

DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court, In Equity

Lera Hinkley

, Complainant

vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

, 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 Lera Hinkley is forever divorced from the

said Mervin Christopher Hinkley for and on account of

abandonment. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court

that the Complainant do and she is hereby awarded the care, custody and

control of the said minor ^{children} Mervin Christopher Hinkley, age 9;

Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen

Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adrea Lanette Hinkley

age 1;

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 Lera Hinkley the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 16th day of March, 1952

J. J. Matthews, Jr.
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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The State of Alabama
BALDWIN COUNTY

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Lena Hinkley

Complainant

vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S-

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

BEST NEWSPAPER

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN
COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY
This the 20th day of August, 1951
LERA HINKLEY
NO. 2704

VS
MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Lera Hinkley that the Defendant Mervin Christopher Hinkley is a non-resident of the State of Alabama 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 Respondent the said Mervin Christopher Hinkley to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 20th day of September, 1951, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

ALICE J. DUCK
Register

C. LENOIR THOMPSON
Solicitor for Complainant

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Jimmy Faulkner, 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

Lera Hinkley

COST STATEMENT

156 WORDS @ 4 1/2 cents --- \$ 7.02
I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).

Jimmy Faulkner
Publisher.

Was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

Date of 1st publication Aug. 23, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 31

Date of 2nd publication Aug. 30, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 32

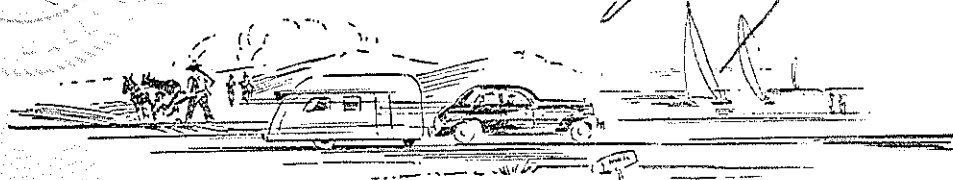
Date of 3rd publication Sept. 6, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 33

Date of 4th publication Sept. 13, 1951 Vol. 62 No. 34

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 13 day of Sept, 1951

Dorothy Martin
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Jimmy Faulkner
Publisher.



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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lera Hinkley

Vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Lera Winkley

Complainant

Vs.

Mervin Christopher Winkley

Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register Alice J. Duck that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 23rd day of August, 1951, 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 20th day of Aug 1951 and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register Alice J. Duck, that the said

Mervin Christopher Winkley

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 Alice J. Duck that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Mervin Christopher Winkley

This 5th day of March 1952

Alice J. Duck Register.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lern Hinkley

Vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

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Lena Hinkley

VS.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

Decree Pro Confesso on the Respondent and testimony of Lena Hinkley and
Martha Moorer.

and in behalf of Defendant upon _____

C. L. Hinkley

W. H. Hinkley

Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by LERA HINKLEY as Complainant and against MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 20th day of Aug., 1951.

Wm. J. Hinkle
Register.

LERA HINKLEY

COMPLAINANT

VS

MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE THOMAS J. WASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Your Complainant, Lera Hinkley, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his post office cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry; that his last known address was % Mrs. Virginia Bolduc, Route 6 Box 340 D, Walnut Creek, California.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Geneva, Alabama, on June 3, 1941, and lived together as husband and wife until January 17, 1950.

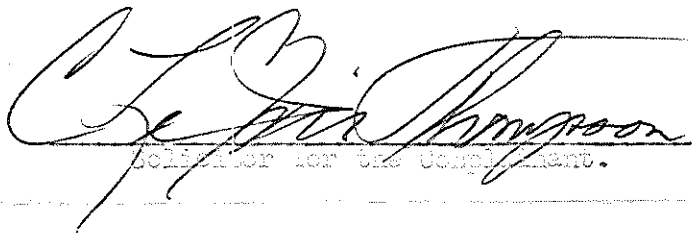
3.

