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The State Of Alabama, } Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.
Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

A. G. CHILDRESS,

of BALDWIN 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 Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL.,

against said A. C. CHILDRESS

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, R. S. Duck, Register of said Circuit Court, this 31st day of

August, 1938

R. S. DUCK
clerk, - register

By *Shelley Thompson*, Register
Deputy

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

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

No. CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

The State of Alabama, Ex Rel: Complainant
vs.

A. C. Childress Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register
that a summons requiring the Defendant A. C. Childress

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days
after the service of said Summons upon him
was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the
19th day of Oct. 1938

And the said Defendant having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint
to this date, it is now, therefore, on motion of

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things
taken as confessed against the said A. C. Childress

Defendant aforesaid.

This 1st day of Feb. 1939

R. S. Dush Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
EX REL: RALPH L. JONES,
SOLICITOR,
COMPLAINANT,

Vs.

A.C. CHILDERS,
RESPONDENT.

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

DECREE.

This cause coming on to be heard in Term time, was submitted for final decree upon the bill of complaint and decree pro confesso against the respondent, on personal service, and the Court having considered and understood the same is of the opinion that the complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill of complaint, and is entitled to a final decree in this cause condemning the slot machine, the subject matter of this suit, declaring the same to be a gambling device as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama, to be contraband property, and forfeited along with its contents to the State of Alabama, and directing the destruction of said machine and the distribution of its contents as provided by law.

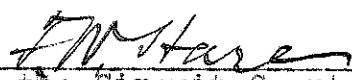
It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the penny slot machine of the type commonly called a cigarette machine, seized from the possession of the respondent in this suit, as set out in the bill of complaint, is hereby adjudged and declared to be a gambling device, as defined by law, and the same is hereby adjudged and declared to be contraband property, and is hereby condemned and forfeited, along with the contents seized therein, to the State of Alabama, as such gambling device prohibited by law.

It is further ordered and directed by the Court that the Register of this Court pay over one-half of the money seized in said machine, to the officers who seized the same, and that the said Register pay the other one-half of such money into the general fund of Baldwin County, Alabama, as provided by law.

It is further ordered and directed that the former Sheriff of Baldwin County, M.H. Wilkins, who now has custody of said machine, deliver the same to the present Sheriff of said County, and that said present Sheriff, in the presence of the Register of this Court, proceed to destroy said machine hereinbefore described within twenty days from the date of this decree.

It is further ordered and decreed by the Court that the costs of this suit be taxed against the respondent, for which let execution issue. If, however, said costs are not collected upon said execution, the Register shall tax and collect the costs herein from Baldwin County, to be paid as in Criminal cases in which the State fails.

Done, ordered and decreed in open Court this the 1st day of February, 1939.



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

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, EX-REL:
RALPH L. JONES, SOLICITOR;
Complainant,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NO. 478

Vs.

A. C. Childers,

Respondent.

TO THE HON. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA:

In accordance with an order issued by you under date
of February 1st, 1939, I beg to report that I have this day in the
presence of

destroyed the following:

*One - one-cent slot machine, of the type commonly
known as a Cigarette machine*

I further beg to report that above stated machine
has been completely wrecked and is of no further use or value.

WITNESS my hand this the 19th day of February, 1939.

W. R. Stuart
W. R. STUART, Sheriff of
Baldwin County, Alabama.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY. NO. 478.

TO HON. W. R. STUART, SHERIFF OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded in accordance with that certain decree of this Court made and rendered on the 1st day of February, 1939, by Hon. P. W. Hare, Judge of said Court, to destroy in the presence of the Register of said Court, the following named articles:

One [1] one-cent slot machine, of the type commonly known as a cigarette machine;

The above named property is to be destroyed within twenty (20) days from the date of said decree.

You are further directed to report to this Court your compliance with the said decree of Condemnation.

WITNESS my hand this 10th day of February, 1939.

R. S. Duck
R. S. DUCK, Register of the
Circuit Court, of Baldwin County,
Alabama, in Equity.

By: *Harold H. Thompson*
Deputy-Register.

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VS.

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RESPONDENT.

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

TO THE HON. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes the State of Alabama, on relation of Ralph L. Jones, Solicitor of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Alabama, and complains of A. C. Childers, and shows to the Court as follows:

FIRST.

That said Ralph L. Jones is the duly elected and qualified Solicitor of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which said Circuit embraces Baldwin County, Alabama, and as such official is the prosecuting officer in the Circuit Court of said County. That said A. C. Childers is a citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over 21 years of age.

SECOND.

That on, to-wit; the 4th day of August, 1938, the said Respondent, A. C. Childers, did keep, own, set up, operate or conduct, or permit to be set up, operated or conducted a gambling device, as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama, said gambling device being a one-cent slot machine of the type commonly known as a cigarette machine. That said slot machine was a machine, mechanical device, contrivance, appliance or invention intended for the purpose of winning money by hazard or chance, and was being operated, or could be operated as a game of chance. That said slot machine is a machine, mechanical device, contrivance, appliance or invention in the use of which

a consideration is paid or deposited, and there is gambling or the hazarding of small amounts of money to win larger amounts of money.

That the possession, ownership and use of said gambling device was illegal and contrary to law, and such devise is contraband property and forfeited to the State of Alabama, under the terms and provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved July 25th, 1931, and appearing at pages 806-809 of the Acts of said 1931 Legislature of Alabama. That on, to-wit; the 4th day of August, 1938, J. W. McClung, a law enforcement officer for the State of Alabama, did seize said slot machine, in Baldwin County, Alabama, while it was in the possession of said Respondent, and did duly report said seizure to the said Ralph L. Jones, as such Solicitor, and said device is being held as contraband property, subject to the orders of this Court.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

The premises considered, complainant prays that the usual process issue out of this Court, directed to the said A. C. Childers, making him a party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, and that he be required to answer, plead or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law, and show cause, if any he has, why the said machine, together with its contents, should not be declared contrband property, and the same forfeited to the State of Alabama.


PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant further prays that, upon a final hearing of this cause, Your Honor will enter a decree declaring said seized slot machine to be a gambling device, and as such to be contraband property and forfeited with its contents to the State of Alabama, and further directing

the same to be destroyed and its contents distributed as provided by law.

And Complainant further prays for such other, further and additional relief, decrees and orders as may be necessary to accomplish the condemnation and destruction of said machine, as an illegal gambling device prohibited by the laws of Alabama.

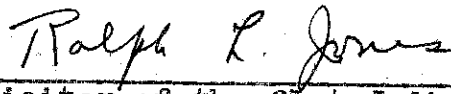
Respectfully submitted,



Solicitor of the 21st Judicial
Circuit of Alabama.

FOOT-NOTE.

Respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in paragraphs numbered FIRST and SECOND of this Bill of Complaint, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby waived.



Solicitor of the 21st Judicial
Circuit of Alabama.

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) IN EQUITY. NO. 478
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DEGREE OF CONFIRMATION.

A decree having heretofore been rendered in this Court on February 1st, 1939, wherein the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, was ordered to destroy slot machine, namely:

One one cent slot machine, of the type commonly known as a cigarette machine;

and, whereas, the sheriff has this day reported to me that the same has been destroyed in accordance with the terms of such decree.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said report of the said Sheriff be in all things approved and confirmed; and it is hereby ordered that same be and is hereby approved and confirmed.

It is further ordered that the Register of this Court proceed forthwith to carry out the further directions and orders of the decree rendered on the 1st day of February, 1939.

This 27th day of March, 1939.

J. W. Ware
Judge of the Circuit Court.