYRE COOKE
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY

No. _____

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Walter S. [Signature]
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

George Patrick Cooke
COMPLAINANT