

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY SITTING.

Comes the Complainant, Louise Renfro, and humbly  
complaining against George Renfro, respectfully represents  
and shows unto your Honor and to the Honorable Court as  
follows:

FIRST:

That she is a bonafide resident of Baldwin County,  
Alabama, and has been for more than five years next pre-  
ceeding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that she  
is over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent, George  
Renfro, is over twenty-one years of age, and a resident of  
Baldwin County, Alabama, but at the present, he is sojourning  
in the City of Mobile, Alabama.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent are wife and  
husband, having intermarried at Mobile, Alabama, on May 18, 1926.

THIRD:

That they lived together, in Baldwin County, Alabama,  
as husband and wife until on or about, to-wit: August 15, 1928.

FOURTH:

That on, to-wit: August 15, 1928 and various other dates,  
the Respondent cursed, abused, threatened and committed actual  
violence on the person of your Complainant, attended with  
danger to her life and health; that the conduct of the Re-  
spondent was such as to render it impossible for your Com-  
plainant to live with him as his wife; that the conduct of the  
Respondent was such as to cause your Complainant to have  
reasonable apprehension to believe that he would carry out his

threats and to continue to comit violence to her person,  
attended with danger to her life and health.

WHEREFORE the premises considered your Complainant  
prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the  
said George Renfro party Respondent to this Bill of  
Complaint requiring him to plead, answer, or demur to  
the same within the time and under the penalties pres-  
cribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that your Honor will,  
upon the final hearing of this cause, grant to her a decree  
of absolute divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony  
existing between her and the Respondent; that your Honor  
will give and grant unto her such other further, different,  
and general release as she may be in equity and good  
conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound your  
Complainant will ever pray.

Beebe & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, George Renfro, is required to answer  
each allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint,  
paragraph first to fourth, inclusive, but not under oath.

Oath being hereby expressly waived.

Beebe & Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

LOUISE RENTRO,  
Complainant,

VS

GEORGE RENTRO,  
Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the bill of complaint, decree pro confesso and the 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant, on the grounds of cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said LOUISE RENTRO be and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the cost of Court in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said LOUISE RENTRO pay the cost herein taxed, for which execution may issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said LOUISE RENTRO shall not again marry except to said GEORGE RENTRO until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said GEORGE RENTRO during the said pendency of appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said LOUISE RENTRO be restored her maiden name, viz: LOUISE BROWN.

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1930.

F. W. Hare  
Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA)

BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, personally appeared Louise Renfro who is known to me, and who having been by me first duly sworn deposes and says: that she is the Complainant in the suit of Louise Renfro vs George Renfro now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the Equity side of the Docket; that she has made and caused to be made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain and determine the present address of the Defendant, George Renfro; that from all information obtainable the said George Renfro is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his present address is unknown; that the said George Renfro is over the age of twenty-one years.

Louise Renfro

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 28 day of August, 1930.

My Commission Expires  
November 1st, 1931

Oct 27, 1931  
Notary Public, Baldwin County,  
Alabama.

Laurie Renfro

VS

George Renfro

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Affidavit of  
Non-Residence.

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Filed Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1930

J. M. Renfro  
Plaintiff

BAY MINETTE, ALA. 11-3-30

M. W. Richardson

## THE BALDWIN TIMES

PUBLISHED IN THE LAND OF THE GOLDEN SATSUMA

SUBSCRIPTION \$2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE  
ADVERTISING RATES GIVEN ON APPLICATION

Aug 28 - Notice of Louise vs Geo Ruffo - 170 mos 2 1/2  
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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama--GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

*George Ruffno -*  
*Living with John Blum*  
*217 Lexington Ave*  
*Mobile*  
*Ala*

of \_\_\_\_\_ County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Sum-  
mons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

*Louis Camp*

against said \_\_\_\_\_

*Geo Ruffno*

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the  
said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return  
this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

*[Signature]* 193*3*

*[Signature]* Register.

N. B.--Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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Serve on \_\_\_\_\_

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity.

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

SUMMONS

*Lammie Kemp*

*P. 144* vs. *N. D.*

*Geo Kemp*  
*Mobile*  
*217 Lexington Ave*  
*New York*

Solicitor for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 193 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 193 \_\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Sheriff.

