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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE, Complainant

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Publication 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

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE is forever divorced from the said CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE for and on account of

Cruelty. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the care, custody and control of the minor child, Ronda Cheryl Stanhope, shall vest in the Complainant.

It is further 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 further 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 further ordered that Wanda Geraldine Stanhope the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 1st day of Sept 1959

Hubert M. Hall

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

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Complainant

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

Respondent

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ALICE L. DUCK, CLERK
REGISTER

Mrs Duck.

Please file these
proceedings.

I have given a notice
(copy) to the Fairhope
Council. Yours-
G. W. G.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Helen Bailey

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 Wanda Geraldine Stanhope and Arthur James Clark

a witness in behalf of Complainant
Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

in a cause pending in our

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
and , Complainant

Claude Erwin Stanhope

Respondent

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

Witness 31st day of

August
September

, 1959

Alvin J. Wicks
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$

Witness' Fees, \$

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Complainant
VS.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Helen Bailey

WITNESSES:

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
Arthur James Clark

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE, COMPLAINANT

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE, RESPONDENT

I, Helen Bailey

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Wanda Geraldine Stanhope and
Arthur James Clark

witnesses named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 1st day of September,
1959, at the office of Ernest M. Bailey
in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
and Arthur James Clark doth depose and say as follows:

TESTIMONY OF WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE:

My name is Wanda Geraldine Stanhope and I am the Complainant in the above styled cause. The Respondent and I are over the age of twenty-one years and were married on March 2, 1948 at Folkston, Georgia and lived together as husband and wife until on, to-wit, March 16, 1959 when the Respondent struck me and threatened me. He has made numerous threats of doing bodily harm to me on many prior occasions and I am of the opinion that if I continue to live with him as his wife, he will commit actual violence upon my person or may injure me permanently.

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

TESTIMONY OF ARTHUR JAMES CLARK:

My name is Arthur James Clark. I have known the Complainant and Respondent in this action during part of their married life. I know of my own personal knowledge that the Respondent has made numerous threats of doing bodily harm to the Complainant. I am of the opinion that if she continues to live with Respondent, he may commit violence upon her person.

Arthur James Clark
ARTHUR JAMES CLARK

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, Helen Bailey 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Ernest M. Bailey, Attorney at Law, at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness es ; 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 1st day of September, 1959.

Helen Bailey (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

COMPLAINANT

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

RESPONDENT

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

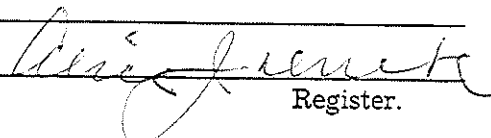
IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
and oral testimony taken before Commissioner _____

and in behalf of Defendant upon Publication


ERNEST M. BAILEY, SOLICITOR
FOR COMPLAINANT


Register.

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

IN EQUITY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 1

day of Sept., 1947

Reuben J. French
Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Claude Erwin Stanhope to appear and answer, plead or demur, within thirty days from the date of the service hereof, to the Bill of Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, by Wanda Geraldine Stanhope, as Complainant, against Claude Erwin Stanhope, as Respondent.

Witness my hand this the 9 day of July, 1959.


REGISTER

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE,	§	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Complainant		BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.	§	IN EQUITY
CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE,	§	CASE NO: _____
Respondent	§	

Comes your Complainant, Wanda Geraldine Stanhope, and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Claude Erwin Stanhope, and shows unto Your Honor and unto this Honorable Court as follows:

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are over the age of twenty-one years and that your Complainant is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Complaint, and that the Respondent's last known residency was, to the best of her knowledge and belief, the State of California, and that Respondent's residency is otherwise unknown to her and cannot be ascertained by reasonable effort.

SECOND:

That the Complainant and the Respondent were married on, heretofore, to-wit, March 2, 1948 at Folkston, Georgia, and lived together as husband and wife until on, to-wit, March 16, 1959, when, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your Complainant

was forced to live separate and apart from Respondent. Complainant avers that on March 16, 1959, the Respondent struck and abused her and that Respondent had made numerous threats on prior occasions of committing actual violence upon her person. Complainant further avers that she is reasonably certain that if she continues to live with him as his wife, the Respondent will commit violence upon her person, attended with danger to her life and health.

THIRD:

That there was born of this marriage between Complainant and the Respondent one child, namely: Ronda Cheryl Stanhope, age nine years. That your Complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of the said minor child.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

The premises considered, your Complainant prays that the above named Claude Erwin Stanhope be made a party Defendant to this cause by the usual writ or process of this Honorable Court requiring him to appear and 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, Your Honor will award to your Complainant the care, custody and control of the said minor child and will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said Respondent and will decree that the parties be allowed to remarry if they see fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other and further and different relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared Wanda Geraldine Stanhope, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that the allegations contained in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct.

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 8th day of July, 1959.

James M. Bailey
NOTARY PUBLIC, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE,

Complainant

vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE,

Respondent

SUMMONS AND BILL OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT AS TO RESIDENCY

Before me, Ernest M. Bailey, Notary Public in and for said state and county, personally appeared Wanda Geraldine Stanhope, who is known to me and, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is the Complainant in that certain action pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, wherein Wanda Geraldine Stanhope is the Complainant and Claude Erwin Stanhope is the Respondent; that the last known residency of the Respondent, Claude Erwin Stanhope, was, to the best of her knowledge and belief, the State of California; that the residency of the said Respondent, Claude Erwin Stanhope, is otherwise unknown to her and cannot be ascertained by reasonable effort; and, that the said Respondent, Claude Erwin Stanhope, is over the age of twenty-one years, and is not a member of the Military Services.

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope
WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 8th day of July, 1959.

Ernest M. Bailey
NOTARY PUBLIC, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____ September _____, Term, 1959

Wanda Geraldine Stanhope Complainant

Vs.

Claude Erwin Stanhope Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register, Alice J. Duck, that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the _____ day of _____, 1959, in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Fairhope, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the _____ day of _____, 1959 and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register, Alice J. Duck, that the said Claude Erwin Stanhope

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register, Alice J. Duck, that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Claude Erwin Stanhope

This 31st day of August, 1959.

Alice J. Duck, Register.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County**

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE
Complainant

Vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE
Respondent

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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Alvin J. [Signature]
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____ September _____, Term, 1959

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Complainant

Vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 31st day of August 1959

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Cornelia M. Bailey Solicitor.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE

Complainant _____

Vs.

CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE

Defendant _____

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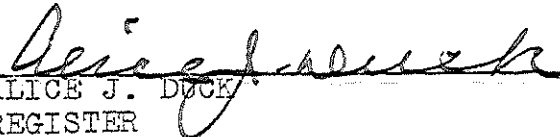
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE, Complainant, vs. CLAUDE ERWIN STANHOPE,
Respondent

In this cause it appearing from Affidavit that the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one, and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his residence cannot be ascertained after reasonable inquiry.

It is therefore ordered that Claude Erwin Stanhope plead, answer or demur to the allegations of the Bill of Complaint filed against him in this cause on or before the 31st day of July, 1959 or upon the expiration of thirty days from said date the same will be taken as confessed against him.

It is further ordered that notice of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama.


ALICE J. DECK
REGISTER

ERNEST M. BAILEY
SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT

WANDA GERALDINE STANHOPE,
Complainant

vs.

Claude Erwin Stanhope,
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16 - 23 - 30, 1959.

Francis H. Crawford

Editor

State of Alabama
County of Baldwin

Sworn to and subscribed this 31st

day of July A. D. 1959, before me.

Alice J. Duck

Notary Public, Baldwin County

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Alice J. Duck, Register

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REGISTER