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

VIVIAN K. KNOWLES Complainant

VS

LEONARD C. KNOWLES Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decees Prox Contaxx~~
~~AN~~ Answer and Waiver 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 here-
tofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved,
and that the said Vivian K. Knowles
is forever divorced from the said
Leonard C. Knowles

for and on account of abandonment.

It is further ordered and decreed that LEONARD VAN KNOWLES,
only child of the parties, shall remain in the care and custody
of Complainant's mother, Mrs. Harris Walley, and this Court re-
tains control of this cause for the purpose of making such fur-
ther orders as to the custody and maintenance of said child as
may from time to time seem proper.

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 both parties
be, and are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of
this suit.

It is further ordered that Leonard C. Knowles
the Respondent pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14th day of October 19 44.

F. 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.

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Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

VIVIAN K. KNOWLES

vs. Complainant.

LEONARD G. KNOWLES

Respondent.

DIVORCE DECREE

VIVIAN J. KNOWLES

Complainant

vs

LEONARD C. KNOWLES

Respondent.

EQUITY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Comes LEONARD C. KNOWLES, Respondent in the above styled cause, and for answer to the Bill of Complainant says he denies each and every allegation of same.

Respondent hereby waives service and notice of demand for oral examination of Complainant's witnesses; of the issue of commission to take testimony; of the time and place set for taking same and of the right to introduce evidence in his own behalf. He further agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time on the pleading and Complainant's evidence as noted by the Register.

Leonard C. Knowles

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Respondent.

Before me, the undersigned Notary personally appeared LEONARD C. KNOWLES who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing answer voluntarily with knowledge of its contents.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 14th day of October, 1944.

Mabel K. Wilson

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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versus

LEONARD G. KNOWLES,
Respondent.

ANSWER & WAIVER.

Handwritten signature
March 13-1944

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

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CIRCUIT COURT

TO Patricia F Lord,

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 Vivian J Knowles. and Floree Salter

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

Complainant
and Leonard C Knowles.

Defendant,
on oath to be by you administered, upon them,

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

Witness 12th day of Oct., 19 44



REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$ _____

Witness' Fees. \$ _____

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Complainant

VS.

Defendant

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

Witnesses:

Vivian J Knowles.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

Leonard C Knowles.

IN EQUITY
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,

and Testimony of Complainant. and Floree ^Dalter.

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver.

R. R. [Signature] Register.

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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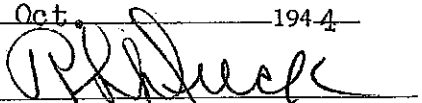
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Knowles.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 14th

day of Oct. 1944


Register.

VIVIAN K. KNOWLES,
Complainant,

vs

LEONARD C. KNOWLES,
Respondent.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

DEPOSITIONS OF VIVIAN K. KNOWLES AND FLOREE SALTER
WITNESSES FOR COMPLAINANT.

The above named witnesses, appearing before me at the time and place hereinafter stated, upon examination by the Solicitor for the Complainant, testified in substance as follows;

VIVIAN J. KNOWLES.

I am the Complainant in this cause and am twenty-one years of age. I live in Fairhope where I work and have lived in this County for more than five years past. My parents live a short distance out of town. Leonard C. Knowles is also over the age of twenty-one years but he has lived in Texas since August 1941 when we parted. We were married January 23rd 1939 and lived together until August 1941 when he left me and we have not lived together since nor has he done anything for my support or that of our son, Leonard Van Knowles who was born in October 1939 and who is now living with my mother, Mrs Harris Walley who with my father lives several miles East of Fairhope. I have to leave him with my parents as I have to work to support myself and to live near my work. I have lived continuously in Fairhope since my husband and I parted and am a bona fide resident of Alabama. My parents are very fond of my boy and take the best of care of him when I am not at home.

Vivian J. Knowles.

FLOREE SALTER

I am over the age of twenty-one years and am well acquainted with Mrs Vivian Knowles. I know of my personal knowledge that she and her husband live apart, she in Baldwin County and he somewhere out of the State and that he has done nothing for her support or that of their son since he left her a little over three years ago. My acquaintance with her is such that if he had done anything for her or had lived with her I would have known it. I know also that all she has testified to as set out above is true and that she has had a hard time of it since he left her and works hard for her own living.

Floree Salter.

CERTIFICATE

I, PATRICIA F. LORD, acting as commissioner by agreement of parties hereby certify that in the case of VIVIAN K. KNOWLES vs LEONARD G. KNOWLES, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, I caused VIVIAN K. KNOWLES and FLOREE SALTER, witnesses for complainant, to appear before me at my office in the Bank Building, Fairhope, Alabama, where, after being duly sworn, upon examination by the solicitor for the Complainant, she testified as is heretofore written, and her testimony, after being reduced to writing, was read over and signed by them, October 12, 1944.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to either party to the cause or in anywise interested in the result thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal as commissioner this the 13th day of October, 1944.

Patricia F. Lord
Commissioner.

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Patricia F. Lord
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NOTICE

The undersigned, being a duly sworn and qualified commissioner of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the testimony of VIVIAN K. KNOWLES and FLOREE SALTER, witnesses for complainant, in the case of VIVIAN K. KNOWLES vs LEONARD G. KNOWLES, pending on the Equity side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, as the same was read over and signed by them, October 12, 1944, and that the same was reduced to writing and signed by me, Patricia F. Lord, Commissioner, on the 13th day of October, 1944.

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

Come VIVIAN JUANITA KNOWLES, and by this her bill of complaint presented against LEONARD C. KNOWLES, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That Complainant and Defendant are both over the age of twenty-one years and she has been for more than three years next prior to this date a bona-fide resident of Baldwin County, now residing in Fairhope but Defendant, since he left Complainant in August 1941, has been a resident of Houston Texas where he now lives.

SECOND: That the parties hereto were married in January 31 1938 and lived together until the month of August 1941 when he left her and has since that date lived separate and apart from her without contributing anything to her support in that period. In this time she has been continuously a resident of Baldwin County.

THIRD: That there was born to this marriage on October 4th 1939 a son, Leonard Van who now lives with and is supported by Complainant's parents, Mr and Mrs Harris Walley who live near Fairhope. Complainant, who has to work to support herself because of her husband's abandonment, being unable to care for said child unaided.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that Leonard C. Knowles be made party defendant to this cause and by proper process required to answer this Bill within the time prescribed by law.

COMPLAINANT FURTHER PRAYS that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever divorcing her from Leonard C. Knowles, granting her the right to marry again should she so desire, the right to the care and custody of her child with provision for his support out of the estate of the Defendant and such other, further or different relief as to Equity may seem meet.

Clarence A. Rinkley
Solicitor for Complainant.