The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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| answer and walver | and Testimony as | noted by the Register, and upon con- |
| sideration thereof, the Court is of the opi said bill. | nion that the Complainant is | entitled to the relief prayed for in |
| It is therefore ordered, adjudged existing between the Complainant and D | | at the bonds of matrimony heretofore hereby dissolved, and that the said |
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| said Willie Earl Hicks | | for and on account of |
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| to each other until sixty days after the redays, neither party shall again marry excellent is further ordered that the Coagain contract marriage upon payment of It is further ordered that | cept to each other during the omplainant and Respondent be the cost of this suit. Chynette Hicks pay the cost herein to be | pendency of said appeal. e, and they are hereby permitted to taxed, for which executed may issue. |
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| as Register and Commissioner have called and caused to come | before meTwynette Hic | ks and Joe Hughes |
| witness ^{es} named in the Requ | | , on the 9 day of May |
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| | ing but the truth, the said | wynette Hicks and Joe Hughes vs: |

My name is Twynette Hicks, I am over the age of 18 years and live at Silverhill, Baldwin County, Alabama and have lived there for more than the past two years; Willie Earl Hicks is over the age of 21 and now lives at Stapleton, Baldwin County, Alabama. Willie Earl and I were married at Lucedale, Mississippi on August 19, 1955. Willie Earl has always treated me mean since we were married, he has hit and struck me many times, and made threats of doing me bodily harm, Willie Earl did commit one of these such assaults on me on January 18, 1956 and since that time and as a result of said assault Willie Earl and I have not lived together since that time nor have we in any way recognized each other as husband and wife. I was afraid that if I continued to live with Willie Earl that he might do me physical harm that would permanently impair my life and health. We did not have any children.

Juysette Hicke

My name is Joe Hughes, I am the Father of Twynette Hicks, the Complainant in this divorce suit. Twynette is over the age of 18 years and has lived here in Baldwin County, Alabama for the last several years and still lives her; Willie Earl Hicks is over the age of 21 years old and lives in Stapleton, Alabama. Twynette and Willie Earl were married on about August 19, 1955 at Lucedale, Mississippi. Willie Earl has never been a very good husband to her, he has always treated her mean; although I have never actually seen him hit her he has in my presence made threats at her and I believe that if she had continued to live with him that he would have done her some permanent biddily harm. She has related to me on several occasions of how he hit and struck her and that because of this that she did not want to live with him anymore, and she has not to my knowledge lived with him as his wife since sometime in January of this year. They had no children.

for Hughes.

| I, 2211/10000151 | as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that |
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| the foregoing deposition_on Oral Examination | n was taken down by me in writing in the words |
| | and they signed the same in the presence of |
| | James A. Hendrix |
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TWYNETTE HICKS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Complainant, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, VS. IN EQUITY. WILLIE EARL HICKS Respondent.

ANSWER AND WAIVER

Comes now the Respondent, WILLIE EARL HICKS, and for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed against him in said cause says as follows:

1. That he denies each and every allegation of the said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

And for further answer to the said Bill of Complaint the Respondent hereby accepts service of a copy and notice of the filing of the said Complaint and hereby waives any further notice to him of the day set for hearing, the taking of testimony or the submission for final decree of the above styled cause and does here consent that the same may be submitted and testimony taken without further notice to him.

Willie Earl Thicks
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me on

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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ALIGE J. BUCK, Register

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To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Sitting in Equity:

Comes now the Complainant, TWYNETTE HICKS, humbly complaining of the Respondent, WILLIE EARL HICKS, in a matter of divorce, and represents and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Complainant, TWYNETTE HICKS, is over the age of eighteen years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been a bona fide of said State for more than two years next preceeding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that Respondent's address is unknown to your Complainant, and after a due and diligent search, Complainant is unable to ascertain his place of residence or postoffice address; that the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years.

SECOND: That your Complainant and respondent were lawfully married on or about, to-wit: August 19, 1955, at Lucedale, Mississippi.

THIRD: Your Complainant avers and charges that the said Respondent did on or about the 18th day of January, 1956, and on many occassions prior thereto assault, beat, hit, and strike complainant; that said respondent has committed actual violence on her person attended with dangers to her health and life; that the last of said assault did occur on January 18, 1956, and since that time Complainant and respondent have not lived together as husband and wife due to said assault; Complainant further avers that the Respondent has made 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 which would endanger her life and health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

WHELE EARL HICKS be made party Respondent to this her Bill of Complaint and that a summons be issued and served upon him as required by law and the rules of this Honorable Court, and that he be required to plead, answer or demur to the within Bill of Complaint within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER FOR FINAL RELIEF

The premises considered the Complainant prays that on a final hearing of this cause Your Honor will make and enter a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Respondent, and will grant to the Complainant a full and absolute divorce from the Respondent, and that in and by virtue of the said decree the Complainant will be granted the right to again contract marriage.

Complainant prays all other further or general relief to which she may be entitled, the premises considered and she will ever pray, etc.

Personally appeared before me TWYNETTE HICKS, being known to me and being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she has read the allegations in the foregoing complaint and that to the best of her knowledge and belief said allegations are true in all respects.

Sugnette Hicks

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this <u>f</u> day of Marets, 1956.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.