

HELEN BECK

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vs.

RICHARD D. BECK

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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, \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion for Decree Pro Confesso, Commission to Take Deposition, Testimony of  
Helen Beck and Rosa Lee Hall, and Request for Decree in Vacation

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and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_ Appearance and Waiver of Summons, and Decree Pro  
Confesso

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*R.S. Dorch*

Register.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

{ No. .... CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

HELEN BECK, ..... Complainant

VS.

RICHARD D. BECK ..... Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Richard D. Beck

..... Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since <sup>appearance</sup> ~~service of~~ and Waiver of Summons by Respondent; ~~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 24th day of February 1941

BEEBE & HALL,  
By: *John Hall* ..... Solicitor.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 606 Term, 193

HELEN BECK, Complainant

Vs.

RICHARD D. BECK, Defendant

To HON. 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,

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,  
By: Wm Hall  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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CIRCUIT COURT COMPLAINT

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HELEN BECK, Complainant, Vs. RICHARD D. BECK Respondent.

In the Circuit Court. In Equity No. 606.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the Respondent Richard D. Beck

appearance and Waiver of Summons by Respondent, by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, on the 17th day of January 1940.

And it further appears to the Register, that the said Richard D. Beck

the Respondent, having to the date hereof, failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Beebe & Hall Solicitors for Complainant, ordered, and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Richard D. Beck

This 26th day of February, 1941.

R.S. Dush Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

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

HELEN BECK

COMPLAINANT

vs.

RICHARD D. BECK

RESPONDENT

I, O'Byrne J. Whitley

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Helen Beck and Rosa Lee Hall

witness ~~es~~ named in the requirement for Oral Examination, on the 26th day of February,  
1941, at the office of Beebe & Hall,

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~es~~ to speak the  
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Helen Beck

doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Helen Beck. I am over twenty-one years of age and a bona-fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The Respondent, Richard D. Beck is also over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

The Respondent and I were married in Pensacola, Florida, on the 14th day of April, 1936, and lived together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, until in December, 1939. The Respondent, sometime before we separated in December, 1939, committed acts of violence to the person of the complainant; that he was from time to time guilty of extreme cruelty toward her and on several occasions did actual violence to her by striking her; that the conduct of the Respondent toward the Complainant was such as to cause her to have every reasonable apprehension to believe, and she did actually believe that if she continued to live with him as his wife, he would continue his acts of cruelty toward her, which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

That the Respondent has contributed nothing toward the support of me or our minor child since I was forced to leave him. We have one child, Richard D. Beck, Jr., who is now three years old. That the said child is now and has all of his life been living with me and I have been charged with his maintenance and support. The Respondent has no permanent position out of which he could support the child nor does he have anyone with whom he could leave him. I have a home and am ready, able and willing to care and provide for the child.

Helen Beck

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

TO MRS. O'BYRNE J. WHITLEY

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 Helen Beck and Rosa Lee Hall

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Helen Beck

is Complainant and Richard D. Beck

is Defendant,

on oath to be by you administered, upon them

to take and certify the deposition s of the witness es and return the same to our Court, with all Convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 26th day of February, 19 41.

*R.S. Deich*

REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' Fees, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HELEN BECK

Complainant,

vs.

RICHARD D. BECK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN CHANCERY

APPEARANCE AND WAIVER OF SUMMONS

Comes now Richard D. Beck, the above named respondent and acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Bill of Complaint and enters his voluntary appearance in the above entitled cause and expressly waives the issuance and service of summons.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1940.

*Richard D Beck*

IN PRESENCE OF:

*Thomas*

HELEN BECK,  
Complainant,  
vs.  
RICHARD D. BECK,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN CHANCERY

BILL OF COMPLAINT

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

PART ONE

Your complainant, Helen Beck, respectfully shows unto Your Honor that she is over the age of twenty-one years and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Foley therein, and that the respondent, Richard D. Beck is also over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama.

PART TWO

1. Your complainant further avers that she was legally married to the respondent in Pensacola, Florida on the 14th day of April, 1936 and that ever since said marriage the parties have resided at Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama and she has at all times conducted herself as a faithful and obedient wife.

