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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS, Complainant

vs.

STEPHEN B. HARKINS, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree / By / Confesso~~ on Answer 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 VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS is forever divorced from the said STEPHEN B. HARKINS for and on account of Cruelty.

It is futher 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 futher ordered that the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon payment of the cost of this suit.

It is futher ordered that VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS, the Complainant, pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 3rd day of August 19 59

Robert M. Hesse

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

VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS

Complainant

vs.

STEPHEN B. HARKINS

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

E. G. RICKARBY

392 FAIRHOPE AVENUE
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

June 1, 1959

Mrs. Alice Duck
Register in Chancery
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Harkins vs. Harkins
Our File: 3999

Please process this bill of complaint in this Harkins vs. Harkins divorce case, and send it down to Sheriff Taylor Wilkins telling him that Steve is either in his jail or in the Fairhope City jail, and that if he doesn't know where he is, to please telephone me "collect" and I will tell him.

Am, also, sending you \$25.00 to cover court costs.

Yours very truly,



EGR/ts
cc: Mr. Wilkins
Encl.

VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS,
Complainant,
-VS-
STEPHEN B. HARKINS,
Respondent.

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

TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

Comes VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS by this, her Bill of Complaint presented against STEPHEN B. HARKINS, and respectfully shows:

1. That the complainant and respondent are both over the age of twenty-one years and bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been such for the three years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

2. That the complainant and respondent were lawfully married on the 6th day of January, 1949, and lived together as husband and wife in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, up until the 13th day of May, 1959, when they separated because of respondent's conduct hereinafter complained of.

3. That said respondent has become addicted, after marriage to habitual drunkenness.

4. That said respondent has committed actual violence upon the person of his wife, attended with danger to her life or health, by striking her in their apartment in Fairhope, Alabama on, to-wit, the 7th day of February, 1957, and complainant alleges that from the respondent's conduct she has reasonable apprehension of actual physical violence to her person attended with danger to her life or health, in that respondent has repeatedly threatened to strike her, the last time being 21st day of May, 1959, at their home in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, when he threatened to kill her and himself.

5. There have been no children born to this marriage.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that this Court will make the said STEPHEN B. HARKINS a party respondent to this cause by appropriate process, requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon a hearing of this cause, the Court will ascertain the facts herein alleged and will render a decree forever divorcing her from the said respondent, and will grant her such other different or further relief as to Equity may seem meet.



E. G. RICKABY,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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VANDORA VIRGINIA HARKINS,

Complainant,

-VS-

STEPHEN B. HARKINS,

Respondent.

9 copies on Bond

Received 5 day of June 1959

and on 5 day of June 1959

received a copy of the within A. H. C.

Stephen B. Harkins

service on _____

TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff

By Edw. Stearns D. S.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Fairhope, Ala

Sheriff claims 26 miles at

Ten Cents per mile Total \$ 2.60

TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff

BY [Signature]
DEPUTY SHERIFF

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ALICE J. DUCK, CLERK REGISTER

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

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Moore Ptg. Co.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

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Circuit Court, Baldwin County

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_____ TERM, 19__

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon Stephen A. Harkins

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint filed in
the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against _____

Stephen A. Harkins _____, Defendant

by Vandora Virginia Harkins _____

_____, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 3rd day of June 1959

Ed. Jones, 1959

Vandora Virginia Harkins

Clerk

July 2nd., 1959

To The Honorable H.M.Hall,
Judge of Circuit Court;

Comes Stephen Bennett Harkins by this answer
to Vandora Virginia Harkins compliant for grounds for
a divorce.

I would like to submit the following:

- 1- That I am not a habitual drunkard or ever have been
as stated in her complaint. I am no alcoholic and she
has made this statement to me several times.
- 2- We have had numerous family fusses but I did not strike
her except when I had to take the butcher knife away
from her to keep her from cutting me.
- 3- She also hit me in the head with a whiskey bottle in
New Orleans on March 28th., of this year.
- 4- She swore out these warrants for assault because she
wanted me out of the way for some reason for which I
do not know.
- 5- Had I sworn out a warrant for her everytime she called
me a son of a bitch she would still be in jail.
- 6- Now I still love my wife and will always love her and
I do not want this divorce.

These statements are true to the best of my
knowledge.

Signed, Stephen Bennett Harkins

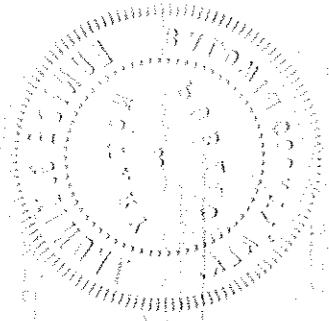
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd
day of July 1959.

~~Witness~~

Cummins A. ...
Notary Public, Baldwin
County, Alabama

I also want the right to get my personal possessions
from the apartment.

Filed July 2, 1959



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REGISTER

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