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

MILDRED JANICE BECK, by this her Bill of Complaint,
presented against HENRY EDWARD BECK, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That she is over the age of eighteen years
and is now and has been continuously for more than five years
prior to this date a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama,
that Henry E. Beck is over the age of twenty two years and from the
early part of the year 1931 to August, 1932, was a resident of
Baldwin County, since which time he has removed to Bay Springs,
Florida, where he now resides.

SECOND: That on June 22nd, 1931, Complainant and the
said Henry E. Beck were married and resided together at Barnwell,
Alabama with Complainant's mother intermittently until the summer of
1932, when after having left her on two previous occasions but
returning, he finally abandoned Complainant and their infant daughter
and returned to his people in Florida.

THIRD: That there was born to this marriage a daughter, Delores
Patricia, now three months old.

FOURTH: That the said Henry E. Beck since his marriage has been
guilty of repeated acts of adultery with women whose names are un-
known to Complainant, and at times and places also unknown. That
said immoral conduct commenced within two weeks after their marriage,
as Complainant has since learned when the Defendant committed adultery
with a girl in Complainant's own home, which act Complainant suspected
but did not learn of definitely until within a few days prior to filing
this bill. Complainant further avers that since definitely learning
of Defendant's immoral behavior she has not in any way resumed marital
relations or condoned said offence.

FIFTH: That defendant has committed violence to Complainant's
person attended with danger to life or health by striking her while in
a delicate condition.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that Henry E. Beck be made Defendant to this bill and that notice be given him by registered mail requiring him to answer same within the time prescribed by law.

Complainant further prays that upon hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from the said Henry E. Beck, granting her the sole custody of the child of said marriage, the right to marry again should she so desire, and such other, further and different reliefs as to equity may seem meet.

Elliott B. Rinsbury
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTE: The defendant is required to answer each paragraph of the foregoing bill but not under oath.

Elliott B. Rinsbury
Solicitor for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA.
COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

Before me, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared this day Mildred J. Beck who, being sworn, says that she is the Complainant in the foregoing cause and that Henry E. Beck is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing at Bay Springs, Florida, so that personal service of notice of this cause can not be had upon him but that he can be reached by registered mail at said address. He is also over the age of twenty one years.

Mildred J. Beck

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 24 day of January, 1933.

Bernice S. Johnson
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

MILDRED BECK,

Complainant.

vs.

HENRY E. BECK,

Respondent.

IN EQUITY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Comes the Respondent and for answer to the
Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, says:

FIRST: He admits the allegations as to the
names, ages, and residences of the parties and of the
marriage.

SECOND: He denies all other allegations of
the bill.

Respondent further waives notice of application for
commission to take Complainant's testimony, the time and
place of taking same, the right to cross examine or to
offer evidence in his own behalf. He further consents that
the cause may be submitted without further notice upon the
pleadings and Complainant's evidence.

R. W. Perry
Solicitor for Respondent.

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MILDRED BECK,

Complainant.

vs.

HENRY E. BECK,

Respondent.

ANSWER AND WAIVER.

Filed April 7, 1933.

*W. Richardson
Registrar*

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MILDRED J. BECK

Complainant.

VS

HENRY E. BECK

Respondent.

IN EQUITY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

THE DEPOSITIONS OF MYRTICE HIRES AND MILDRED J. BECK,

WITNESSES FOR COMPLAINANT IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE.

Said witnesses having been duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth upon examination by Elliott G. Rickarby, Esq., Solicitor for Complainant, testified as follows:

MYRTICE HIRES,

I live at Barnewall, not far from Mrs Mildred Beck and am well acquainted with her. She is eighteen years of age or a little more and he is about twenty-two. They were married in June 1 1931. They were not happy together. He was mean and ugly to her and carried on with other women almost from the time of their marriage. I have never seen him abuse her but one Sunday evening not long after they were married I was at the house and he was very ugly and sullen and would not speak to her. I left the house for a while but when I returned there later I found her in tears and she told me that he had been abusing her and had threatened her. She said that her mother was away and that he had taken advantage of this to mistreat her-- that he did not dare to do this when her mother was around. I do not know of his being untrue to her from my own knowledge but I know that it was common talk in the neighborhood that he was carrying on with other girls. It was very generally known in the neighborhood that he had had an affair with a girl in Mildred's own home not more than two weeks after Mildred and Henry Beck were married. He went away and left Mildred before her baby was born and has not been near her since.

- Myrtice Hires -

MRS. MILDRED BECK.

I am the Complainant in this cause and am over the age of eighteen years. I have lived continuously in Baldwin County since December, 1927. Henry E. Beck is twenty two years old and from a short time before he married me up to August of 1932 lived at Barnwell, in Baldwin County, but has now removed to Bay Springs, Florida, where he lives with his people. We were married on June 22nd, 1931, and lived with my mother in Barnwell until he left me. I am still staying with her. We have one child, Dolores Patricia, a daughter now three months old.

