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The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON, Complainant

VS

LEONARD V. THOMPSON, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decrees Pro-Confesso on Publication and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said Lucy Belle Thompson is forever divorced from the said

Leonard V. Thompson

for and on account of

Abandonment.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that Lucy Belle Thompson be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Lucy Belle Thompson the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of August, 1944
J. M. Ware
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, _____, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 19____

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON

Complainant

vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on PUBLICATION and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said LUCY BELLE THOMPSON is forever divorced from the said LEONARD V. THOMPSON for and on account of ABANDONMENT

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that LUCY BELLE THOMPSON the COMPLAINANT pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 2nd day of January, 1944

F. W. HARE

Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, ALICE J. DUCK

Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the 4th day of January, 1944

Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,

Complainant

vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,

Respondent.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Term, 19

I, R. S. Duck Register of the Circuit Court of

Baldwin County, of the State of Alabama, hereby certify that on the affidavit

of Lucy Belle Thompson

on the 22nd day of May 1944, an order of publication was made to

Leonard V. Thompson

who is a non-resident

who reside at of the State of Alabama

and was published in the Baldwin Times

a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Alabama, once a week, for four

consecutive weeks, commencing on the 25th day of May 1944, requiring

the said Leonard V. Thompson

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in the cause on the 26th day of June

1944, or in thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

And that a copy of said order was forwarded by mail, on the day of

19, addressed to

at

and that one other copy of said order was posted at the Courthouse door of said County for four consecutive weeks,

commencing on the 25th day of May 1944

R. S. Duck

Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, John Hester, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared Lucy Belle Thompson who is known to me and who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath as follows:-

That her name is Lucy Belle Thompson; that she is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Perdido; that she is the Complainant in that suit for divorce filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, in which Leonard V. Thompson is the Respondent; that the said Leonard V. Thompson was not at the time of the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause nor at this time, or at any time intervening since the filing of the Bill of Complaint in said cause a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; within the meaning of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended.

Lucy Belle Thompson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, this 31st day of July, 1944.

John Hester
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

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CIRCUIT COURT

TO ERIN S. MONTGOMERY:

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

Lucy Belle Thompson

Willie Boyd Long

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

Lucy Belle Thompson Complainant

and

Leonard V. Thompson Defendant,

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

Witness 1st day of August, 1944.

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REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$

Witness' Fees, \$

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,
Complainant,
VS.
LEONARD V. THOMPSON,
Respondents.

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

Comes your Complainant, Lucy Belle Thompson and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leonard V. Thompson and shows unto your Honor and unto this Court as follows:-

FIRST:

That your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama; that she has been such a resident for more than five years next immediately preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being unknown to your Complainant.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on heretofore to-wit, July 31, 1930 and lived together as man and wife for five days until the Respondent was arrested and charged with murder by the State of Mississippi; that such Respondent was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment and remained in the penitentiary in Mississippi for a little over eight years, or until January, 1939; that the Respondent was pardoned or paroled and he and your Complainant lived together as man and wife until about July, 1939; that about the middle of July, 1939 while residing in Baldwin County, Alabama, near Perdido, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned your Complainant and they have not lived together as man and wife since that time; that the Respondent left your Complainant telling her that he would be back after her or send for her within a short time and she has not heard from him since that time; that your Complainant has made diligent inquiry to ascertain the residence and Post Office address of the Respondent but has been unable to do so.

in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct.

Lucy Belle Thompson

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, a Notary Public, whose seal
is hereto affixed this 22 day of
May, 1944.

John R. Rader
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,
Complainant,
VS.
LEONARD V. THOMPSON,
Respondent.

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

NOTICE.

TO LEONARD V. THOMPSON, RESPONDENT IN THE ABOVE STYLED CAUSE:-

You are hereby notified that Lucy Belle Thompson has filed her suit for divorce against you in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, which Bill of Complaint alleges that you are a non-resident of the State of Alabama, your place of residence being unknown to the Complainant.

You are hereby required to answer or plead to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause by the 26th day of June, 1944.


Register.

HYBART & CHASON
Solicitors for Complainant.

TESTIMONY OF LUCY BELLE THOMPSON.

