

WILLA REE BUCK,
Complainant,
VS.
JOHN BUCK,
Respondent.

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

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

And now comes your Complainant, WILLA REE BUCK, and humbly complain-
ing against the Respondent, JOHN BUCK, respectfully represents and shows unto
your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County,
Alabama, and that the Respondent is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama,
and over twenty-one years of age.

2. That your Complainant and the Respondent were married at Bay
Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on June 28th, 1937, and lived together
as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on to-wit, October 4th,
1938.

3. That the Respondent is a man who drinks to excess, and when under
the influence of strong drinks, has a vile temper; that on to-wit, October 4th,
1938, and various times prior thereto, the Respondent threatened and abused the
Complainant and on several occasions did actual violence to her person by strik-
ing her; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give your Complainant
reasonable apprehension to believe and she does actually believe that if she
had continued to live with him, he would have carried out his threats and done
further violence to her person, which would have necessarily endangered her
life and health;

4. That there was born to said marriage one child, a girl, Patricia
Anne Buck, now twenty months old; that the said child is now and has been all
of her life living with her mother, your Complainant; that the Respondent is
not a suitable, fit or proper person to have the custody and control of said
child;

That your Complainant has no means of support for herself and minor
child, or funds with which to prosecute this action; that the Respondent is an
able-bodied man, capable of earning, and does earn at least Eight to One Hundred

Dollars per month.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Complainant prays that your Honor will, by proper process, make the said JOHN BUCK 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;

That your Honor will order a reference to ascertain and determine a reasonable attorney's fee to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant, and also alimony, pendente lite, to be paid to the Complainant;

Complainant further prays that upon the final hearing of this cause, your Honor will give and grant unto her a decree of absolute divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent, JOHN BUCK; that a further decree may be made and entered awarding to your Complainant the custody, care and control of said minor child, Patricia Anne Buck, and that the Respondent be required to pay to the Complainant, as permanent alimony, such amount as your Honor shall deem just and proper; that your Honor will give and grant unto her 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.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

BUCK

Complainant

Respondent

Becker, Steyer & Becker
Solicitors for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:

The Respondent, JOHN BUCK, is required to answer each and every allegation contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, in paragraphs 1 to 4, inclusive, but not under oath, oath being hereby expressly waived.

Becker, Steyer & Becker
Solicitors for Complainant.

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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 JOHN BUCK

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

WILLA REBE BUCK,

against said JOHN BUCK,

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 5th day of

June, 1939.

R. S. DUCK
clerk, - register

By [Signature], Register
Deputy

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

Dollars per month.

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Beebe & Beebe
Solicitors for Complainant.

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Beebe & Beebe
Solicitors for Complainant.

WILLA REE BUCK

VS.

JOHN BUCK

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, _____
Agreement between Complainant and Respondent, and Testimony of Willa Ree
Buck and J. W. Joyner

and in behalf of Defendant upon Decree Pro Confesso

A. S. Duch
Register.
By: William Thompson
Deputy Register

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That WHEREAS, there is pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, a proceeding styled WILLA REE BUCK, Complainant, VS. JOHN BUCK, Respondent, in which the Complainant claims alimony for the support of herself and minor child: Patricia Anne Buck, and attorneys' fees.

WHEREAS, the Complainant and Respondent have agreed upon and settled that Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per month, payable Five (\$5.00) Dollars per week, is a reasonable amount of alimony to be paid by the Respondent to the Complainant and that Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars is a reasonable attorney's fee.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1939.

WITNESSES:

W. Eugene Jones

Willa Ree Buck
John W. Buck

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 Willa Ree Buck and J. W. Joyner

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Willa Ree Buck

is Complainant and JOHN BUCK

is Defendant,

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

Witness 21st day of August 1939

COMMISSIONER'S FEE, \$

WITNESS' FEES, \$

R.S. Duck
REGISTER
By - Audlin Thompson, Deputy Register

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. Term, 192

..... WILLA REE BUCK, Complainant

vs.

..... JOHN BUCK, Defendant

To R. S. DUCK, 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 Beebe, Hall & 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 & Beebe,
Solicitor for Complainant.

W. H. HOLCOMBE, SR.
SHERIFF

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MOBILE COUNTY

MOBILE, ALA.

July 21, 1939

Mr. W. R. Stuart,
Sheriff of Baldwin County,
Bay Minette, Alabama,

Dear Sheriff:

With reference to your letter of recent date regarding the summons for one John Buck, beg to advise that this writ was served on July 17, 1939, and we are returning it to you today.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Holcombe

W. H. Holcombe,
Sheriff.

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILLIA REE BUCK Complainant

vs.

JOHN BUCK Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register
that a Summons requiring the Defendant

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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 Buek
was served upon him by the Sheriff of Mobile County, Alabama, on the
17th day of July 19 39

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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 ~~Complainant~~ Beebe, Hall & Beebe,
Solicitors 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 Defendant

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Defendant aforesaid.
This 21st day of August 19 39

..... R. S. Duck Register.
By: *Nathaniel Thompson*, Deputy Register

The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County

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

WILLA REE BUCK _____ COMPLAINANT

VS.

