

ROYAL JOHNSON	Ø	
Plaintiff,	Ŏ	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
-vs-	Ŏ	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
LEMMIE R. COLEMAN	· Ø	IN- EQUITY
Defendant	Ş	

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

Now comes Royal Johnson, the Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant in the above styled cause and for answer to the cross bill of Complaint filed in said cause, says as follows:

- 1. To each of the allegations of the Complaint in said Cross bill, Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant pleads not guilty.
- 2. To each of the allegations of the Complaint in said Cross bill, Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant pleads that the Defendant and Cross-Plaintiff was himself guilty of Contributory negligence which was the proximate cause of said accident.

Solicitor for Plaintiff Eross-Defendant.

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PLAINTIFF	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF	
VS	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,	۲
LEMMIE COLEMAN	AT LAW	
DEFENDANT	NO. 1133	
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Now comes the Defendant and demurs to the Plaintiff's complaint and to each count thereof separately and severally, and for grounds of demurrer says:

1.

That said count does not state a cause of action.

2.

That there is a misjoinder of cause of action in the same court.

3.

That the said count does not set out how and in what manner the Defendant was neligent.

4.

That said count sets out no neligent on the part of the Defendant.

5.

That said count does not allege that the injuries and damages suffered by the Plaintiff were the proximate result of the neligent of the Defendant.

Attorney for the Defendant



ROYAL JOHNSON

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VS

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DEMURRERS

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A Henry Topps, Clerk, Foley co. J. O. Driskell, Farmer, Loxley 4. Ray Reed, Laborer, Bay Minette 9 6: Wallace L. Green, Foreman Newport, Bay Minette 6. Ted-W. Cooper, Livestock Dealer, Robertsdale, & 10 (7.)W. C. Roley, Farmer, Perdido & James Emmett, Retired, Magnolia-Springs 9)D. B. Wiggins, Reserve Fleet, Stapleton ( 10) Edward Kane, Farmer, Silverhill 11. Lee-Callaway, Seafood, Foley\_Q7 12. Charles G. Street, Farmer, Point-Clear -13. Arthur-Boller, Oil Dist., Foley d 1 14) Deval Laurant, Laborer, Foley 15/ Freddie Waters, Butcher, Bay Minette 16.)Tillman Allen, Farmer, Gateswood 47. Elmer Lindell, Filling Station, Silverhill 18. Fred R. Walker, Farmer, Foley 19 Kirby Boothe, Farmer, Fairhope of 20. Larkin T. Rhodes, Jr., Broker, Bay Minette-( 21) Edward Carver, Farmer, Bon Secour 22. Walter K. Byers, Real State, Fairhope 214 23. Clyde P. Robinson, Farmer, Belforest &) 24. Cliff C. Beck, Retired, Lillian 725.-John-L. Gwaltney, Farmer, Robertsdale & 26 W. C. Brown, Laborer, Foley 27.) Ducan J. Beech, Farmer, Foley 28. Chas: H. Matthews, Furniture, Robertsdele 24 29 W. H. Pollard, Merchant, Daphne & 15 -30. J. W. Crosby, Office Clerk, Foley 31. Paul W. Fackler, Mechanic, Loxley 210 22. Chester E. Billy, Merchant, Fairhope ( 33.)Frank Soeslee, Mechanic, Foley 34. Rawleigh-McKnezie, Farmer, Magnolia-Springs 35. George Dephilippi, Farmer, Dapline 3 36. George H. Baldwin, Produce Dealer, Robertsdale -37. Elroy McKenzle, Jr., Farmer, Fairhope 3 138 Franklin-Hell, Pilot, Foley 4 39. Albert Boone, Mechanic, Foley, 81'1 (40.)Cecil Vinson, Laborer, Stapleton 41. George D. Lundberg, Agent, Silverhill-42. Bruce Grimes, Farmer, Belforest Q''2 43. W. Evan Penry, Farmer, Belforest 316 (44.)Roy Dukes, Farmer, Foley 45. Robert Miller, Drug Clerk, Bay Minette. 0 > 46. Albert-Bruhn, Farmer, Elberta 3" 47-Joe-Durant, Newport, Bay Minette 220 48. Joseph L. Lucassen, Auto Dealer, Foley— 25-49. Joseph Wesley, Clerk, Silverhill 314 50. Joe Heidelberg, Jr., Farmer, Silverhill 51. Kenneth Cain, Merchant, Fairhope 52. Robert L. Teem, Farmer, Foley, 53. Albert-Faulk, Merchant, Foley 19" ナナナナナナナナナナナナナナナナ ナナナナナナナナナナナナナナナナ

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Now comes the Defendent and for answer to the Plaintiff's complaint, and to each and every allegation therein, says:

1.