\_\_\_\_\_

*Received 7 days of June 1937*  
*and George Rayner*  
*found in my County*  
*of Baldwin*  
*Sherriff*  
*D. S.*  
*R. D. Rayner*



**The State of Alabama,**  
Baldwin County.

{ CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.  
No. 908  
Vacation ... Term, 1930..

----- Louise Renfro ----- Complainant..  
vs. ----- George Renfro, ----- Defendant..

In this cause it appears to the Register ----- that the order of publi-  
cation heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the

----- 28th ----- day of ----- August -----, 1930, in the ----- Baldwin Times, -----  
a newspaper published in ----- Bay Minette, ----- Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted  
at the Court House door in ----- Baldwin ----- County, on the ----- 28th ----- day of  
----- August ----- 1930 -----

And it now further appearing to the Register -----, that the said

----- George Renfro -----

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 -----

----- that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things  
taken as confessed against the said ----- George Renfro, -----

This ----- 27th ----- day of ----- October ----- 1930 -----

*J. W. [Signature]*

Register.

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Louise Renfro

vs.

George Renfro

DECREE PRO CONFESSO  
OF PUBLICATION

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Moore Printing Company, Bay Minette, Ala.

8581 NOTE OF TESTIMONY

... Louise Renfro .....

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vs.

... George Renfro, .....

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, .....  
decree pro confesso and testimony of Louise Renfro and Joe E. Brown, ..

and in behalf of Defendant upon .....

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No. 908.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Louise Renfro

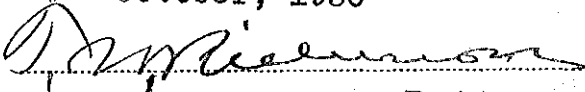
VS

George Renfro

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MOORE-PTG CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 908 Vacation Term, 1923 30

Louise Renfro, Complainant.

vs.

George Renfro, Defendant.

To T.W. Richerson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by Beebe & Hall,

Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Beebe & Hall,

Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Louise Renfro

VS.

George Renfro,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION

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*J. M. McCreary*  
Register

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity.)

LOUISE RENFRO

Complainant.

VS.

GEORGE RENFRO

Respondent.

J. P. BEEBE

I

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me LOUISE RENFRO and JOE E. BROWN

witness<sup>ES</sup> named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 19th day of September, 1923, at the office of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama.

in Alabama, and having first sworn said witness<sup>ES</sup> to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Louise Renfro

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Louise Renfro. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been for more than five years next preceding the Bill of Complaint in this cause. I am over 21 years of age. George Renfro is over 21 years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his post office address is unknown. George Renfro and I were married at Mobile, Alabama, on May 18th, 1926, and lived together as husband and wife in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on or about August 15th, 1928. On August 15th, 1928, and various other dates George Renfro cursed, abused and threatened me and on said dates and other dates committed actual violence by striking and choking me. After we were married he drank quite a bit and practically every time that he was under the influence of liquor he would curse and abuse me. His conduct was such that it was impossible for me to live with him as his wife. I at no time gave him any reason or excuse for abusing me as he did. His conduct was such that I had every reasonable apprehension to believe and did believe that if I should continue to live with him he would continue to curse, abuse and threaten me and continue to commit acts of actual violence to my person, which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

..... Joe R. Brown, a witness for the Plaintiff being duly sworn .....  
deposes and says as follows: .....  
I am the father of Louise Renfro the Plaintiff in this cause. ....  
During the time that my daughter and George Renfro lived together  
he was great deal of the time under the influence of liquor. My ...  
daughter often complained to me that he was continuously abusing ...  
her and from time to time committed actual violence to her person.  
This condition seemed to grow worse from time to time until I  
told my daughter that if she could not live with him to come on  
home. She has been living with me since about August 15th, 1928,  
and during the whole time I have provided her with food, clothing  
and the necessities of life and George Renfro has neither furnished  
her with anything to eat or wear nor has he been to visit her.  
I do not know where George Renfro is now living.

*Joe R. Brown*



ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, J. B. Beebe, Commissioner, 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 and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself Mr Hall one of the Atty for P.B. 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 28 day of Oct 1930

J. B. Beebe (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs. Complainant

Respondent

Oral Deposition

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Commissioner, Register.

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