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BANK BUILDING FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

January 10, 1958

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

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Byrd vs. Byrd Our File: 4443

With this we are handing you Bill of Divorce in the case of Byrd vs. Byrd.

Please process, hand to the sheriff, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

EGR/ts 1-20-58

cc: Mrs. Nell Byrd

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NELL A. BYRD,	I	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF		
Complainant,	Yesk	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,		
-VS-	Ž			
J. D. BYRD,	I	IN EQUITY.		
Respondent.	Ĭ o			

TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Comes your Complainant, NELL A. BYRD, and brings this Bill of Complaint against J. D. BYRD, and respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years and has be a resident of Alabama for more than one year next preceding the filing of this her Bill of Complaint; and that the Respondent is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND: Complainant and Defendant were married on, to-wit, the 11th day of November, 1950, in Natchez, Mississippi, and lived together as husband and wife, and came to Alabama in 1951 and established residence in Mobile County, but moved to Baldwin County, in the city of Fairhope, in June, 1957. That the parties were residing in Baldwin County, Alabama, when Complainant and Respondent separated on the 4th day of January, 1958.

THIRD: That the Respondent, J. D. BYRD, has committed actual violence upon the person of his wife, attended with danger to her life or health, by striking her in May, 1957, and that on, to-wit, the 4th day of January, 1958, at their home in Fairhope, Alabama, the Respondent violently laid hands upon your Complainant and threatened her life; and from the Respondent's conduct as above mentioned, Complainant has reasonable grounds to believe that should she continue to live with him, he will commit further violence to her person, attended with danger to her life or health.

FOURTH: That to this marriage there has been born a daughter, DRUCILLA BYRD, who is now six (6) years of age, and is living with your Complainant, and Complainant further shows that she is living here in Fairhope, Alabama, and is able to provide a home for her daughter in good moral surroundings, and that it is to the best interest of said minor child to continue to live in your Complainant's

care and custody.

FIFTH: Respondent is an able-bodied man, earning approximately FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) a month with the Hudson Oil Company; and your Complainant has no estate or other property other than her one-half interest in the equity in a dwelling house, said equity worth approximately ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00), and said property is now in the process of being sold, and her meager wages as a waitress in Fairhope.

WHEREFORE your Complainant prays that due notice of this bill be given the Respondent as required by law, and that upon a final hearing of this cause, the Court will (1) ascertain the facts herein alleged and grant to this Complainant the care and custody of said minor child, DRUCILLA BYRD, subject to reasonable visitation by the Respondent; (2) determine what will be a reasonable and proper amount for the Respondent to pay for the care and custody of his minor daughter and order that he pay same; (3) determine a reasonable and proper sum to be allowed to this Complainant for her costs and expenses of maintaining this action, including a reasonable solicitor's fee, and order that the Respondent pay same; (4) Order, Adjudge and Decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Complainant and Respondent, be dissolved, and granting her a divorce from bed and board from said Respondent; and (5) Complainant prays for such other further or different relief as to which she may show herself entitled.

E. G. RICKARBY, Solicitor for Complainant.

Note:

Respondent's address is at the Hudson Oil Company on the Mobile Bay Bridge Causeway in Baldwin County and the postoffice address of this station is, Route 1, Box 14A, Daphne, Alabama.

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