### The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

### CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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	vs.		
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Answer and Waiver	and ?	restimony as noted by t	he Register, and upon con-
sideration thereof, the Court is of the	e opinion that the C	omplainant is entitled t	o the relief prayed for in
said bill.	\frac{1}{3}		
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Juana Lee McPherson		i	s forever divorced from the
said William Ledkins	McPherson		for and on account of
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

JUANA LEE MCPHERSON

Complainant

VS.

WILLIAM LEDKINS MCPHERSON

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE



## WALTER J. LEE LAWYER VAN ANTWERP BLDG.

MOBILE, ALABAMA

September 10, 1957

The Honorable Register Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

RE: Juana Lee McPherson, Complainant -vs- William Ledkins McPherson, Respondent --- A Divorce Matter

Honorable Sir:

I lodge herewith Original Bill in the above styled cause.

We forward only one copy of this Bill, inasmuch as we anticipate obtaining an Answer and Waiver from the respondent.

Respectfully,

Walter J. Leg, As Solicitor

For Juana Lee McPherson, Complainant

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Enclosure

JUANA LEE MCPHERSON	)	
Complainant,	ınt.	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
-VS-	•	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
		IN EQUITY. NO.
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### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT, SITTING IN EQUITY:

- 1) Complainant alleges that she and respondent are each over the age of 21 years; and both are bona fide resident citizens of the State of Alabama.
- 2) Complainant alleges that she is the lawful wife of the respondent, having been lawfully married to him on, to-wit: November 17, 1956 at, to-wit: Houston, Texas, of which marriage no children have been born.
- 3) Complainant alleges that subsequent to their marriage respondent has committed actual physical violence upon her person attended with danger to her life or health, or that from his conduct towards her there is reasonable apprehension of such danger.

#### PRAYER FOR PROCESS:

Complainant prays that upon the filing of this Bill of Complaint proper process issue to William Ledkins McPherson, making him a party respondent and requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to the allegations herein within the time required by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF:

Complainant prays that upon the final hearing hereof Your Honors will grant to her an absolute divorce from the respondent and the right to remarry in the event she should so care, and grant to her the right to resume the use of her maiden name, and will grant such other and further relief as in equity and good conscience as complainant may be entitled; and complainant prays for general relief. Complainant offers to do equity in the cause.

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Complainant Van Antwerp Building Mobile, Alabama

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# THE STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO:

Miss Josephine Schlief, 4574 Griggs Road, Houston 21, Texas

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, as such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine

Juama Lee McPherson and

Complainant

a witness in behalf of

in a cause pending in our

Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

JUANA LEE MCPHERSON

, Complainant

and

WILLIAM LEDKINS MCPHERSON

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Respondent

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

Witness 27 day of November

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WILLIAM LEDKINS MO	OPHERSON	IN EQUITY
***************************************	Defendant	
	DEMAND FOR OR.	AL EXAMINATION
The State of Alabama Baldwin <b>Mubile County</b>	, }	
The comp	plainant requests the	oral examination of the following named witnesses
on her b	ehalf, viz.: Juana Lee McP	herson and Dorothy Jean Golden
said witnesses reside	in the County of Harris	, State of Anabamax Texas
Josephine Schlief	who reside at Harr	ris County - Houston, Texas
is suggested as a sui	table person to be appointed	Commissioner to take deposition of said witness
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## CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY Mobile, Alabama

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### DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

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DOROTHY JEAN GOLDEN, a witness on behalf of Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

My name is DOROTHY JEAN GOLDEN. I am 35 years of age, having been born March 30, 1922 at Brady, Texas. I am employed at Shell Oil Co. in Houston, Texas, where I have been employed for approximately the past 11 years.

I have known JUANA LEE McPHERSON all her life and she is my sister. I have known her husband since August, 1956.

I recall shortly after JUANA LEE McPHERSON and WILLIAM LEDKINS McPHERSON were married, that she called me long distance from Mobile, Alabama, and said that she and her husband had had a quarrel and that he had struck her physically. JUANA LEE was very upset and was crying and said that she could not go on living with her husband, WILLIAM LEDKINS McPHERSON any longer because he had made threats upon her and had threatened to beat her up numerous other times and that she was afraid of him and could not go on living with him any longer. JUANA LEE called me on three or four occasions in the same manner and every time she would be very upset and crying and would say that she and her husband had had a quarrel and that he had been drinking, and that she was afraid of him and had to leave him.

