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DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL, Complainant

vs.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR., Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree and Confession~~

Answer and waiver 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

Grace Elizabeth Hopewell is forever divorced from the said Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr. for and on account of

cruelty

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 Grace Elizabeth Hopewell the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 28 day of May, 1956

Hubert W. Steel 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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RECORDED

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL

Complainant

vs.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.

Respondent

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ALICE A. DUCK, Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Dorothy Chason

KNOW YE: that we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Grace Elizabeth Hopewell and Leila Caraway

as witnesses in behalf of Grace Elizabeth Hopewell, Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein _____

Grace Elizabeth Hopewell, Complainant
and Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr.

Respondent _____

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Oral examination
to take and certify the deposition^s of the witness^{es} and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 24th day of May, 1956

Alice J. Shuck
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL

Complainant—

vs.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.

Defendant—

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER

Dorothy Chason

WITNESSES:

Grace Elizabeth Hopewell

Leila Caraway

CECIL G. CHASON

ATTORNEY AT LAW
FOLEY, ALABAMA


May 23, 1956

Mrs. Alice J. Duck
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I am enclosing Bill of Complaint, Answer and Waiver, Oral Deposition, Commission to take Deposition, Note of Testimony and Final Decree in the case of Hopewell vs Hopewell, and my check in the amount of \$13.50 for court costs.

~~Yours very truly,~~



C. G. Chason

CGC:dc

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GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL

vs.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.

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 testimony of Grace Elizabeth Hopewell and Robbie Don
Hopewell, jr.

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver

[Signature]
Solicitor for Complainant

[Signature]
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL

vs.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this May 24
day of _____, 1945

Alvin J. Wicks
Register.

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL)
Complainant,)
-vs-)
ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.)
Respondent.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

TO THE HONORABLE H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, Sitting in Equity:

Your Complainant, Grace Elizabeth Hopewell, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor:-

1. That your Complainant is over the age of sixteen years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, having been such a resident citizen for more than one year next preceeding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; That Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr. is over the age of twenty-one years and is a bona fide resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, having been such a resident citizen for more than one year preceeding the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

2. That your complainant and the Respondent were married on, to-wit, September 19, 1955, and there are no children of this marriage.

3. Complainant further avers and alleges that the Respondent has struck her with his fists and threatened her with other and further violence attended with danger to her life and health, and from his conduct she is reasonably apprehensive for her life of health, so much so that she can no longer live with the Respondent.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Complainant prays that Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr. be made a party defendtant to this cause by the usual process of this Honorable Court, requiring him to 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, that your Complainant be granted a divorce from the Respondent. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for, that there be granted to her such other, different, and general relief to

which she may be entitled and as in duty bound, she will ever pray.



Solicitor for Complainant

Grace Elizabeth Hopewell

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL Complainant

VS.

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR. RespondentI, Dorothy Chasonas Register and Commissioner in Chanceryhave called and caused to come before me Grace Elizabeth Hopewell and
Leila Carawaywitness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 24th day of May
1956, at the office of C. G. Chasonin _____, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Grace Elizabeth Hopewell and
Leila Caraway doth depose and say as follows:Testimony of Grace Elizabeth Hopewell:

My name is Grace Elizabeth Hopewell. I am over sixteen years of age and have been a life time resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr. is over the age of twenty-one years, and has been a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama for many years. We were married on September 19, 1955, and have had trouble ever since our marriage. I found out after marriage that he has a very high temper, particularly when drinking, and he has struck me with his fists. Recently he has threatened me so much that I am afraid to live with him for fear that he will kill me or do me serious bodily injury. There are no children of this marriage.

Grace Elizabeth Hopewell

Testimony of Leila Caraway

My name is Leila Caraway. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with Grace Elizabeth Hopewell and Robbie Don Hopewell, Jr. both of whom have been residents of Baldwin County, Alabama for many years. They were married on September 19th, 1955, and lived together as husband and wife until recently. I have never actually seen him hit her with his fists, but I am convinced that he has done so because I have seen him draw back his fist as if to strike her, and have heard him on a number of occasions threaten her with a beating or other injury. I believe it reasonable for her to assume and know that should she continue to live with him, he will do her serious violence and cause her serious injury. They have no children.

Leila Caraway

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Dorothy Chason, 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 witnesss and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and each other

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesss or had proom made before me of the identity of said witnesss; that I am not of counsel or 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 24 day of May, 1956

Dorothy Chason (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL

vs. Complainant

ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed May 24, 1956

Alice J. Luck Register.
Recorded in _____

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GRACE ELIZABETH HOPEWELL)	
Complainant)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
-vs-)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
ROBBIE DON HOPEWELL, JR.)	IN EQUITY
Respondent.)	

Comes the Respondent in the above styled cause and accepts service of a Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause; waives notice of the filing of interrogatories in said cause, and the right to cross same; waives notice of the taking of testimony in said cause, and consents that the same may be taken and the cause submitted for final decree.

And for answer to the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, Respondent says:

1. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Bill of Complaint.

2. He admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of said Bill of Complaint.

~~2. He denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 3 of said Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.~~

Robbie D. Hopewell Jr.
 Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, on this the 18 day of May, 1956

Walter M. Bauer
 Notary Public, Baldwin County
 State of Alabama