Not guilty.

2.

The the Plaintiff was quilty of negligence that proximately contributed to the injuries complained of.

3.

The Defendant, Lemmie Coleman, claims of the Plaintiff, Royal Johnson, by way of recouptant, the sum of ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS, damages and that heretofore on to-wit, December 4, 1947, in Baldwin County, Alabama, upon U. S. highway 31, about five miles North of Bay Minette, and at the same time and place referred to in the Plaintiff's complaint, the said Royal Johnson, so negligently operated an automobile which he was then and there operating on and along said highway as to cause it to come in contact with an automobile driven by the Defendent and as a proximate result of said negligence on the part of the Plaintiff the automobile of the Defendent was damaged as follows:

Front wheel bent and broken; front axle bent; Radiator damaged; hood damaged; body damaged; Motor damaged; and other wise damaged.

4.

The Defendent Lemmie Coleman claims of the Plaintiff, Royal Johnson, by way of recouptant the sum of ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS, damages for and on to-wit, December 4, 1947, at a point on highway 31, about five miles North of Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, the Plaintiff negligently stopped the automobile which he was then and there driving along the main traveled

portion of highway, without first giving the proper signal that he was going to stop, and that as a proximate result of the said negligence on the part of the Plaintiff, the automobile of the Defendent collided with the said automobile of the Plaintiff, and as a proximate result of the said negligence on the part of the Plaintiff, the Defendant's automobile was damaged as follows:

Front wheel bent and broken; front axle bent; Radiator damaged; hood damaged; body damaged; Motor damaged; and other wise damaged.

5.

The Defendent Lemmie Coleman, claims of the Plaintiff, Royal Johnson, by way of recoursent the same of ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS, that heretofore on to-wit, December 4, 1947, the Plaintiff was operating an automobile along highway 31, a public highway in Baldwin County, Alabama, at a point about five miles North of Bay Minette, without a rear light, and as a proximate result of the said negligence on the part of the Plaintiff, the automobile driven by the Defendent collided with the said automobile of the Plaintiff, and as a proximate result of the said negligence of the part of the Plaintiff the automobile of the Defendent was damaged as follows:

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Attorney for Defendent

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ANSWER

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Now comes the Defendant and moves the Court to set aside the verdict heretofore rendered in this cause, and to grant him a new trial, and for grounds thereof, says:

1.

That the verdict is contrary to law.

2.

That the verdict is contrary to the evidence in the case.

3.

The Court erred in refusing to give charge number four requested by the Defendant, as follows:

"I charge you Gentlemen of the jury that where negligence of one person concurs or coalesces with that of another and the two combine to produce accident, negligence of each is deemed proximate cause of injury."

4.

The Court erred in refusing to give charge number six requested by the Defendant, as follows:

"I charge you Gentlemen of the jury that unless the Defendant, Lemmie Coleman, did or omitted something which a reasonably prudent person similarly situated would not have done, and such proximately caused the injury, you should find for the Defendant, Lemmie Coleman."

5.

Attorney to, and making the statement in the presence and hearing of the jury, impaneled and sitting in the trial of this case, in substance as follows:

"The Plaintiff has not proved any damages." and in permitting the Plaintiff thereafter to offer evidence to establish

the damages claimed. Where in overly moting sofular to exclude where of Muchy WHEREFORE the Defendant moves the Court to set aside

the judgment, and to grant him a new trial.

Attorney for the Defendant

Presented and set Jankearing December 9th 1948 This 11/25/48

The above and foregoing making for a new trial is andered granted, and the Clerk brokered to reinstate the laure and the dasket for a new trial.

This December 9th 1948. Instare Judge Royal Johnson

Motion for New Freis

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TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

YOU ARE COMMANDED to summon LEMMIE R. COIMMAN to appear within thirty days from the service of this writ in the Circuit Court, to be held for said County at the place of holding same, then and there to answer the Complaint of Royal Johnson.

Watness my hand, this 12 day of Janyary, 1948.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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AT LAW.

