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DIVORCE DECREE

MOORE PRINTING COMPANY - BAY MINETTE, ALA.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON, Complainant

vs.

RELPS BERNARD SUTTON, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on Personal service 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 Joyce Steedley Sutton is forever divorced from the said Relps Bernard Sutton for and on account of Cruelty - reasonable apprehensions of physical violence.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that the care, custody and control of the minor children, namely Rita Jean Sutton, Esther Dianne Sutton and Carla Joyce Sutton, is awarded to Joyce Steedley Sutton, the mother, with the right on the part of their father, Relps Bernard Sutton, to visit said children at reasonable times, and that their father, the said Relps Bernard Sutton, pay to their mother the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) each week or One Hundred and Sixty dollars (\$160.00) every month for the support and maintenance of said children until they become twenty-one years of age, or until each is married, whichever event shall first occur.

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 Joyce Steedley Sutton the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which executed may issue.

This 7th day of November 1960.

Hubert M. Hall

Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, Alice J. Duck, 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 10th day of October, 1960.

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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Complainant

vs.

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JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON, )  
Complainant, )  
Vs. )  
RELPS BERNARD SUTTON, )  
Respondent. )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Comes your Complainant, Joyce Steedley Sutton, and files this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Relps Bernard Sutton, and shows Your Honor as follows:

FIRST:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are over the ages of twenty-one years and both are residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondents were married to each other on, to-wit, the 9th day of June, 1950, at Lucedale, Mississippi, and have lived together as husband and wife until on, to-wit, January 14th, 1960, when, on account of the matters hereinafter complained of, your Complainant has begun to live apart from the Respondent.

THIRD:

That three children were born during the wedlock of your Complainant and the Respondent, to-wit; Rita Sutton, born September 15, 1951; Esther Dianne Sutton, born June 29th, 1954; and Carla Joyce Sutton, born October 16, 1955; and that the custody of the said three children is with your Complainant.

FOURTH:

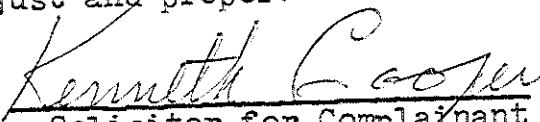
That on December 21, 1959, the Respondent, Relps Bernard Sutton, did commit actual violence to your Complainant, attended with danger to life or health, or there was reasonable apprehension thereof from his said conduct and words, and your Complainant has reasonable ground of apprehension of actual violence to her person, and does believe that actual violence may be committed against her life or health.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Complainant prays that the Court will make an order requiring the Respondent to plead, answer or demur to this cause with the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that she be awarded permanent custody and control of the three minor children named in paragraph THIRD, above, to-wit: Rita Jean Sutton, born September 15, 1951; Esther Dianne Sutton, born June 29, 1954, and Carla Joyce Sutton, born October 16, 1955; and that the Respondent be required to pay to your Complainant the sum of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40.00) <sup>each month</sup> each month, for the support, maintenance and schooling of the aforesaid three children until they reach their majority, and that the Respondent have the right to see and visit the said children at the residence of your Complainant during reasonable visiting hours of the day.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause the Court will render a decree forever divorcing her from the said Respondent, and granting such other, further and different relief as in equity may be just and proper.

  
Solicitor for Complainant

FILED  
JAN 14 1960  
ALICE J. DUCK, Register

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Moore Ptg. Co.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No. 4815

January TERM, 19 60

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Comanded to Summon RELPS BERNARD SUTTON

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

the said Relps Bernard Sutton, Defendant

by Joyce Steedley Sutton

Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 14th day of January 19 60

Alice J. Duck, Clerk  
Alice J. Duck

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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON

Plaintiffs

vs.

RELS BERNARD SUTTON

Defendants

Summons and Complaint

Filed 14 January 19 60

Alice J. Duck Clerk

Kenneth Cooper  
Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at  
407 - 8th St.,  
Bay Minette, Ala.

Received In Office

January 14 1960

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this Jan - 23 1960

by leaving a copy with

Relps Bernard  
Sutton

Taylor Wilkins Sheriff

W. A. Talbot Deputy Sheriff

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

No. 4815 Circuit Court, In Equity.

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON

Complainant

Vs.

RELPS BERNARD SUTTON

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against RELPS BERNARD SUTTON

Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant has failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 10th day of October 19 60

*Kenneth Cooper*

Kenneth Cooper

Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON

Complainant

Vs.

HELPS BERNARD SUTTON

Respondent

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso on  
Personal Service

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_ 19 60

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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JOYVE STEEDLEY SUTTON  
 Complainant,  
 Vs.  
RELPS BERNARD SUTTON  
 Respondent.

In the Circuit Court.  
 In Equity No. 4815.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the Respondent  
Relps Bernard Sutton

by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, on the 14 day of January  
 19 60.

And it futher appears to the Register, that the said Relps Bernard Sutton

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent, having to the date hereof,

failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore,

on motion of Kenneth Cooper Solicitors

for Complainant, ordered, and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be,

and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Relps Bernard Sutton

This 11 day of October, 19 60.

Alice J. Duck  
 Register.  
 Alice J. Duck

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

**JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON**

Complainant,

Vs.

**RELS BERNARD SUTTON**

Respondent.

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE**

Issued this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October  
1960.

Alice J. Duck

Register.

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON,

Complainant

vs.

RELPS BERNARD SUTTON,

Respondent

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 in behalf of Defendant upon Decree Pro Confessor on Personal Service

*Alice J. Duck*

Alice J. Duck

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON,

Complainant

VS.

RELPS BERNARD SUTTON,

Respondent

Note of Testimony

Filed in Open Court this

day of October, 19 60

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

JOYCE STEEDLEY SUTTON COMPLAINANT

vs.

RELPS BERNARD SUTTON RESPONDENT

I, Alice J. Duck,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Joyce Steedley Sutton,

witness named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of December  
19 59, at the office of Register and Commissioner,  
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Joyce Steedley Sutton

doth depose and say as follows:

I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over the age of twenty-one years, and I have been a resident of the State of Alabama all my life; and that the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years, and he is also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

The Respondent and I were married at Lucedale, Mississippi, on June 9, 1950, and have lived together as husband and wife until December 21, 1959. That on said date the Respondent did commit actual violence to your Complainant, attended with danger to my life or health, or there was reasonable apprehension thereof from his said conduct, words and action that he would commit actual violence. And I have reasonable apprehension from his previous conduct that he could, and may, commit violence to my person or to my life and health.

That there were three children born during our wedlock, to-wit: Rita Jean Sutton, born September 15, 1951; Esther Dianne Sutton, born June 29, 1954, and Carla Joyce Sutton, born October 16, 1955; and that the custody of the said children is with your Complainant.

Joyce Steedley Sutton

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, ALICE J. DUCK 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 her and she signed the same in the presence of myself and Kenneth Cooper at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness or had proof 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      day of December, 19 59.

Alice J. Duck (L. S.)

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<b>REPPS BERNARD SUTTON,</b>	
RESPONDENT	
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