

GRACE COOPER,
Complainant,
VS.
ELTON COOPER,
Respondent.

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

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Dated at Bay Minette, Ala., , Baldwin County, Alabama, this 17th day of September, 1938.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY. }

I, R. S. DUCK, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Chancery, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by the said Court, on the 17th day of September, 1938, in the cause of GRACE COOPER, Complainant, vs. ELTON COOPER, Respondent, as the same appears on file in said Court.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on this 17th day of September, 1938.

R. S. Duck
Register.

By: Sanford Thompson
Deputy-Register.

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R. S. Dick

Register.

By: Marshall Thompson

Deputy-Register.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

To O'Byrne Jones

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 Grace Cooper and W. L. Levins

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Grace Cooper is Complainant and Elton Cooper, Respondent

Complainant

and _____

_____ Defendant,

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

Witness 15 day of September 19 38

R. S. Duck

REGISTER

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$ _____

By: Haulice Thompson
Deputy

WITNESS' FEES, \$ _____

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, ELTON COOPER, is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, in paragraphs 1 to 3, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

~~Beulah Lee Beulah~~
Solicitors for Complainant.

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And now comes the Respondent and for answer to the Bill of Complaint and to each count thereof separately and severally says:

1. That he admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 and 2.
2. That he denies the allegation contained in paragraph 3 and demands strict proof of the same.

Elton Cooper
Respondent.

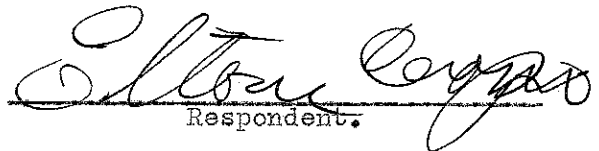
WITNESSES:

W. B. Jones
E. J. Glenn

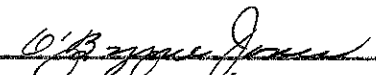

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And now comes the Respondent, in his own proper person, and waives the right to cross examine witnesses of the Complainant and agrees that the matter may be forthwith submitted for final decree without any further notice; that he waives any and all notices required by law to be given him.


Respondent.

WITNESSES:

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TO HONORABLE F. W. HARR, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN CHANCERY:

Comes your Complainant, GRACE COOPER, and humbly complaining against the Respondent, ELTON COOPER, respectfully represents and shews unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That both your Complainant and the Respondent are over twenty-one years of age and residents of Baldwin County, Alabama.
2. That your Complainant and the Respondent were married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on May 5th, 1936, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, September 3rd, 1938.
3. That on to-wit, September 3rd, 1938, and various times prior thereto, the Respondent cursed and abused the Complainant and on various occasions committed actual violence to her person, by striking her, which necessarily endangered her life and health; that his conduct is such that she has every reasonable apprehension to believe and does believe that he will carry out his threats and do further violence to her person, which will necessarily endanger her life and health if she continues to live with him.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said ELTON COOPER, party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, requiring him 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.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause, your Honor will give and grant unto her a decree of divorce forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent, ELTON COOPER; Complainant prays for 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.

Beulah Lee G. G. G.
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

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Richard B. Duke
Solicitor for Complainant.

THIS IS TO BE THE
BILL OF COMPLAINT

ELTON COOPER

Respondent

vs.

ELTON COOPER

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

FLORIDA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN OFFENSE

[Handwritten signature]
R. S. DUKER

Solicitor for Complainant

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

ELTON COOPER

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

GRACE COOPER

against said ELTON COOPER

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 15th day of September, 193 8.

R. S. DUCK

clerk, - register

By *Samuel Thompson*, Register

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

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Dated at Bay Minette, Ala. Baldwin County, Alabama, this 17th day of September, 1938.

F. W. Lare

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

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FINAL DECREE:

GRACE COOPER,
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Respondent.

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

Filed September 17, 1935
R. S. DUCK
clerk, - register

By *Harold C. Thompson*
Deputy

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
IN EQUITY

No. 489

Summons

GRACE COOPER,
Complainant,

vs.

EDMON COOPER,
Respondent.

BEEBE, HALL & BEEBE,
Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

Received in office this 15th

day of Sept, 1938

Walter Adams
Sheriff.

Executed this 15th day of

Sept, 1938

by leaving a copy of the Summons with

E. Edmon Cooper

Defendant

Walter Adams
Sheriff

By *Joseph W. Beebe*
Deputy Sheriff

My name is Grace Cooper. I live in Baldwin County, Alabama, and am at present living at Bay Minette.

I am over twenty-one years of age.

The Respondent, Elton Cooper, is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Robertsdale, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Elton Cooper and I were married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on May 5th, 1936. We lived together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until September 3rd, 1938; that soon after we were married, we began having difficulties and at various times the Respondent has cursed and abused me and has struck me on several and various occasions. I have a number of times left him but later decided to go back and try to live with him, but have found out now that it is absolutely impossible for me to live with him on account of the way he treats me. It seems that the condition grows worse from time to time. During the last year he has contributed nothing toward my support, either in the way of groceries or clothing, and I have been called upon to support myself, however, I have endeavored to continue to live with him, but now find that it is impossible. I am afraid, in fact, I know that if I continue to live with him, he will continue to abuse me and curse me and strike me as he has on numerous occasions prior to this time.

Grace Cooper

W. T. LEVINS, A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

My name is W. T. Levins. I live at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am acquainted with Grace Cooper and Elton Cooper, her husband. I have known both of them since they have been living together as husband and wife. Elton Cooper is a man of violent temper and I have often heard him curse and abuse his wife, Grace Cooper, and have often heard of him actually striking her. I know from my own personal observation, being around and about them, that the conduct of Elton Cooper is such as to render it absolutely impossible for his wife, Grace Cooper, to live with him as his wife. I know of my own personal knowledge that his conduct is such as to cause Grace Cooper to have every reasonable apprehension to believe that if she continues to live with him, he will continue to abuse her as he has in the past and do further violence to her person which will necessarily endanger her life and health.

W. T. Levins

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, O'Byrne Jones, as ~~Register and~~ ^{Special} Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s. on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Hubert M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof made before me of the identity of said witnesses. ; 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 15th day of September 1938.

O'Byrne Jones (L. S.)
Special Commissioner

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

GRACE COOPER

COMPLAINANT

vs.

ELFON COOPER

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed September 15
R. S. DICK, 1938
clerk, - register

By Maullie Huggins, Register
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The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County

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

GRACE COOPER

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ELTON COOPER

RESPONDENT

I, O'Byrne Jones

Special

as ~~Register~~ and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Grace Cooper and W. T. Levins

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 15 day of September

1938, at the office of Beebe, Hall & Beebe,

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witnesses to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Grace Cooper

doth depose and say as follows:

Grace Cooper

vs.

Elton Cooper

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,

Testimony of Grace Cooper and W. T. Levins; request for
decree in vacation;

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer and waiver

R. S. Duck

Register.

Handwritten signature: Randall Thompson, Deputy

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 489 Sept. Term, 1938

Grace Cooper, Complainant

Vs.

Elton C ooper, Defendant

To R. S. Duck, Register :

By: _____, Deputy

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 and Beebe

_____ 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 and Beebe
Solicitor for Complainant.

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Vs.

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

Filed Sept. 15, 1938

R. S. Duck, Register

By: Nambria Haynes Deputy Register.

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

VS.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 15
day of Sept 1938

R. S. Deuch
By: *Santhia Thompson* REGISTER
MOORE PRINTING CO., BAY MINETTE, ALA. *Deputy*