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TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. 0

You are hereby commanded to summon P.E. HEARNE and DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS, or DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, individually, and as partners, doing business as H & M TRUCK LINES, 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 the same, then and there to answer the complaint of ALETA THOMPSON, a Minor, suing by OWEN THOMPSON, as Next Friend.

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## COMPLAINT.

ALETA THOMPSON, A MINOR, SUING
BY OWEN THOMPSON, AS NEXT FREND,
Plaintiff,

VS.

P. E. HEARNE AND DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS, OR DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, Individually, and as partners, doing business as H & M TRUCK LINES,

Defendants.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

NO.

# COUNT ONE.

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The plaintiff claims of the defendants the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED (\$1500.00) D6LLARS, as damages, for that, heretofore, on to-wit:

March 5, 1954, at about 10:30 P. M., the plaintiff was operating an automobile on a public highway, viz: U. S. Highway No. 31 and 90, in Baldwin County, Alabama, at a point on the West End of Blakely River Bridge, about 6.3 miles east of Mobile, Alabama, where she had a right to be, and the defendant, DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS or DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, an agent, servant, or employee of the defendants P. E. HEARNE AND DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS or DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, doing business as H & M TRUCK LINES, who was then and there acting within the line and scope of his employment as such agent, servant, or employee,

so negligently operated an automotive truck then and there, as to cause said automotive truck he was operating to run over, upon or against the automobile which the plaintiff was then and there operating; and plaintiff avers that as a proximate consequence thereof she suffered serious and permanent injuries to her face, head, limbs and body; she suffered multiple cuts, bruises, abrasions and lacerations about her face, head, limbs and body; she was made sick, sore, lame and disordered; she was caused to suffer great and permanent mental and physical anguish. And plaintiff avers that all of her damages were proximately caused by the said negligence of the defendant, DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS, OR DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, an agent, servant or emplyee of the defendants, P. E. HEARNE AND DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS, or DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, doing business as H & M TRUCK LINES, while acting within the line and scope of his employment as such agent, servant or employee, in and about the negligent operation of said automotive truck at the time and place and on the occasion aforesaid; wherefore she sues.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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

NO.

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ALETA THOMPSON, A MINOR, SUING BY OWEN THOMPSON, AS NEXT FRIEND,

Plaintiff,

VS.

P. E. HEARNE AND DONALD LAWRENCE MEADS, OR DONALD LAWRENCE MEADE, Individually, and as partners, doing business as H & M TRUCK LINES,

Defendants.

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

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TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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THOMPSON IN THE

VS. CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

H. & M. TRUCK CO. AT LAW. July 6, 1954.

MESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN COURT, BEFORE HON. H. M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE 28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA:

### MR. OWEN THOMPSON, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Direct examination by Mr. Mashburn.

- Q. Your name is Owen Thompson?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You are the father of Aleta Thompson?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Is Aleta Thompson a minor under 21 years of age?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Is she single?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And lives at home with you?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Was Aleta in a automobile accident in March of this year?
- A. She was.
- Q. Do you remember the date?
- A. On the 5th day of March the night of the 4th or 5th day of March.
- Q. She was in the car in which Morgan Little was driving?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. They had a collision with a truck?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Belonging to the H. & M. Truck Co??
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What injuries did your daughter receive in that accident?
- A. The doctor told me that she had three broken places on her jaw; a bad scar in the hand cut from both ways; bruised all over.
- Q. Has she recovered from the injuries?
- A. As far as I can see and the Doctor says she has.

- Q. She has no bad scars on her face?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Seems to have comp; lete use of her jaws?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have you agreed for her to claim against the Company \$500.00 for this suit to be a reasonable settlement?
- A. Yes, sir.
- MR. MASHBURN: Judge, the Company is also going to pay Mr.

  Thompson \$1,000. We are taking \$500.00 here to avoid a guardianship.
- Q. That is a reasonable settlement?
- a. Yes, sir.
- Q. And is agreeable with you?
- A. Yes, sir.

#### QUESTIONS BY THE COURT:

- Q. You think that is a fair settlement?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q . And you are perfectly satisfied with that?
- a. Yes, sir.

### ALETA THOMPSON, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Examination by Mr. Mashburn.

- Q. Your name is Aleta Thompson?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You are the Plaintiff in the suit of Aleta Thompson, suing by Owen Thompson, against the H. & M. Tuck Company?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Were you in the car with Morgan Little that was involved in a collision on Highway 90 and 31 on last March 5th?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Where did the accident happen, Aleta?
- a. I guess you would say at the end of the bridge.
- Q. What injuries did you receive in that accident?
- A. I had a broken jaw, my right knee was hurt and head was injuried and I had a cut here on my hand.

- Q. Have you recovered completely from the results of that injury?
- A. As far as I know I have.
- Q. You have fully -- you have full freedom of movement from your mouth?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You do have scars on your hand and knee from the accident?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You and your father agreed that this suit of \$500.00would be a reasonable settlement, and the other payment is to be made to your father?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. For the purpose of the suit \$500.00 ix a reasonable settlement?
- A. Yes, sir.

## CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of pages 1 to 3 both inclusive, correctly sets forth a true and correct transcript of the testimony as taken by me in the above cause in open Court, on the 6th day of July, 1954.

This 6th day of July, 1954.

Court Reporter