JOHN BUCK _____ RESPONDENT

I, O'BYRNE JONES _____

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner _____

have called and caused to come before me Willa Ree Buck and J. W. Joyner _____

witness^{es} named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 21 day of August _____

19 39, at the office of Beebe, Hall & Beebe _____

in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness^{es} to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Willa Ree Buck _____

_____ doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Willa Ree Buck. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, twenty-one years of age. The Respondent, John Buck, is over twenty-one years of age and also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

John Buck and I were married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on June 28th, 1937. We lived together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on to-wit: October 4th, 1938; the Respondent, John Buck, is a man who drinks rather heavily, in fact, to excess, and when under the in-

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, O'RYRNE JONES, as ~~Register and~~ 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 21st day of August 19 39.

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

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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

WILLA REE BUCK

COMPLAINANT

vs.

JOHN BUCK

RESPONDENT

ORAL DEPOSITION

Filed August 21, 19 39

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By M. J. ...
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The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County

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

WILLA REE BUCK

COMPLAINANT

VS.

JOHN BUCK

RESPONDENT

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doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Willa Ree Buck. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, twenty-one years of age. The Respondent, John Buck, is over twenty-one years of age and also a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

John Buck and I were married at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on June 28th, 1937. We lived together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until on to-wit: October 4th, 1938; the Respondent, John Buck, is a man who drinks rather heavily, in fact, to excess, and when under the influence of strong drink, has a vile or rather uncontrollable temper. On several occasions he has threatened and abused me, and particularly on October 4th, 1938, he threatened and abused me, and did actual violence to me, by striking me; that his conduct and on account of his threats and abuse, it was impossible for me to live with him, and I had every reasonable apprehension to believe and did actually believe that if I should continue to live with him, he would have further carried out his threats and done further violence to my person, which would have necessarily endangered my life and health.

We have one child, a girl, Patricia Anne Buck, who is now and has been all of her life with me. I have been called upon to care and support this child, and since October 4th, 1938, he has contributed very little toward her support. The Respondent does not have a home, and therefore, boards and is not in position to take care of the child. And in addition to this, his nature is such that he would, although he didn't drink, necessarily forsake the child and she would, if placed with him, probably become a public charge.

He is at present working with Graf's Dairy, in Mobile, and draws a salary of something like \$20.00 per week, or \$80.00 per month. I feel that it will take at least \$20.00 per month to care for the child. I have discussed this matter with John and he is of the opinion that \$20.00 per month is a small enough amount to be considered toward the support of the child.

Willa Ree Buck

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

My name is J. W. Joyner. I am the father of Willa Ree Buck. She and John Buck were married at Bay Minette sometime in June, 1937, and they lived together until in October, 1938. Soon after they were married, my daughter complained that her husband was mistreating her and finally it came to the point where she had to leave him and come back to her home, where she now lives with me and her mother. She has been with us continuously since October 4th, 1938, and we have necessarily had to maintain and support her and her minor child.

I have known John Buck some four or five years and have noticed particularly since he became a member of the family, in marrying my daughter, that he drinks rather heavily, and in fact, to excess, and when under the influence of liquor, was a boisterous and braggy type individual. I know from my own observation that it was practically impossible for my daughter to live with him.

My daughter has one child, who is now with us. We have discussed the matter of support, taking into consideration the salary that John draws, which must be some \$80.00 to \$100.00 per month. While we are anxious to see that our daughter and her child are sufficiently cared for, at the same time we do not care to place an undue burden upon the Respondent, and therefore, necessarily think that \$20.00 per month would be a minimum amount that he should be called upon to pay.



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John Buck,
Bay Minette, Ala.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County
IN EQUITY

No. 547

Summons

Complainant,

WILLIAM REE BUCK,

VS.

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JOHN BUCK,

Respondent.

BERNIE, HALL & BERNE,

Solicitor for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

Received in office this 5th day of June, 1937

W. H. Stewart
Sheriff.

Executed this 17 day of July, 1937

by leaving a copy of the Summons with

John Buck

Defendant

W. H. Stewart
Sheriff

By E. R. Barclay
Deputy Sheriff

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WITNESS R. S.

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

WILLA REE BUCK,

Complainant,

VS.

JOHN BUCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

*Filed June 8, 1935
R. S. Buck, Reg. S.
By Andrew H. Hays, Attorney
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or G.S. Brown Sr
Mobile Ala*

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FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE

WILLA REE BUCK,

Complainant,

VS.

JOHN BUCK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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The State of Alabama
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IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

WILLA REE BUCK

VS.

JOHN BUCK

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 31

day of August 1938

W. S. Buck
My - Justice Thompson REGISTER

ROBE PRINTER CO., BAY MINSTER, ALA.

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AGREEMENT:

WILLA REE BUCK,

Complainant,

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Filed August 21, 1939
W.S. Deal, Register
By *Franklin Thompson, Attorney*

The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

WILLA REE BUCK

Complainant

vs.

JOHN BUCK

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

O'BYRNE JONES

WITNESSES:

Willa Ree Buck

J. W. Joyner

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

Circuit Court In Equity

WILIA REE BUCK

VS.

JOHN BUCK

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By - Marshall Thompson
Deputy Clerk

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
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CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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JOHN BUCK

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By Arthur Hargis, Deputy Register

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