I believe that if JUANA LEE McPHERSON would give testimony under oath, she would tell the truth, and I would believe her on oath.

I am sorry to see anybody get a divorce, but on the basis of what JUANA LEE has told me about her marriage to her husband, it seems better.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS [ COUNTY OF HARRIS [

I, JOSEPHINE SCHLIEF, a Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the said witness, DOROTHY JEAN GOLDEN was by me first cautioned and sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; and that she gave the above and foregoing testimony, and that her testimony which is given above, was by me reduced to writing, subscribed by the deponent, that is to say, the said witness, DOROTHY JEAN GOLDEN, before me all on the 4 day of January A.D. 1958.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the

Josephine Schlief

My commission expires June 1, 1959.

Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas.

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JUANA LEE McPHERSON, the Complainant, after being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

My name is JUANA LEE McPHERSON. I am 31 years of age, having been born January 23, 1925 at Brady, Texas. I have been living in Mobile, Alabama since November 17, 1956 at 915 Creighton Towers Apartments. I was employed by Shook and Fletcher Insulation Co. for about 4 months in the City and County of Mobile, State of Alabama, and at other times I did duties as a housewife.

I am married to WILLIAM LEDKINS McPHERSON. He is 35 years of age, having been born October 23, 1922. He is a bona fide resident citizen of Mobile County, Alabama, and has been living there all of his life. He manages apartment houses there in Mobile and has been doing such for approxima tely six or seven years.

My husband and I were married November 17, 1956 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. No children have been born as issue to our marriage, none have been adopted and none are expected.

About one month after our marriage our troubles began.

He has a high, violent and ungovernable temper and drinks considerably. When he drinks we always get into a fuss and quarrel and I get very nervous and upset. He has struck me physically on several of these occasions. I recall one time after we had been married several months, he came home after he had been drinking and we got into a fuss and quarrel and he struck me, and has threatened me on numerous time s since such date, a nd I am afraid of him, and believe that he will carry his threats out and actually hurt me sometime seriously. I am afraid to live with him any longer. When I lived with him I lost weight and was nervous and upset at all times. Perhaps if I can get a divorce from him, I will be relieved of all of my nervous strain and can live a happy, normal life again.

I ask this Court to give me a divorce.

Juana Lee McPHERSON

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

I, JOSEPHINE SCHLIEF, a Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the said complainant, JUANA LEE McPHERSON, was by me first cautioned and sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; that she then gave the above testimony; that her testimony which is above given, was by me reduced to writing, subscribed by the deponent, that is to say, the said complainant, JUANA LEE McPHERSON, be fore me all on the 4th day of January, A.D. 1958.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 4th day of January, A.D. 1958.

My commission expires

Josephine Schlief

Notary Public in and
Harris County, Texas

June 1, 1959.

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### WALTER J. LEE

LAWYER

VAN ANTWERP BLDG. MOBILE, ALABAMA

November 26, 1957

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The Honorable Register Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

RE: Juana Lee McPherson, Complainant -vs- William Ledkins McPherson, Respondent --- A Bill in Equity for a Divorce

Honorable Sir:

Attached find Answer and Waiver executed by the parties hereto, together with a Demand for Oral Examination. Notwithstanding the agreement in the Answer and Waiver concerning testimony, I will appreciate it if you will issue a commission in this cause, and forward same to Miss Josephine Schlief, 4574 Griggs Road, Houston 21, Texas.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, I will be pleased to accept your collect, long distance call at HEmlock 3-5952, Mobile, Alabama.

Your courtesy in this matter is appreciated.

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Enclosure

P.S. Please note Parx F. Shearer of Houston, Texas as a Solicitor of Record for complainant.

JUANA LEE MCPHERSON

No.

Vs.

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

WILLIAM LEDKINS MCPHERSON

Defendant

Complainant

### 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 allegations 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 t for final decree at any time. I waive all notices t			
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ALICE J. DICK, Register

Houston, Texas January 8, 1958

Mrs. Alice J. Duck Circuit Clerk Baldwin County

Bay Minette, Alabama - Re: Juana Lee McPherson Vs. William Ledkins McPherson

Dear Madam:

In accordance with that certain commission to take depositions issued November 27, 1957, I am enclosing herewith the deposition of Juana Lee McPherson, Complainant, and the deposition of a witness in behalf of Complainant, as well as returning the commission to take depositions.

Very truly, yours,

Josephine Schlief 4574 Griggs Road

Houston 21. Texas

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