My name is Lucy Belle Thompson; I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Perdido. I have been a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, for more than five years last immediately preceding the filing of my Bill of Complaint in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, against Leonard V. Thompson, which said cause is a suit for divorce; Leonard V. Thompson is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being unknown to me. I made diligent inquiry to ascertain where he lived and have been unable to do so. The last time that I heard of him he was some where in California. I married the said Leonard V. Thompson on July 31, 1930 and lived with him as his wife for five days until he was arrested and charged with murder by the State of Mississippi. He was convicted and sentenced to live imprisonment and remained in the penitentiary of Mississippi for a little over eight years until some time in January, 1939. He was pardoned or paroled and I lived with him as his wife until about July, 1939. Sometime about the middle of July, 1939 while we were living at Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama, the said Leonard V. Thompson voluntarily abandoned me without just cause or legal excuse and he has failed and refused to live with me since that time. We have not lived together as man and wife since July, 1939.

Lucy Belle Thompson

TESTIMONY OF WILLIE BOYD LONG.

My name is Willie Boyd Long. I am over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama. I have lived here for many years. I am personally acquainted with Leonard V. Thompson and Lucy Belle Thompson and have known them both for a long time. The said Lucy Belle Thompson is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Perdido and she has lived there for more than five years last past. Leonard V. Thompson is over the age of twenty-one years and I believe that he is a non-resident of the State of Alabama. I have not seen him since July of 1939 when he voluntarily abandoned Lucy Belle Thompson without just cause or legal excuse. The said Lucy Belle Thompson has not lived with Leonard V. Thompson as his wife since July, 1939.

Willie Boyd Long

NO. _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County
CIRCUIT COURT

LUCY BETTE THOMPSON,

Complainant

vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON

Defendant

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

ERIN S. MONTGOMERY

Witnesses:

Lucy Balle Thompson

Willie Boyd Long

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON

vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION.

Filed in office this

day of 19

Register.

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Complainant

vs.

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

No.

~~RECORDED~~
The State Of Alabama

Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

..... LUCY BELLE THOMPSON

..... vs. Complainant

..... LEONARD V. THOMPSON

..... Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

~~RECORDED~~

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AFFIDAVIT AS TO
NON-MILITARY SERVICE.

JUCY BELLE THOMPSON,

Complainant,

vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,

Respondent.

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

Filed Sept 31, 1944.

R. A. [Signature]
Register.

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Order to Prod Product

January 1944
New York
Office
Report

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, ERIN S. MONTGOMERY, 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 John Chason 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 1st day of August 1924.

Erin S. Montgomery (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

LUCY BELLIE THOMPSON,

vs. Complainant

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed August 1st, 1924.

[Signature] Register.

Recorded in

Record

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Register

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,
Complainant,
VS.
LEONARD V. THOMPSON,
Respondents.

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

Comes your Complainant, Lucy Belle Thompson and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against Leonard V. Thompson and shows unto your Honor and unto this Court as follows:-

FIRST:

That your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama; that she has been such a resident for more than five years next immediately preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint; that the Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his address being unknown to your Complainant.

SECOND:

That your Complainant and the Respondent were married on heretofore to-wit, July 31, 1930 and lived together as man and wife for five days until the Respondent was arrested and charged with murder by the State of Mississippi; that such Respondent was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment and remained in the penitentiary in Mississippi for a little over eight years, or until January, 1939; that the Respondent was pardoned or paroled and he and your Complainant lived together as man and wife until about July, 1939; that about the middle of July, 1939 while residing in Baldwin County, Alabama, near Perdido, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned your Complainant and they have not lived together as man and wife since that time; that the Respondent left your Complainant telling her that he would be back after her or send for her within a short time and she hasnot heard from him since that time; that your Complainant has made diligent inquiry to ascertain the residence and Post Office address of the Respondent but has been unable to do so.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF

The premises considered your Complainant prays that the above named Leonard V. Thompson be made party defendant to this Bill of Complaint by the usual Writ or process of this Honorable Court requiring him to plead, answer or demur within the time and under the penalties prescribed by the rules of this court and the Statutes in such cases made and provided; that the Respondent being a non-resident, that your Honor will cause notice to be given to such Respondent by publication in some newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama, as required by law and that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will grant unto your Complainant an absolute divorce from said Respondent, and that your Honor will also decree that your Complainant be allowed to remarry if she sees fit. Should your Complainant be mistaken in the relief prayed for that there be granted to her such other, further, different and general relief to which she may be entitled and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Lucy Belle Thompson
Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, John Chason, a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Lucy Belle Thompson who is known to me and who after being by me first duly and legally sworn, doth depose and say under oath as follows:-

That she is the Complainant in the foregoing Bill of Complaint; that she is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Perdido in Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been such a resident for more than five years last past; that Leonard V. Thompson, the Respondent, in the aforesaid Bill of Complaint is over the age of twenty-one years and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his place of residence and Post Office address being unknown to your Complainant; that she has made diligent inquiry to ascertain the same but has been unable to do so; That all the allegations contained

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public whose seal is hereunto affixed this 23rd day of May, 1944.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,
Respondent.

