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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

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LOIS MERRITT,

Complainant, I

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

-vs-

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES L. MERRITT,

IN EQUITY

Respondent.

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

Your complainant, Lois Merritt, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:-

- 1. That you Complainant is a resident of said County and State, and has been a bona fide resident of said State for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Charles L. Merritt is a resident of Elberta, Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 2. That your complainant and the respondent were lawfully married on to-wit:- May 13, 1951, and there were no children of this marriage.
- 3. The Complainant further averes and alleges that the Respondent has committed 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 Charles L. Merritt 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 every pray.

Solicitor for Complainant

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Comes the Respondent in the above-styled cause and accepts service of a Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in said cause; 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 Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, Respondent says:

- 1. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of said Bill of Complaint.
- 2. He admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of said Bill of Complaint.
- 3. He denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 3 of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Charles & Merritt
Respondent.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public on this day of august, 1952.

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Notary Public, Baldwin County

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## THE STATE OF ALABAMA Baldwin County.

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My name is Lois Merritt. I am a bona fide resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, having lived there all of my life. My husband, Charles H. Merritt is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, living at Elberta. We were married on May 13, 1951 and have not lived together as husband and wife since June 6, 1952. For most of our married life, my husband would beat me nearly every Saturday night while he was drinking. On one instance he hit me so hard in the mouth with his fist that my lips were burst. It was impossible for me to live with him as husband and wife any longer due to his violence committed on my person. There

Lois Merritt

Baldwin County, Alabama and am personally acquainted with Lois Merritt and Charles L. Merritt. They were married on May 13, 1951 and lived together as husband and wife in Faldwin County, Alabama until June of My knowledge, beat or struck Lois Merritt and for the last few months, her. He has on many occasions committed actual violence on her person, attended with danger to her life or health.

Mr. W & Branco



I, Frances Saffold , as Register and Commissioner hereby certify the	hat
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