Count 1. The Flaintiff claims of the Defendant the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND No-100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) as damages for that on, to-wit: December 4, 1947, in Baldwin County, Alabama, plaintiff was driving his automobile upon a public highway, to-wit, U. S. Highway 31, about 5.4 miles from the Court House, on the road toward Atmore, Alabama, and then and there the defendant negligently ran another automobile into, upon or against plaintiff's automobile, and thereby as the proximate result plaintiff's automobile was demolished, greatly damaged and burned, and the said automobile was totally destroyed, and the Flaintiff received bruises, contusions, lacerations and shock, he was made sick, sore, lame, he was bruised internally, and caused to lose time from his work, he was rendered less able to work, for all of which he claims damages as aforesaid.

Court 2. The rlaintiff claims of the Defendant the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND No-100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) as damages for that on, to-wit: December 4, 1947, in Baldwin County, Alabama, plaintiff was driving his automobile upon a public highway, to-wit, U. S. Highway 31, about 5.4 miles from the Court House, on the road toward Atmore, Alabama, and then and there the Defendant being conscious at the time that his conduct in so doing would probably result in injury to the Plaintiff's said car and the occupants thereof, wilfully and wantonly ran another automobile into, upon or against the plaintiff's said automobile and thereby and as the proximate result and consequence thereof

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the Plaintiff's automobile, was demolished, greatly damaged, and burned, and the said automobile was totally destroyed, and the Plaintiff received bruises, contusions, lacerations and shock, and he was made sick, sore and lame, he was bruised internally and caused to lose time from his work, he was rendered less able to work, for all of which he claims damages as aforesaid.

Plaintiff Demands a Jury Trial

Attorney for the Plaintiff

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## JURY LIST BALDWIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JURY LIST

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1 Dan Camp, Bay Minette.

2. Fred McKenzie, Magnolia Springs.

3 Clarence Moore, Fairhope.

4. W. D. White, Bay Minette.

5. Ned Noonan, Bay Minette.

6. William A. Glover, Daphne.

7. Jack Matthews, Bay Minette.

8. Wm. P. Baldwin, Robertsdale

9. Henry S. Skipper, Loxley.

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15. John Broughton Ray Minette

16. Elwood G. Poos, Robertsdale.

17. Charles Wenzel, Foley.

18. George Heidelberg, Silverhill.

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20. Jessie M. Brantley, Daphne.

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24. Young A. Cox, Stockton.

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Refused (abstract)

The court charges the jury that it is not enough that a driver be able to stop within the range of his vision or that he use diligence to stop after discerning an object. The rule makes no allowance for delay in action. He must, on peril of legal negligence, so drive that he can actually discover an object, perform the manual acts necessary to stop, and bring the car to a complete halt within such range, if necessary, to avoid collision with and injury to others on the highway. If blinded by the lights of another car, so that he cannot see the required distance ahead, he must, within such distance from the point of blinding, bring his car to such control that he can stop immediately, and, if he cannot then see, shall stop.

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defendant not to operate said automobile upon said highway at a greater rate of speed than was reasonable and proper at said time and place, and, if the jury should believe from the evidence that the plaintiff did operate his machine on such highway at said time and place at a speed greater than was reasonable and proper, and should further believe that his machine collided with that of plaintiff, then the law is for the plaintiff, and the jury should so fine, unless the jury should further belive from the evidence that such rate of speed was not the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries.

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7 . The court charges the jury that actionable negligence consists in the neglect of the use of ordinary care and skill toward a person to whom the defendant owes the duty of observing ordinary care and skill, by which neglect plaintiff has suffered injury to his person.

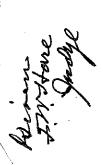
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2. The Courtichargesche that it is the duty of a person operating an automobile upon a public highway to drive the same with due care and circumspection, and at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic and safety of others, and he has no right to drive at such speed or in such manner as to ende the life, limb, or property of a person.

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The court charges the jury that the test of control is the ability to stop quickly and easily. When this result is not accomplished, the inference can readily be made that the car was running too fast or that proper effort to control it was not made.



The negligence of the driver of a vehicle in failing to comply with the law requiring lights is not of itself actionable, nor will such negligence preclude recovery for injuries sustained in an automobile accident, if it is not the proximate cause of the accident, otherwise if the failure to carry the required lights is the proximate cause of the injury.