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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
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# RETURN RECEIPT.

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Post Office Department

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

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INSURED PARCEL

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Return to G. W. Dickerson

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Post Office at Bay Minette

State Ala.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

No. 281

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

M. O. Jones

Complainant

vs.

Lillie Cook et al

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the

Register

that a Summons requiring the Defendant's

Alice Cook Weeks,

John Cook, Thomas Cook,

Alexander Cook, Celestine Cook Anderson,

Gertrude Cook Vallaire, Maude E Cook

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

John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Celestine Cook Anderson, Gertrude Cook Vallaire, Maude E Cook,

was served upon them by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the

1st day of February 1921, 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

W. Beebe, Clerk for Complainant

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

Alice Cook Weeks, John Cook,

Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Celestine Cook Anderson, Gertrude Cook Vallaire and Maude E Cook.

Defendant's aforesaid.

This 30th day of August 1921

D. W. Rice

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

M. Jones

vs.

Lurie Cook et al

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1955

T. Williams  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. Face Term, 1921

M. A. Jones Complainant  
vs. Rawilla Cook Smith et al. Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register J. W. McIlwain that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 9th day of June, 1921, in the Baldwin Times a newspaper published in Baldwin Co. Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Bayminette Baldwin County, on the 9th day of June 1921, and ending June 30th 1921

And it now further appearing to the Register J. W. McIlwain, that the said

Rawilla Cook Smith

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 J. W. McIlwain that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Rawilla Cook Smith

This 9th day of August, 1921

J. W. McIlwain  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

*W. A. Jones*

vs.

*Carville Cook*

*Successors et al.*

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PUBLICATION.

Issued *Aug 9<sup>th</sup>* 1921

*D. H. Richardson*  
Register.

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*M. O. Jones*

*Lucie Cook et al*

vs.

CIRCUIT COURT OF

*Baldwin* COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

I, *J. W. Williamson*, Register of said Court, do hereby certify that I

did, on the *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *February* 192*1*, send to

*Fulton Cook*

Defendant

whose address was *Defendant Ohio*

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the Bill

of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court; and that such

receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 192*1*.

Witness my hand, this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Aug* 192*1*

*J. W. Williamson*

Register.

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No. *281*

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY.  
IN EQUITY.

*W. J. Jones*

vs.

*Lelia Cook*  
*et-al*

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO NOTICE  
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this *8th*

day of *Aug* 192*1*

*J. M. Johnson*

Register.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, Kathleen Breitling, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, this day personally appeared W. C. BEEBE, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says; that he is of counsel for M. O. Jones in the case of M. O. Jones vs Cauville & Cook Smith and others, pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity; that he has made diligent search and caused diligent search to be made to ascertain the place of residence and Post Office Address of the said Caumille Cook Smith having made inquiry of Thomas Cook, her brother, and of other relatives and has caused search to be made for her by sheriff of this County and her place of residence and Post Office address cannot be ascertained; her last known place of residence being Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama,

The affiant says that the present residence and Post Office address of the said Cauville & Cook Smith is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry; that she is believed to be now a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that she is over the age of twenty one years

W. C. Beebe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7 day of Jan 1921.



Kathleen Breitling  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Fulton Cook,

of Cleveland Ohio 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

H. O. Jones,

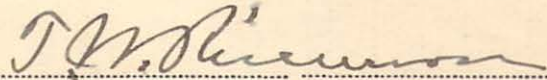
against said

Fulton Cook et al

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 26th, day of February,

1921.



Register.

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

*Original*

Serve on \_\_\_\_\_

Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

vs.

*Copy of Bill and  
Summons mailed  
Fulton Cook by  
Reg mail Feb 20/12*

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_

Sheriff

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
192\_\_  
by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

Largest Weekly Circulation in South Alabama

*Bay Minette, Ala.,*

July 6th, 1921

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M. O. Jones, Complainant

vs

Canville Cook Smith, et al, Defendants

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Rickarby & Beebe Solicitors

# THE BALDWIN TIMES

ABNER J. SMITH, PROPR.

~~FINE JOB PRINTING. BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM~~

PROMPT SERVICE. LOWEST PRICES.

~~LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE~~

All Bills Must Be Paid Within 30 Days

To publishing above Notice in issues of June 9th, 16th,

23rd and 30th, 1921:

201 words @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per word.....

