

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

MARY STANTON HOWELL, Complainant

vs.

LOUIS B. HOWELL, Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on _____ 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 Mary Stanton Howell is forever divorced from the said Louis B. Howell for and on account of _____

ABANDONMENT

And the Court further decrees that the Plaintiff shall have the custody and control of Wiley Eugene Howell, an infant and that said Respondent shall pay to the Complainant the sum of \$25.00 per month as maintenance for said child.

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 Complainant in the above cause pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 14th day of April, 1949.

J. J. Mallory
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

MARY STANTON HOWELL

Complainant

vs.

LOUIS B. HOWELL

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

Filed 4-14-49
Alice J. French
Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Circuit Court

TO: Iona Hand

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 MARY STANTON HOWELL

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

_____, Complainant
and LOUIS B. HOWELL

_____, Respondent

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

Witness 2nd day of April, 194 9

Reece A. Smith
Register.

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

MARY STANTON HOWELL

COMPLAINANT

VS

LOUIS B. HOWELL

RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

I, LOUIS B. HOWELL, Respondent in the above styled causes, do hereby accept copy of the Original Bill of Complaint filed in this cause and waive any other or further services by the Sheriff.

I also waive all notice of filing of this bill and time of taking decree Pro Confesso.

I further waive notice of taking testimony and agree that this cause may proceed at once to final determination.

Louis B. Howell
RESPONDENT

Signed in my presence on this 25 day of March 1949.

My Commission Expires July 7, 1952

Joe P. Wray
NOTARY PUBLIC

ANSWER

Come the Respondent, Louis B. Howell, in the above titled cause and denies all the allegations contained in the Original Bill of Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

Louis B Howell
RESPONDENT

MARY STANTON HOWELL

COMPLAINANT

VS

LOUIS B. HOWELL

RESPONDENT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE
OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA, IN EQUITY SITTING:

Comes the Complainant, Mary Stanton Howell, who
shows unto your Honor the following state of facts:

1.

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

2.

That your Complainant and Respondent married at
Pascagoula, Mississippi, on May 24, 1943, and lived toget-
her as husband and wife until March 6, 1948.

3.

That on March 6, 1948, the Respondent voluntarily
abandoned the bed and board of the Complainant and has re-
mained away voluntarily and continuously since that time,
being at present temporarily out of the State at Veteran's
Training School.

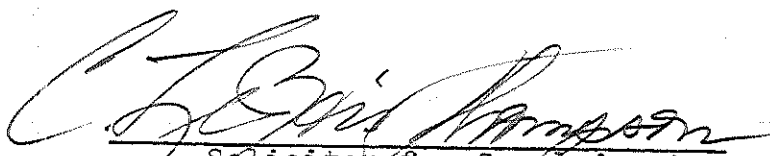
4.

That there was born to the Complainant and Respon-
dent one child, Wiley Eugene Howell, age 15 months, and his
mother, the Complainant, is suitable, fit and proper person
to have his care, custody and control.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process, make the said Louis B. Howell, party Respondent to this cause of action in order that Complainant may have the relief hereinafter prayed for, 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.

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That on final hearing of this cause, that Your Honor will grant unto her an absolute divorce, forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent, and at the time of rendering this decree, Your Honor will grant to your Complainant the care, custody and control of their infant son, Wiley Eugene Howell, with further understanding that the Respondent shall be permitted to visit his child at reasonable times; that Your Honor will grant to the Complainant maintenance for the child in the amount of \$25.00 per month and that upon a final hearing of this cause, that Your Honor will render a decree granting your Complainant permanent maintenance for their child aforesaid and that a suitable property division having been made, your Complainant prays for such other further or general relief to which she may be entitled.


Solicitor for Complainant

[Handwritten signature]
 Solicitor for Complainant

General relief to which she may be entitled.

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 their child store and shall anticipate property division pay-
 a decree granting your Complainant permanent maintenance for
 upon a final hearing of this cause, that your Honor will render
 sentence for the child in the amount of \$32.00 per month and that

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Complaint

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and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of
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 Complainant may have the relief hereinbefore prayed for, return-
 Howell, hereby Respondent to this cause of action in order that
 that your Honor will by proper process, make the said Louis B.

WHEREFORE, THE PETITIONER COMPLAINANT, your Complainant prays

BY ATTY

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RESPONDENT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

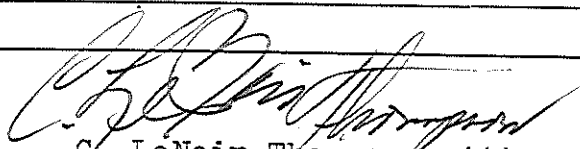
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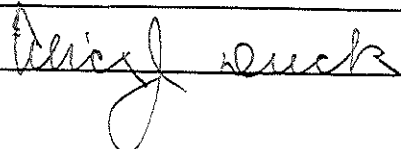
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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

and oral deposition of Mary Stanton Howell and Hattie S. Wallace

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer and Waiver


C. LeNoir Thompson, Atty.


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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 5th

day of April, 1949

David J. Luck
Register.

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Complainant

vs.

LOUIS B. HOWELL

Defendant

Oral examination before the Register of the following witnesses:

Mary Stanton Howell and Hattie S. Wallace

who reside in Alabama, said examination being conducted in Bay Minette Alabama,
on this the 2 day of April, 1949, and there being present _____

The said ~~Witnesses~~ being first sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
testified as follows:

That my name is Hattie Wallace, that I live in about seven miles of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, and that I am over the age of twenty-one years. That I know both parties to this suit, and they are both over the age of twenty one years and were residents of Baldwin County at the time of the separation, which occurred during the first part of March 1948. Louis Howell has not lived with Mary S. Howell during the past year nor has he contributed to her support, so far as I have any knowledge. Mary and Louis ran away and married in Pascagoula, Miss in 1943.

Hattie S. Wallace

That my name is Mary Stanton Howell, and that I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and am over the age of twenty-one years. the Respondent, Louis B. Howell is also a resident of Alabama and we both have resided in Alabama more than two years next preceding. We were married in Pascagoula, Miss, in 1943, and lived as husband and wife until March 6, or about that date, in 1948, at which time my husband abandoned me, and we have not lived together as man and wife since that time. There was born to us a son, Wiley Eugene Howell, on December 12, 1947, and I have cared for and maintained my son since we were abandoned. I would like to have the custody and control of my son, and I need \$25.00 a month toward the expense of maintaining him.

Mary Stanton Howell

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The State of Alabama,

 COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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Louis B. Howell

Defendant,

**DEPOSITION TAKEN BEFORE REGISTER ON
ORAL EXAMINATION**

Deposition of

for

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