That on or about January 17, 1950, while your Complainant and Respondent were living together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

There were born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent six children; Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; that the mother of said children is a suitable, fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of these children.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, 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.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the custody, care and control of the minor children, Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


C. G. Thompson
Attorney for the Complainant.

LESLA HINKLEY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

DELVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

RESPONDENT

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

RECORDED

From the law offices of
C. Lemoir Thompson
Bay Minette, Alabama

*Filed 8-20-51
Alice J. Duck, Register*

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama, Baldwin County, personally appeared LURA HINKLEY, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn according to law on oath doth depose and say that she is the Complainant in a certain cause being filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama; that the Respondent in said cause, MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and whose residence, after a search having been made with due diligence, is unknown according to the best information and belief of the Complainant and that your Complainant can not ascertain the particular place of residence and Post Office address of the Respondent after expending a reasonable effort, which has been made; that said Respondent is over the age of twenty-one years.

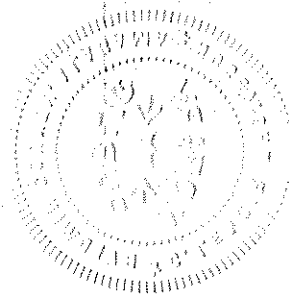
Lura Hinkley
Complainant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 18 day of August, 1951.

C. L. Thompson
Notary Public.

No. 2704

Filed: Alice J. Dachs
8-20-51-Register



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STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof to the bill of complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by LERA HINKLEY as Complainant and against MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 20th day of Aug, 1951.

Reice L. Hinch
Register.

LERA HINKLEY

COMPLAINANT

VS

MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

Your Complainant, Lera Hinkley, respectfully represents unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over twenty-one years of age; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his post office cannot be ascertained after a diligent search and inquiry; that his last known address was % Mrs. Virginia Bolduc, Route 6 Box 340 D, Walnut Creek, California.

2.

That your Complainant and the Respondent married at Geneva, Alabama, on June 3, 1941, and lived together as husband and wife until January 17, 1950.

3.

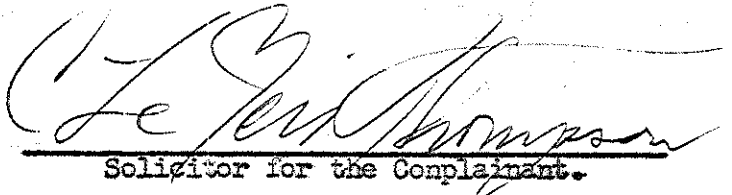
That on to-wit January 17, 1950, while your Complainant and Respondent were living together as husband and wife, in Baldwin County, Alabama, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of your Complainant and has remained away voluntarily and continuously since that time.

4.

There were born as fruits of this marriage between the Complainant and the Respondent six children; Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; that the mother of said children is a suitable, fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of these children.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper procedure make the said MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY, 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.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her and the Respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the custody, care and control of the minor children, Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.


Solicitor for the Complainant.

No 2204

There were born as fruits of this marriage between the complainant

and the respondent six children: Marvin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age

9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4;

Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; and

Lanette Hinkley, age 1; that the mother of said children is a suitable,

fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of these

children.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your complainant prays that

your Honor will by proper procedure make the said MARVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY JR.,

party respondent to this bill of complaint regarding 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.

Your complainant further prays that upon a hearing hereof, your

Honor will enter an order and decree granting to her an absolute decree

of divorce, forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between her

and the respondent; that a decree be made awarding to her the custody,

care and control of the minor children, Marvin Christopher Hinkley Jr.,

age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4;

Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; and Lanette

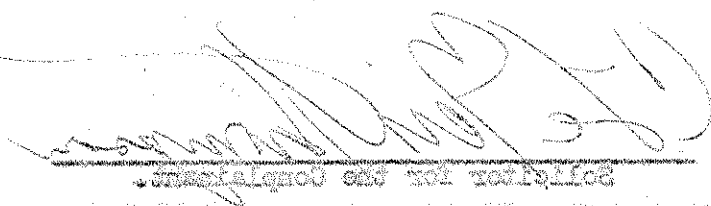
Hinkley, age 1; Your complainant prays for such other, further, different

or general relief as she may be in equity and good conscience entitled

to receive.

from the law offices of
C. Napoleon Thompson
Day, Mobile, Alabama

Filed 8-20-51
Alice J. Duck, Deputy


C. Napoleon Thompson
Solicitor for the complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Lars Hinkley

Complainant

Vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

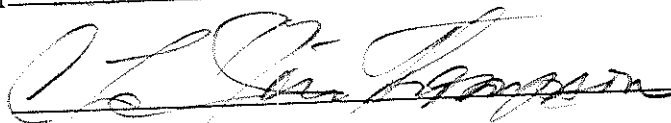
Mervin Christopher Hinkley

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 Defendant 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 14th day of March 19 52

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Solicitor.