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# THE BALDWIN TIMES

ABNER J. SMITH, PROPRIETOR

DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF BALDWIN COUNTY AND HER PEOPLE

SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

TELEPHONE NO. 7, LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

P. C. Smith, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that he is the FOREMAN of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

M. O. Jones, Complainant

VS

Canville Cook Smith, Defendant

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks

in the following issues:

Date of first publication	<u>June 9th, 1921</u>	Vol.	<u>32</u>	No.	<u>17</u>
“ “ second “	<u>June 16th, 1921</u>	Vol.	<u>32</u>	No.	<u>18</u>
“ “ third “	<u>June 23rd, 1921</u>	Vol.	<u>32</u>	No.	<u>19</u>
“ “ fourth “	<u>June 30th, 1921</u>	Vol.	<u>32</u>	No.	<u>20</u>

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this 22 day of July 1921.

T. W. Richerson  
Clerk Circuit Court.

Pearl C. Smith  
Foreman.

**Notice to Non-Resident.**

M. O. Jones, Complainant, vs. Canville Cook Smith, et al., Defendants.  
No. 281.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County. Circuit Court, In Equity. This the eight day of June, 1921.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of W. C. Beebe, Solicitor for Complainant, that the Defendant Canville Cook Smith when last heard of was residing at Fairhope, Alabama, that upon diligent search her present address and residence cannot be ascertained, but she is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Alabama that her last known address was Fairhope, Alabama, that her present address is unknown, and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in The Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Canville Cook Smith, to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 9th day of July, 1921, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against her.

T. W. Richerson,  
Register.

Rickarby and Beebe,  
Solicitors for Complainant.  
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M. O. Jones, Complainant.

vs

Leslie Cook, Alice Cook Weeks, John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Cauville Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, Fulton Cook, and Maude E Cook. Defendants.

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

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for decree on the pleadings and decree pro confesso, as noted, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the complainant is entitled to relief.

It is therefore ordered, and decreed that the defendants, Leslie Cook, Alice Cook Weeks John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Cauville Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, Fulton Cook and Maude E Cook, have no estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to and no encumbrance upon the following described lands, or any part thereof, to-wit:

The East half of the Southwest quarter of Section twelve, Township Eight South of Range Three East, Baldwin County, Alabama.

It is further ordered that the Register of this Court within thirty days from the rendition of this decree file a certified copy of this decree in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record therein, and that the cost thereof be taxed in the costs of the cause.

This decree is subject to the provisions of Sections 3170 and 3171 of the Code of Alabama of 1907, and that the complainant is hereby directed to send a certified copy hereof to each of the defendants not personally served with process, if their residences can be ascertained.

It is further ordered that the Complainant pay the costs of this cause for which let execution issue.  
Done this the 20th day of August, 1921.

John D Leigh,  
Judge.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court in Equity.

I. T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the 20th day of August, 1921, in the cause of M. O. Jones, Complainant, vs Leslie Cook et al, Defendants as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 22nd, day of August, 1921.

*I. T. W. Richerson*  
Register.





THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

*Leslie Cook*

~~Alice Cook, weeks, JOHN COOK,~~

~~Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Corveller Cook Smith, Celestine  
Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, and Kate A Cook.~~

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

H. O. Jones,

against said

*Leslie Cook*

~~Alice Cook, weeks, JOHN COOK, THOMAS COOK, Alexander Cook,~~

~~Corveller Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire,  
and Kate A Cook.~~

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 10th, day of December

1920.

*T. W. Richerson*

Register.

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

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In Equity

No. \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

vs.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192

Sheriff

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
192  
by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

*Copy of Summons  
& Copy of Bill  
sent by Reg. Mail to  
Lester Cook*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Alice Cooks Weeks, John Cook,

Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, <sup>Camilla</sup> Corveller Cook Smith, Celestine  
Cook Hudson, Gertzude Cook Voltaire, and Made E Cook,

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

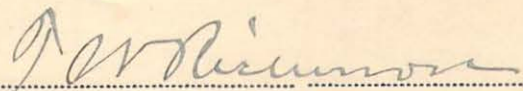
M.O. Jones,

against said Alice Cooks, Weeks, John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook,  
Corveller Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire,  
and Made E Cook.

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 16th, day of December

1920.



Register.

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

2nd Original

Serve on \_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. \_\_\_\_\_

~~SUMMONS~~

*M Q Jones*

vs.