2. That the issue of the marriage between the parties is one son, Richard D. Beck, Jr., age two years, and complainant avers that she is a fit and suitable person to have the exclusive care, custody and control of said minor child and that she is able to provide for and support him.

3. That ever since her marriage to said respondent he has been guilty of extreme cruelty towards your complainant and has committed actual violence on her person and by reason thereof her health has been endangered and her married life has been rendered intolerable to her and she has been obliged to separate from the respondent and they are no longer living together as man and wife and she desires a divorce from the respondent.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

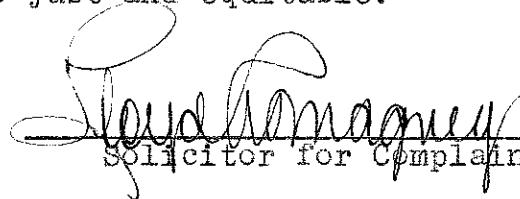
WHEREFORE, your complainant prays that Your Honor will grant to her the writ of summons of the State of Alabama to the respon-



dent Richard D. Beck, commanding him to demur, answer or plead to this Bill of Complaint within the time allowed by law and to abide such order and decree herein as may be entered; and your complainant will ever pray, & etc.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Your complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this matter, Your Honor will grant to her an absolute divorce from the respondent, Richard D. Beck and will give to her the exclusive care, custody and control of the said Richard D. Beck, Jr., minor child of the parties and that she may have such other and further relief in the premises as may be just and equitable.

  
Solicitor for Complainant.

HELEN BECK,  
Complainant,  
VS.  
RICHARD D. BECK,  
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY,  
NO. 606.

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso, and Proof as noted by the Register, and the Court, after due consideration, is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and the Respondent be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the ground of cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said HELEN BECK shall not again marry, except to the said RICHARD D. BECK, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days, she shall not again marry, except to the said RICHARD D. BECK, during the pendency of the appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Complainant pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the custody and control of Richard D. Beck, Jr. is hereby awarded to Helen Beck.

Dated at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1941.

  
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Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit of  
Alabama.

HELEN BECK,  
COMPLAINANT,  
VS  
RICHARD D. BECK,  
RESPONDENT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY, NO. 6067

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso, and Proof as noted by the Register, and the Court, after due consideration, is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and the Respondent be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Respondent on the ground of cruelty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said HELEN BECK shall not again marry, except to the said RICHARD D. BECK, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days, she shall not again marry, except to the said RICHARD D. BECK, during the pendency of the appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Complainant pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the custody and control of Richard D. Beck, Jr. is hereby awarded to Helen Beck.

Dated at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, this 27th day of February, 1941.

F. W. HARE  
JUDGE OF THE 21st JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
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Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

HELEN BECK

Vs.

RICHARD D. BECK

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION

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**The State of Alabama,**  
Baldwin County.

**CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

HELEN BECK, .....

vs.

RICHARD D. BECK .....

**MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE**

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The State of Alabama  
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IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

HELEN BECK

VS.

RICHARD D. BECK

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 26th  
day of February 1934

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF  
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HELEN BECK

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Vs.

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Respondent.

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
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FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE:

HELEN BECK,

Complainant,

VS.

RICHARD D. BECK,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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HELEN BECK,

Complainant

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Respondent

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APPEARANCE AND WAIVER OF SUM-  
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LLOYD. AMMAGNEY  
Attorney-at-Law  
Foley, Alabama.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**Baldwin County**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

HELEN BECK,

Complainant

VS.

RICHARD D. BECK

Defendant

**Commission To Take Deposition**

**COMMISSIONER:**

O'Byrne J. Whitley

**Witnesses:**

Helen Beck

Rosa Lee Hall

I, O'Byrne J. Whitley as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition 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 witness es; 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 26th day of February 194 1.

O'Byrne J. Whitley (L. S.)  
Commissioner.

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

HELEN BECK

COMPLAINANT

vs.

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IN CHANCERY

HELEN BECK,

Complainant

vs.

RICHARD D. BECK,

Respondent.

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed this 15 day January 1940

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LLOYD A. MAGNEY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
FOLEY, ALABAMA