

VERA G. HARTLING,  
Complainant,

vs.

BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION  
COMPANY, a Corporation,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

Comes your Complainant, Vera G. Hartling, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

FIRST:

That she is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, her Post Office address being 59 South LaSalle Street.

SECOND:

That the Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, is a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, with its principal place of business at Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

THIRD:

That your Complainant is the owner of and in the quiet and peaceable possession, claiming to own the same in fee simple, of the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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FOURTH:

Complainant further alleges that the Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, claims or is reputed to claim some right, title or interest in or encumbrance upon said lands.

FIFTH:

Complainant further alleges that no suit is pending to question or test the validity of such claim, right, title, or interest in or encumbrance of the said Respondent, and the Complainant, therefore, calls upon the Respondent to set forth and specify its right, title, or interest in, or encumbrance upon the said lands and to show how and by what instrument

the same is derived and/or created.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Complainant prays that your Honor will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this Bill of Complaint, and by appropriate process make the said Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation, respondent to this Bill of Complaint, requiring it to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause, this Honorable Court establish the title of the Complainant in and to the lands herein described and further find and decree that the said Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation, has no claim, right, title, or interest in, or encumbrance upon the said lands herein described or any part thereof and grant unto your Complainant such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive, and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Becher & Co., Becher  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation, is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, in paragraphs One to Fifth, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

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COMBINATION'S CORPORATION,  
BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION

AS

Complainant,

VERA G. BARTLING,

BILL OF COMPLAINT

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, personally appeared HUBERT M. HALL, who is known to me and who having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Solicitor of record for the Complainant in the cause of Vera G. Bartling, Complainant, vs. Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation, et al, Respondents; that as such Solicitor and in line with his authority and duties, he has made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the present officers of the Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation; that it is a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, with its principal place of business at Liberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that from all information available, having inquired of L. Lindorfer, Post Master, Liberta, Alabama, Alfred Newman, Banker, Liberta, Alabama, and various other business men in and around Liberta, Alabama, he is unable to ascertain or learn the name or names of any officer or officers of said Corporation, but from such information states that there is no officer, representative or agent of said Corporation within the State of Alabama.

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H. M. Hall  
Solicitor  
of record  
for  
Complainant  
V. G. Bartling  
et al  
Respondents  
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Hubert M. Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 1st day of December, 1936.

Mary Lou Fortenberry  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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Rebecca Lee Beebe  
Solicitors for the Complainant.

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Rebecca Lee Beebe  
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Mary Lou Fortenberry  
Notary public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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Respondent.

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

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for final decree on the pleadings, decree pro confesso, and proof 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.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, has no right, title, estate, claim, interest in or encumbrance upon the following described lands, or any part thereof, to-wit:

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and that the title to the same is vested in the Complainant, Vera G. Bartling, as against the said Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Register of the Court, within thirty (30) days from the rendition of this decree, file a certified transcript thereof for record in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that the cost thereof be taxed in the costs of the cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant pay the costs in this cause, for which execution may issue.

Done at Monroeville, in Monroe County, Alabama, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1937.

  
Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit  
of Alabama.

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*[Faint, mostly illegible text of the bill of complaint]*

*Filed December 1, 1936  
R. S. Duck, Register*

*re/c to 12/1/36*

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VERA G. BARRETT,

Complainant,

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION  
COMPANY, a Corporation,

Respondent.

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*Filed Jul 10 1937*  
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Filed December 1, 1956

R. S. Sweet, Reporter

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### LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

VERA G. BARTLING, Complainant, vs. BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, a Corporation, Respondent.

It being made to appear from the affidavit of Hubert M. Hall, Solicitor of record for the Complainant, that the Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, is a domestic corporation, with its principal place of business in Elberta, Alabama, whose President or other head, Secretary, Cashier and Managing Agent are absent from the State and that there is no person in the employ of such Corporation or doing business for it in this State, it is therefore ordered that notice to said Respondent be given by publication.

It is further ordered that said Respondent, Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation, is hereby required to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause on or before the 1st day of February, 1937.

It is further ordered that this order be published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, for four consecutive weeks and a copy thereof posted at the door of the Court House, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Dated this the 2nd day of December, 1936.

ROBERT S. DUCK, Registrar.

### ALFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Joe H. Faulkner, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the ~~PUBLISHER~~ <sup>editor</sup> of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay

Minette,, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of \_\_\_\_\_

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Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following

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Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of

January 1937  
Mary Lou Fortenberry  
Notary Public

Joe H. Faulkner  
Editor

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No 281 ..... February Term, 1937.

VERA G. BARTLING, ..... Complainant.

vs. .... BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, a Corporation, Defendant.

In this cause it appears to the Register, R. S. Duck ..... that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the

3rd day of December, 1936, 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 1st day of

December, 1936, and

And it now further appearing to the Register, R. S. Duck, that the said Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation,

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

R. S. Duck that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Baldwin County Colonization Company, a Corporation,

This 8th day of February, 1937.

R. S. Duck Register.

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Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Baldwin County. }

No. 281 February, Term, 1937

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Vs.

BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, a Corporation, Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Baldwin County Colonization

Company, a Corporation, Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof,

This 8th day of February 1937

[Handwritten signature]

Solicitors

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Filed February 8th, 1937.

*P. J. Duck*

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