### The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

### CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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Complainant

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194.56_, at	the office of	<u>James</u>	R. Ower	Examination, on the — day of April  ing first sworn said Witness— to speak the
	ole truth, and	l nothing but	the truth,	the said Jennie V. Dortch say as follows:

That she is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of Said State and County for more than one years next preceding the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause. Mathew Dortch is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. That she and Mathew Dortch, the Respondent, were lawfully married on or about to-wit, January 16, 1945, in Bay Minette, Alabama, and lived together as man and wife until on or about December, 1955. That the said Respondent, Mathew Dortch did on or about December, 1955, and many times prior thereto, make numerous threats of doing her physical harm and from his manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he will commit an actual violence upon her person, attended with danger to her life and health if she continues to live with him. That the said Respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life and health on numerous occasions prior to December, 1955. There were no children born of the marriage between your Complainant and the Respondent.

I, Mary Lou Blackburn, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify
that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words
of the witness and read over to her and she signed the same in the presence of
myself <u>and James R. Owen</u>
at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of
said witness—or had proom 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
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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MATHEW DORTCH,

IN EQUITY

Respondent.

### ANSWER AND WAIVER

Now comes the Respondent, Mathew Dortch, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause and to each paragraph thereof says:

l. He denies each and every paragraph of the Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Mathew Dollake Respondent.

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### ANSWER AND WAIVER

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TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Your Complainant, Jennie V. Dortch, respectfully represents and shows unto the Court and your Honor as follows:

- l. Your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide resident of said State and County for more than one year next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint. The Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 2. The Complainant and the Respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit, January 16, 1945, in Bay Minette, Alabama, and lived together as man and wife until on or about. December, 1955.
- Respondent did on or about December, 1955, and many times prior thereto, make numerous threats of doing her physical harm and from his manner and conduct toward her, she is reasonably convinced that he will commit an actual violence upon her person, attended with danger to her life and health if she continues to live with him. Your Complainant further avers that the said Respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to her life and health on numerous occasions prior to December, 1955.
- 4. There were no children born of the marriage between your Complainant and re Respondent.

#### PRAYER FOR PROCESS

The premises considered, your Complainant makes the said Mathew Dortch a party respondent to this Bill of Complaint and in order that the Complainant may have the relief herein prayed for she prays that the usual process of this honorable court issue

to the Respondent, Mathew Dortch, requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur to this Bill of Complaint within the time prescribed by law and under the rules and practices of this honorable court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Complainant respectfully prays that the court will make and enter a proper order or decree divorcing the Complainant from the Respondent and further prays for such other, further and general relief as she may be equitably entitled to, the premises considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Solia for for Complainant.