*Alice Cook Weeks, John Cook,  
Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook,  
~~Constance Cook Smith~~ out of county  
Celestine Cook Dickson  
Gertrude Cook Valtaine  
Maude E Cook*

*Reckley & Keefe*  
Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1921

Sheriff

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
February 1921

by leaving a copy of the within summons with  
*the within name*

Defendant

*W B Stewart*

Sheriff

By *Chas. Linton*  
Deputy Sheriff

*Constance Cook Smith  
is not found  
in my county  
W B Stewart  
Sheriff*

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M. C. Jones

vs.

Leslie Cook et al

CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 16th day of

December 1920, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to

Leslie Cook, Cleveland Ohio

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed,"

and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the 27th day of

December 1920, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Leslie Cook

Defendant.

This the 8th day of August 1921

T. W. McKeown

Register.

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No. 281

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
*Bradwin* COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

*M. C. Jones*

vs.

*Lizzie Cook*

DECREE PRO CONFESSO AFTER  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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*Aug* 19*21*

*W. M. McArthur*  
Register.

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*M A Jones*

*vs.*  
*Leslie Cook et al*

CIRCUIT COURT OF

*Baldwin* COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

I, *J. W. Ricerson*, Register of said Court, do hereby certify that I

did, on the *3rd* day of *February*, 192*0* send to

*Leslie Cook* Defendant.

whose address was *Cleveland, Ohio.*

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the Bill

of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court; and that such

receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the *27th* day of *Dec*, 192*0*.

Witness my hand, this *8* day of *Aug*, 192*1*.

*J. W. Ricerson*  
Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY.  
IN EQUITY.

*M. C. Jones*

vs.

*Lucie Cook*  
*et al*

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO NOTICE  
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this *8th*

day of *August* 192*1*

*D. W. Keim*

Register.

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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. .... CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

RECORDED

*M O Jones*

Complainant...

~~John~~ *Cook, et al*

vs.

Defendant.

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

*Leslie Cook*

Defendant...

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of ~~summons~~ upon said Defendant.....; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....ha*S*.. failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This *8* day of *August* 192*1*.

*Recharly B. Bube*

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

*Mc Jones*

vs.

*Lillie Cook*  
*et al*

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. .... CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

*M. O. Jones*

Complainant...

*John*

vs.

*Lester Cook et al*

Defendant...

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

*Alice Cook Weeks*

*Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Valtieri, Marie E Cook*  
*John Cook, Thos Cook, Alvaude Cook*

Defendant...

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant...; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant... has failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This *8* day of *August* 192*1*

*Reckard & Beebe*

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

*M O Jones*

Vs.

*Ledie Cox et al*

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

Filed Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1921

*D W McCumson*

Register.

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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

*M. O. Jones*

Complainant...

vs.

*John Cook et al*

Defendant...

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

*Corvella Cook*

*Smith*

Defendant...

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of ~~summons~~ upon said

Defendant *by Publication*; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....ha...S. failed

to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This *9* day of *August* 192*1*

*Reckard & Beub*

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Vs.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

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*D. Williams*

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Cauvella Cook Smith,

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

M. O. Jones,

against said

Cauvella Cook Smith,

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 26th day of February,

1921.



Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. 281.

SUMMONS

M. O. Jones,

vs.

Cauvella Cook Smith, et al

Rickerby and Beebe.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_

Sheriff

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
192\_\_

by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

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WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Cauvella Cook Smith,

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bald-

win 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

M. O. Jones,

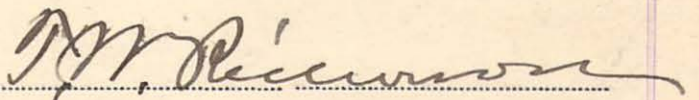
against said

Cauvella Cook Smith,

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, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 26th day of February,

1921.



Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County  
In Equity

No. 281.

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M. O. Jones,

vs.

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Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sheriff

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by leaving a copy of the within summons with

Defendant

Sheriff

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*W. R. Street  
Sheriff*

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M. O. JONES,  
Complainant,

VS

LESLIE COOK, ALICE COOK WEEKES,  
JOHN COOK, THOMAS COOK, ALEXANDER  
COOK, CAUVILLE COOK SMITH, CELES-  
TINE COOK HUDSON, GERTRUDE COOK  
VOLTAIRE, FULTON COOK and MAUDE  
E. COOK, Defendants.