My married life was not very happy. My husband has been untrue to me since immediately after our marriage, and has been mean and cruel to me as well. He has never given me a cent or done anything for my support. My mother supported us both and is supporting me and my child now. He has committed adultery with other women since our marriage with different women in the neighborhood. Within two weeks after we were married we had a little entertainment at my home and while the guests were all in the front room he and one of the girls in the neighborhood who is generally reputed to be not straight morally slipped off into a bed room in the rear in the dark and stayed for about ten or fifteen minutes alone in this room. This looked very suspicious to me but I could not believe at the time that they went into this bed room for immoral purposes when he had only just been married to me for a little while. Later, however, I found among my husband's things a letter to him from this girl and after he left me, which he did about six months ago, I found that he was still corresponding with this girl and trying to make arrangements to meet her. I then learned from a negro woman who was cooking for us at the time that she had seen my husband and this girl slip off into the dark room together as I had seen them and this negro had seen and heard enough to know that he was untrue to me then. My cook, Rose Freeman, has since moved to Mobile, and I had expected to use her as a witness but when I went to Mobile on or

about April 14th to get this woman she had moved and left no address. I have heard of a number of other instances of his infidelity but know nothing of these of my personal knowledge. In addition to being untrue my husband was cruel to me. He would abuse and threaten me but was careful to do this when no one was around. Shortly before he left and when I was in a delicate condition he struck me a heavy blow in the face without cause or justification. Shortly after that he went away. From the way he acted and from his striking me under such circumstances I feel that if I had continued to live with him he would have done me serious harm. He left me without notice about August of last year and my baby was born the following October. As I said before, he has not done anything for the support of either my child or me and has shown no disposition to want to return. I do not want him back as I am afraid to live with him and know that he would never be the right kind of husband.

Mrs Mildred J. Beck

C E R T I F I C A T E .

I, Bernice S. Folmar, the commissioner named in the attached commission, issued from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County in the case pending in Equity wherein Mildred J. Beck is the Complainant and Henry E. Beck Respondent, hereby certify that pursuant to the instructions in said commission, I caused Myrtice Hires and Mildred J. Beck, witnesses for Complainant, to appear before me at my office in Fairhope, Alabama, on the 27th day of April, 1933, where, after being duly sworn, upon examination by Elliott G. Rickarby, Esq., Solicitor for Complainant, they testified as is therein set forth that their answers were by me reduced to writing and read over and signed by them in my presence and in the presence of the Solicitor for Complainant.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either of the parties in said cause or in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

Given under my hand and seal as commissioner this 27th day of April, 1933.

Bernice S. Folmar
Commissioner.

The State of Alabama, {
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To Miss Bernice Folmar

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 Elizabeth V. Wright, Rose Freeman and Mildred J. Beck Myrtice Hires.

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Mildred J. Beck

Complainant

and Henry Edward Beck

Defendant,

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

Witness 12th day of April 19 35

Thos W Richardson

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$

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WITNESS' FEES, \$

NO. _____

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

Mildred J. Beck

Complainant

vs.

Henry Edward Beck

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

Miss Bernice Polmar

WITNESSES:

Elizabeth V. Wright
Rose Freeman

Mildred J. Beck
Myrtice Hires.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. Term, 192

MILDRED J. BECK, Complainant...

vs.

HENRY EDWARD BECK, Defendant...

To T. W. RICHESON, 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 ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY

..... 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.

..... ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MILDRED J. BECK

VS.

HENRY E. BECK

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

FILED May 13, 1933

J. M. Richardson
Register

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Register

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 Henry Edward Beck,
..... Bay Springs, Fla.

of ~~Florida~~ ~~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

..... Mildred Janice Beck,

against said

..... Henry Edward Beck,

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 26th day of
January, 1933.

T. W. Richerson 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

Mildred Janice Beck

vs.

Henry Edward Beck,

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Elliott G. Rickarby.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Received in office this

day of *Jan* 192

Sheriff.

Executed this day of

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by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Defendant.

Sheriff.

By
Deputy Sheriff.

*Copy of Summons &
Copy of Complaint
Registered Henry Edward
Beck Bay Springs Ala
Jan 27th 1933
D. M. Rickarby
Clerk.*

The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Equity.

MILDRED J. BECK,

Complainant

vs.

HENRY E. BECK,

Defendant

The Complainant

requests the oral examination of the following named witnesses, on behalf of the

Complainant

viz:

ELIZABETH V. WRIGHT,

ROSE FREEMAN, AND

MILDRED J. BECK,

said witnesses reside in the County of Baldwin

State of Alabama.

Miss Bernice S. Folmar,

who resides at

Robertsdale

or, The Register of this Court is suggested as a suitable person
to be appointed Commissioner to take the deposition of said witness on such oral examination.

Solicitor for Complainant.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF
Baldwin County, Alabama

IN EQUITY

MILDRED J. BECK

Complainant

vs.

HENRY E. BECK,

Defendant

DEMAND FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

Filed April 1933

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MILDRED JANICE BECK

vs.

HENRY EDWARD BECK

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,
... Return receipt as to service by registered mail, Depositions of
Myrtice Hires and Mildred J. Beck

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and waiver of respondent

J. M. Richardson

Register.

No. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

MILDRED JANIE BECK

VS

HENRY EDWARD BECK

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 13

day of May 192 33

J. M. Richardson
Register

MILDRED J. BECK
Complainant.

VS

HENRY E. BECK
Respondent.

IN EQUITY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for final decree upon the Bill, Answer, and Complainant's testimony, as noted by the Register.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion that Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in her Bill of Complaint.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Complainant and Respondent be, and the same are, hereby annulled, and the said MILDRED J. BECK be, and she is hereby forever divorced from the said Henry E. Beck.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that the said Mildred J. Beck shall not marry again except to Henry E. Beck within sixty days from this date, and that should an appeal be taken from this decree neither party shall have the right to marry again except to the other during the pendency of such appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Complainant have the sole custody of Dolores Patricia, the infant daughter of said marriage, free from interference by Respondent.

It is further ordered that the Respondent pay the costs of this suit, for which execution may issue.

Done at Monroeville, Alabama, this 15th day of May, 1933.

F. W. Hare
Judge.

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MILDRED J. BECK

Complainant.

VS

HENRY E. BECK

Respondent.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed May 15, 1933

J. Richardson,

Registrar.

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June 29, 1933

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