

VONNIE LEE COWART,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
THEO COWART,  
Respondent.

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

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original Bill of Complaint on behalf of the Complainant, Answer and Waiver of the Respondent, and testimony as noted by the Register, and the Court, after due consideration, is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and the Respondent be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the ground of cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant and the Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the costs in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said VONNIE LEE COWART shall not again marry, except to the said THEO COWART until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days, she shall not again marry, except to the said THEO COWART during the pendency of the appeal.

Dated at Monroeville, Monroe County, Alabama, this

<sup>th</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1936.

F. W. Hare  
Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama.

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County            } Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon THEO COWART.

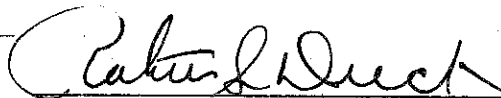
of BALDWIN. County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

VONNIE LEE COWART.

against said THEO COWART.

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, Robert S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 14th day of January. 1935



Register

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

The State of Alabama }  
Baldwin County }

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
(In Equity)

VONNIE LEE COWART,

COMPLAINANT

VS.

THEO COWART,

RESPONDENT

I, ROBERT S. DUCK

as Register and Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Ala.,

have called and caused to come before me Vonnie Lee Cowart and Mrs. J. C.

Scott

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January,

1936, at the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Vonnie Lee Cowart

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Vonnie Lee Cowart. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over twenty-one years of age.

The Respondent, Theo Cowart, is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, over twenty-one years of age.

Theo Cowart and I were married at Brewton, in Escambia County, Alabama, in June, 1933. Immediately after our marriage, Theo Cowart, who drank heavily, began cursing and abusing and threatening me; that his conduct was such that it was absolutely impossible for me to live with him. He, always when under influence of liquor, threatened to do me bodily harm; that his conduct was such that I had reasonable apprehension to believe, and did actually believe that if I lived with him as his wife, he would carry out his threats and do actual violence to my person, which would endanger my life and health. I have not lived with the said Theo Cowart or received any means of support from him since I was forced to leave him. He is of such nature and temperament that I cannot live with him.

Vonnie Lee Cowart

Mrs. J. C. Scott, a witness for the Complainant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Mrs. J. C. Scott. I am personally acquainted with Vonnie Lee Cowart and Theo Cowart, who were married at Brewton, in Escambia County, Alabama, sometime in June, 1933; that I was closely associated with them in Brewton; that immediately after their marriage, Theo

Vonnie Lee Cowart.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

vs.

Theo Cowart.

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
<sup>of</sup> Testimony. Vonnie Lee Cowart. and Mrs J C Scott.

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver.

*Robert S. Quinn*

Register.

8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE PTC CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term, 192 \_\_\_\_\_

VONNIE LEE COWART, \_\_\_\_\_, Complainant

vs.

THEO COWART \_\_\_\_\_, Defendant

To ROBERT S. DUCK \_\_\_\_\_, Register :

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by Beebe & Hall \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Beebe & Hall \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitor for Complainant.

VONNIE LEE COWART,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
THEO COWART,  
Respondent.

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Dated at Monroeville, Monroe County, Alabama, this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1936.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

I, ROBERT S. DUCK, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by the said Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1936, in the cause of Yonnie Lee Cowart, Complainant, vs. Theo Cowart, Respondent, as the same appears on file in said Court.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1936.

Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

VONNIE LEE COWART,  
Complainant.

VS.

THEO COWART,  
Respondent.

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

And now comes the Respondent in his own proper person and for answer to the Complainant's Bill of Complaint, and to each count thereof, separately and severally, says:

ONE:

That he admits the allegations contained in paragraphs First and Second.

TWO:

That he denies the allegation contained in paragraph Third and demands strict proof of the same.

Theo Cowart

WITNESSES:

Ida M. Turnbull

U'Byrne Jones







Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause, your Honor will give and grant unto her a decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent.

Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Yonnie Lee Cowart  
Complainant.

Beale & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, in paragraphs FIRST to THIRD, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

Yonnie Lee Cowart  
Complainant.

Beale & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**IN EQUITY**  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Vonnie Lee Cowart.

vs.

Theo Cowart.

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 27th

day of January. 1936

*Patricia Duch*

REGISTER

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

VONNIE LEM COWART, .....

Complainant, .....

VS.

THEO COWART, .....

Respondent. ....

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ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Robert S. Duck as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and \_\_\_\_\_ at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness ... or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness....; 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 27 day of January 19 36.

Robert S. Duck. (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Shirley Stewart

COMPLAINANT

VS.

She Stewart

RESPONDENT

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Robert S. Duck, Register.

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**Circuit Court of Baldwin County**  
IN EQUITY

No. 189

**S U M M O N S**

YONNIEG THE COWART.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**

BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this 14

day of June, 1936

M. H. Milburn  
SHERIFF

Executed this 14 day of

June, 1936

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Theo Cowart

THEO COWART.

VS.

Defendant

M. H. Milburn

Sheriff

By E. W. Anderson

Deputy Sheriff

BERNIE & HATTIE

Solicitor for Complainant

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VENNIE LEE COWARD,

Complainant,

VS.

TEREO COWARD,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
SALDAIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.

FINAL DECREE:

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YONKIS LEE COWARD,  
Complainant,

VS.

THEO COWARD,  
Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.  
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ANSWER:

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*Charles J. Duck*  
*Att'y*

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YONKES LES COWARD,

Complainant,

VS.

THOMAS COFFMAN,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
SALISBURY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.

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C. H. [Signature]

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VONNIE LEE COWART,  
Complainant,

VS.

THEO COWART,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

BILL OF COMPLAINT.

Filed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1936.

Robert S. Duck  
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