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

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for decree on the pleadings and decree pro confesso, as noted, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to relief.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants, Leslie Cook, Alice Cook Weekes, John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Cauville Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, Fulton Cook and Maude E. Cook, have no estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to and no encumbrance upon the following described lands, or any part thereof, to-wit:-

The East half of the Southwest quarter of Section twelve, Township Eight South of Range Three East, Baldwin County, Alabama.

It is further ordered that the Register of this Court within thirty days from the rendition of this decree file a certified copy of this decree in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record therein, and that the cost thereof be taxes in the costs of the cause.

This decree is subject to the provisions of Sections 3170 and 3171 of the Code of Alabama of 1907, and that the Complainant is hereby directed to send a certified copy hereof to each of the defendants not personally served with process, if their residences can be ascertained.

It is further ordered that the complainant pay the costs of this cause for which let execution issue.

Done this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1921.

*John D. Leigh*  
Judge.

M. O. Jones, Complainant.

vs

Leslie Cook, Alice Cook Weekes, John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Cauville Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, Fulton Cook, and Maude E Cook. Defendants.

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) In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity.  
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It is therefore, ordered, and decreed that the defendants, Leslie Cook, Alice Cook Weekes John Cook, Thomas Cook, Alexander Cook, Cauville Cook Smith, Celestine Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook Voltaire, Fulton Cook and Maude E Cook, have no estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to and no encumbrance upon the following described lands, or any part thereof, to-wit:

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This decree is subject to the provisions of Sections 3170 and 3171 of the Code of Alabama of 1907, and that the complainant is hereby directed to send a certified copy hereof to each of the defendants not personally served with process, if their residences can be ascertained.

It is further ordered that the Complainant pay the costs of this cause for which let execution issue.  
Done this the 20th day of August, 1921.

John D Leigh,

-----  
Judge.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court in Equity.

I. T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the 20th day of August, 1921, in the cause of M. O. Jones, Complainant, vs Leslie Cook et al, Defendants as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 22nd, day of August, 1921.

*I. T. W. Richerson*  
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Register.



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

Leslie Cook, Alice Cook  
Wesley John Cook, Thomas  
Cook, Alexander Cook,  
Garville Cook Smith, Celestine  
Cook Hudson, Gertrude Cook  
Voltaire, Milton Cook, and lands  
E Cook, respondents.

This case coming on to be heard was admitted for  
decree on the 12th day of August, 1921, as stated  
and upon consideration of the pleadings, the  
decrees of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,  
Alabama, in Equity, in the above entitled case,  
dated the 12th day of August, 1921, are hereby  
affirmed.

*9/23/21*  
*Miss P. J. Stair*

*John D. Leigh*  
Judge of Probate Court

and duly organized,  
1921, at  
4th day of  
1921, at  
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and that the cost thereof be taxed in the costs of the cause.

This decree is subject to the provisions of  
Sections 2190 and 2191 of the Code of Alabama of 1907, and  
that the complainant is hereby directed to send a certified  
copy hereof to each of the respondents not personally served  
with process, if their residences can be ascertained.

It is further ordered that the complainant pay  
the costs of this cause for which let execution issue,  
to wit this 20th day of August,

John D. Leigh,  
Judge.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

L. O. Jones, Complainant of said Circuit Court  
of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is  
a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said  
Court on the 20th day of August, 1921, in the case of L. O.  
Jones, Complainant, vs Leslie Cook et al, respondents as  
appears of record in said Court.

*John D. Leigh*

I witness my hand and the seal  
of said Court, this 22nd day of  
August, 1921.



The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 281 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

*M. O. Jones*

Complainant...

vs.

*John Cook, et al*

Defendant...

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against *Fulton Cook*

Defendant...

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of ~~summons~~ upon said

*by Registered mail*

Defendant.....; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....haS... failed

to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 8 day of August 1921.

*Recharly T. Zube*

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

*McJones*

Vs.

*Lillie Cook et al*

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CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

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M. Q. Jones

vs.

Fulton Cook et al.

CIRCUIT COURT OF  
Baldwin COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 26th day of

February 1921, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was sent to  
Fulton Cook at Cleveland Ohio.

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed,"  
and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the 6th day of

March 1921, such receipt was duly received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer or demur to  
the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered, adjudged and decreed by  
the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said

Fulton Cook Defendant

This the 8th day of August 1921

J. W. McIlwain  
Register.



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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
*Baldwin* COUNTY,  
IN EQUITY.