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The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lore Winkley

Complainant _____

Vs.

Herwin Christopher Winkley

Defendant _____

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso
on Publication

Filed March 4 1952

Alice J. Duck

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Complainant

VS.

Respondent

I, Lyrleene Nixon

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lera Hinkley & Martha Moorer

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 3 day of March 19452, at the office of J. LeNoir Thompson 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 Lera Hinkley & Martha Moorer doth depose and say as follows:

That my name is Lera Hinkley, I am over the age of 21 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and have been for more than two years the next preceding, and the Respondent Mervin Christopher Hinkley is also over the age of 21 and is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, his last known post office address was returned.

We were married at Geneva, Alabama on June 3, 1941, and lived together as husband and wife until January 17, 1950, the Respondent voluntarily abandoned my bed and board without fault on my part, and has remained away every since, and we have not lived together as husband and wife since that day.

There were born as fruit of this marriage, six children, who ages are now: Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; they have all been within my care, custody and control since birth, and I believe that I am a suitable, fit, proper person to have the care, custody, and control of these children and since I have been responsible for them continually, I respectfully ask the Court to grant to me the Care, custody and control of these, my children.

Lera Hinkley

That my name is Martha Moorer, I know both parties to this cause they are both over the age of 21 and Mrs. Lera Hinkley is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and has been for more than 3 years the next preceding. The Respondent is over the age of 21, but is a non-resident of the state of Alabama for his last known address being in California, they were married at Geneva, Alabama on June 3, 1941, and lived together as husband and wife until January 17, 1950 when without fault of on Mrs. Lera Hinkley the Respondent voluntarily abandoned her and they have not lived together as husband and wife since that time, they have six children born of this marriage, Mervin Christopher Hinkley Jr., age 9; Dorothy Virginia Hinkley, age 8; Michael Carroll Hinkley, age 4; Stephen Lawrence Hinkley, age 3; Felix Edward Hinkley, age 2; Adria Lanette Hinkley, age 1; Mrs. Lera Hinkley has looked after these children and provided for them, and had them in her care, custody, and control continually and I believe she is a suitable, fit and proper person to have the Court grant her the permanent care, custody and control.

Martha Moorer

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lynleane Nixon, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness as and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself C. LeNoir Thompson

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness as or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness as; 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 7 day of March, 1942

Lynleane Nixon (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Lena Hinkley

vs. Complainant

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed _____, 1942

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MAR 5 1952

ALICE J. DUCK, Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

TO: Lyleene Nixon

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 Lera Hinkley and Martha Keener

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

_____, Complainant
and Mervin Christopher Hinkley

_____, Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon Lera Hinkley and Martha Keener
to take and certify the depositions of the witnesses and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 3rd day of March, 1952

Wm. J. Smith
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

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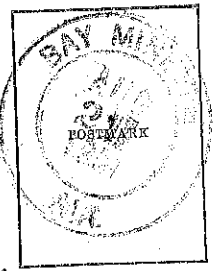
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

vs. Lora Hinkley

Complainant _____

vs.

Mervin Christopher Hinkley

Defendant _____

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

LELA HINKLEY

No. 2704

vs.

MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 20th day of

August, 1951

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of

LELA HINKLEY

that the Defendant MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant 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

Respondent the said MERVIN CHRISTOPHER HINKLEY

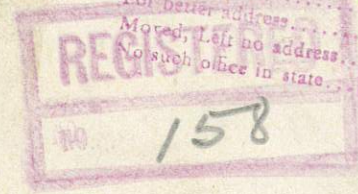
to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 20th day of September 1951, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him

Arcis L. LeNoir
Register.

C. LeNoir Thompson
Solicitor For Complainant

ALICE J. DUCK, Circuit Clerk

Baldwin County
BAY MINETTE, ALA.



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Mervin Christopher Hinkley,
c/o Mrs. Virginia Bolduc,
Rt. 6, Box 340 D,
Walnut Creek, California





Second Notice No Reply
To First Notice Mailed

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