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,
Complainant,

Notary Public in and for Baldwin County, Alabama.

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

FILED MAY 23, 1944.
Ed Meel
REGISTRAR.

in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct.

Lucy Belle Thompson

in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct.

Lucy Belle Thompson

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, a Notary Public, whose seal
is hereto affixed this 22 day of
May, 1944.

John Chason

Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

FILED MAY 23 1944
[Signature]
REGISTER.

SUBSCRIBED AND COMPLETED.

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, { No. 1123.
BALDWIN COUNTY }

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY

May. TERM, 194 4

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA :

You are hereby commanded to summon Leonard V. Thompson.

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against

Leonard V Thompson. Respondant.
Defendant

by Lucy Belle Thompson.

Complainant.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of May, 194 4

[Signature] Clerk.

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON

Complainant,

VS.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,

Respondent.

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, ~~Summons,~~
~~Certificate as to Publication,~~
~~Order of Publication, Notice by Publication, Decree Pro confesso~~
~~on Publication, Affidavit as to Non-Military Service, Testimony~~
~~of Lucy Belle Thompson and Willie Boyd Long.~~

and in behalf of Defendant upon

R. D. Davis Register.
Idybert A. Harper
Solicitor for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON _____ Complainant

Vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON _____ Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register R. S. DUCK that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 25th day of May, 19 44, in the Baldwin Times a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 25th day of May 194 4 and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register R. S. Duck, that the said

Leonard V. Thompson

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 R. S. Duck _____ that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said _____

Leonard V. Thompson

This 30th day of July 19 44.

R. S. Duck

Register.

The **BALDWIN**
Times
ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S- BEST NEWSPAPER
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Ford Cook, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Notice

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY.
Lucy Belle Thompson,
Complainant,
Vs.
Leonard V. Thompson,
Respondent.
NOTICE
TO LEONARD V. THOMPSON, RESPONDENT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CAUSE:-
You are hereby notified that Lucy Belle Thompson has filed her suit for divorce against you in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, which Bill of Complaint alleges that you are a non-resident of the State of Alabama, your place of residence being unknown to the Complainant. You are hereby required to answer or plead to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause by the 26th day of June, 1944.
R. S. DUCK, Register.
HYBART & CHASON,
Solicitors for Complainant. 17-4tc

COST STATEMENT

115 WORDS @ 4 1/2 cents \$ 5.18

I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).

Ford Cook

Publisher.

Was published in said newspaper for _____ consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication May 25, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 17
Date of 2nd publication June 1, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 18
Date of 3rd publication June 8, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 19
Date of 4th publication June 15, 1944 Vol. 55 No. 20

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this _____ day of _____ 1944.

Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Ford Cook

Publisher.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

~~NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT~~

TIMES PRINTING CO., BAY MINETTE

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON,

 Complainant,

 No. _____

 vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON,

 Respondent,

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN County.

 Circuit Court, in Equity
 This the 23rd day of
May, 1944.

In this cause it being made to appear to the ^{Register} ~~Clerk~~ of this Court by the affidavit of

LUCY BELLE THOMPSON

that the Defendant LEONARD V. THOMPSON

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, his present place of residence and Post Office address being unknown to Complainant,

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 Leonard V. Thompson the said Defendant

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 26th day of June 1944, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

R. S. Duck

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

LUCY BELL THOMPSON

Complainant

Vs.

LEONARD V. THOMPSON

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against _____

LEONARD V. THOMPSON

Defendant

in the annexed stated cause. on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Detendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This ~~30th~~ day of July 19 44.

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By: [Signature] Solicitor.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } No. 1123.
BALDWIN COUNTY }

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY

May. TERM, 1944

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Leonard V. Thompson.

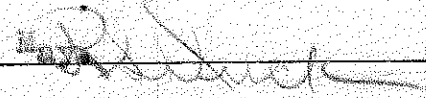
to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against

Leonard V Thompson. Respondent.
Defendant

by Lucy Belle Thompson.

Complainant.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of May, 1944



Clerk.