*M. C. Jones*

vs.

*Fulton Cook et al*

DECREE PRO CONFESSO AFTER  
NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office this *8th* day of  
*August* 19 *21*

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Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. .... Term, 191.....

*M. O. Jones*

Complainant.....

vs.

*John  
Lester Cook, et al*

Defendant.....

To *T. M. Richardson*, Register:

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 .....

*Richardby & 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.

*Richardby & Beebe*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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

*M. P. Jones*

vs.

*Lutie Cook et al*

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

Filed August 15th 1971

*J. H. McCombs*

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*W. Jones*

*John Cook et al* vs.

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,

*Deane*

*pro confesso*

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*J. W. Robinson*

Register

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No. 281

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

M A Jones

vs.

Lucie Cook  
et al

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 15th

day of Aug 1921

W. H. ...

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TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY SITTING.

Comes M. O. JONES, and by this bill of complaint  
exhibited against LESLIE COOK, ALICE COOK WEEKES, JOHN COOK,  
THOMAS COOK, ALEXANDER COOK, <sup>Cassella</sup> ~~GORVELLOR~~ COOK SMITH, CELES-  
TINE COOK HUDSON, GERTRUDE COOK VOLTAIRE, FULTON COOK and  
MAUDE E. COOK, respectfully shows unto your Honor as follows:

FIRST: That Complainant is over the age of twenty-  
one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that  
LESLIE COOK and FULTON COOK are over the age of twenty-one  
and are non-residents of the State of Alabama, residing at  
and their Post Office address being 4,111 Euclid Ave, Cleve-  
land, Ohio; that the said ALICE COOKS WEEKES, JOHN COOK,  
THOMAS COOK, ALEXANDER COOK, <sup>Cassella</sup> ~~GORVELLOR~~ COOK SMITH, CELESTINE  
COOK HUDSON, GERTRUDE COOK VOLTAIRE and MAUDE E. COOK are  
each over the age of twenty-one years and reside in Baldwin  
County, Alabama.

SECOND: That Complainant is the owner and is in  
the actual, peaceable possession, control and use of the  
following described lands, situated in the County of Baldwin,  
State of Alabama, to-wit:-

The East half of the Southwest quarter of Section  
twelve, township eight South of Range three East.

THIRD: Complainant further shows that each of said  
Defendants claim or is reputed to claim some right, title or  
interest in or encumbrance upon the above described lands or  
some portion thereof; that there is no suit pending to en-  
force or attack the validity of such right, claim, title or  
interest or encumbrance in said lands, wherefore complainant  
calls upon said defendants and each of them to set forth and  
specify his or her claim, title, interest, right or encum-  
brance in said lands and to set forth and specify how and

by what instrument or instruments the same is delivered or created.

WHEREFORE Complainant prays that your Honor will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this bill and be appropriate process make the said LESLIE COOK, ALICE COOK WEEKES, JOHN COOK, ALEXANDER COOK, <sup>Corvella</sup> CORVELLOR COOK SMITH, CELESTINE COOK HUDSON, THOMAS COOK, GERTRUDE COOK VOLTAIRE, FULTON COOK and MAUDE E. COOK and each of them party defendants to this bill of Complaint and require each of them to plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon the consideration of the cause your Honor will adjudge, order and decree that the said defendants and each of them have no right, title, interest, claim or demur in or to and no encumbrance upon the above described land or any part thereof, but that as against said defendants and each of them the title of said lands be established and quieted in Complainant; and that complainant may have such other, further or different relief as in equity may seem meet.

*Rickart & Beche*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

Defendants and each of them are required to answer every allegation of the bill of Complaint, paragraph first to third, both inclusive, but not under oath, oath is expressly waived.

*Rickart & Beche*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

State of Alabama,) )  
Baldwin County. )

Before me H. D. Moorer, a notary public in and for  
said county and State, this day personally appeared  
W. C. Beebe, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and  
says that he is of counsel for the complainant in the  
cause of M.O. Jones, against Leslie Cook, et al, pending  
in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, in equity, and  
that he has read the foregoing bill of complaint, that  
the said Leslie Cook and Fulton Cook are non-residents  
of the State of Alabama, their residence and Post Office  
address being as set out in said bill of complaint.

W. C. Beebe

sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th day of  
December, 1920.

H. D. Moorer  
Notary Public, Baldwin Co. Ala.