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

LEONARD A. RICHARDSON

Complainant

VS

PEGGY CATHERINE RICHARDSON

Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, ~~Decree Pro Confesso~~  
on 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 Leonard A. Richardson  
is forever divorced from the said

Peggy Catherine Richardson

for and on account of Voluntary Abandonment

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Respondent, Peggy  
Catherine Richardson, shall have custody of the child, Ronald Leonard Richardson,  
and that Complainant, Leonard A. Richardson, shall have the right of reasonable  
visitation.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Complainant, Leonard A.  
Richardson, shall pay Thirty Five (35) Dollars per month hereafter for the  
support of said child, Ronald Leonard Richardson.

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 either party  
be, and is hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of  
this suit.

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

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 19 44.

F. W. Hare  
Judge Circuit Court, in Equity.

I, R.S. 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 19 day  
of December, 19 44.

R.S. Duck  
Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

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**The State Of Alabama**

**Baldwin County**

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**DIVORCE DECREE**

LEONARD RICHARDSON

vs.

PEGGY CATHERINE RICHARDSON

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
And Testimony of Leonard A. Richardson and C. Wheatley Cleveland

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer & waiver

R.S. Duck

Register.

No. 1239

**The State of Alabama**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

**IN EQUITY**  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

LEONARD A. RICHARDSON

VS.

PEGGY CATHERINE RICHARDSON

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY**

Filed in Open Court this 16<sup>th</sup>

day of Dec 1934

*R. M. [Signature]*

REGISTER

Leonard A. Richardson  
Complainant

vs

Peggy Catherine Richardson  
Respondent

) Circuit Court

) Baldwin County

) Alabama

) In Equity.

Comes Peggy Catherine Richardson, Respondent in the above titled cause, and, for answer to the Bill of Complaint therein, says that she denies each and every allegation therein contained.

Further, Respondent waives notice of demand for oral examination of Complainants' witnesses, the issue of formal commission to take testimony, notice of the time and place for taking same and the right to cross examine or introduce evidence in her own behalf and agrees that this cause may be submitted for final decree at any time without further notice to Respondent on the pleadings and Complainants' evidence as noted by the register. This waiver is conditioned upon Respondent being given the permanent care, custody and control of her minor child, and alimony of \$35.00 per month for the support of said child, in the judgment rendered herein.

*Peggy Catherine Richardson*

State of Louisiana

*Parish of Orleans*

Personally appeared Peggy Catherine Richardson, who is known to me, and she acknowledged that she voluntarily executed the foregoing answer and waiver with full knowledge of its contents.

Given under my hand and official seal this *30* day of *December*, 1944.

*Bernstett C. B. Bond*  
Notary Public

My commission expires *at death*

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Arson and Wages

Richard  
v

Richard

July 16 1944  
Richard  
Preston

Leonard A. Richardson	:	In Equity
Complainant	:	
	:	Circuit Court
vs	:	
	:	Baldwin County
Peggy Catherine Richardson	:	
Respondent	:	Alabama.

To the Honorable Francis W. Hare, Judge of said Court, sitting in Equity:

Comes Your Complainant, Leonard A. Richardson, a respectfully exhibits this, His Bill of Complaint against Peggy Catherine Richardson, and shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: Complainant and Respondent, both of whom are of legal age, inter-married on June 22nd 1939 at Gretna, Louisiana.

Second: Complainant has been a resident of the State of Alabama for more than three years past, presently residing in Baldwin County.

Third: On May 20th 1943, Respondent voluntarily abandoned Complainant and has continued said abandonment with total neglect of the marital covenant on her part ever since.

Fourth: There was born to said marriage a child, Ronald Leonard Richardson, now aged three years.

The premises considered, Complainant prays Your Honor to grant all appropriate and legal process and that same be directed to said Peggy Catherine Richardson demanding her to personally appear before this Honorable Court within the time prescribed by law and to then and there answer to the several paragraphs of this Complaint and that she be required to obey all orders and decrees of this Court which to Your Honor may seem meet and proper.

Complainant further prays, upon the hearing of this cause, that a decree be rendered forever divorcing him from said Peggy Catherine Richardson, granting him the right to remarry should he so desire and granting him such other, additional and different relief as may be or appear proper in the premises.

Leonard A. Richardson  
Complainant

E. G. Craver  
Solicitor for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
(In Equity)

Leonard A. Richardson Complainant

VS.

Peggy Catherine Richardson Respondent

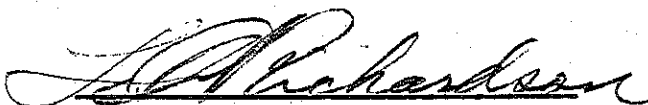
I, Frances G. Crawford

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Leonard A. Richardson and C. Wheatley Cleveland

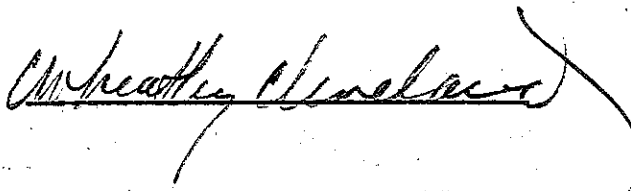
witness ~~es~~ named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 8th day of December 1944, at the office of E. A. Cramer, Attorney in Fairhope, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness ~~es~~ to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Leonard A. Richardson doth depose and say as follows:

My wife and I were married on June 22nd 1939, at Gretna, Louisiana. I am 24 years of age and my wife is past 21. More than three years ago, we moved into Alabama and I have lived in Alabama ever since, at present living in Fairhope, Baldwin County. We have a son, Ronald Leonard Richardson who is now 3 years of age. On May 20th 1943, my wife took the boy and left me, returning to Louisiana. She had threatened to do this for some time prior to that date. She wanted me to give her more money than I was capable of earning and constantly complained and nagged about that. For months, since she left me, I have tried to get her to come back but she has stated over and over again that she never would do so. I am willing that she have custody of the boy provided I may have the right to visit him at reasonable times. I am also willing to pay \$35.00 per month for the support of the boy.



And the said C. Wheatley Cleveland doth depose and say as follows:

I have been a resident of Fairhope, Alabama, upwards of two years. I have known Leonard A. Richardson for more than one year past. I know that he has lived in Fairhope during all of that time and that his wife has not returned to him or lived with him during all of that time. I know that he travelled to New Orleans some months ago in an effort to get his wife to return here but that she did not come back.





**ORAL EXAMINATION.**

I, Frances G. Crawford, 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 es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself \_\_\_\_\_

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 witnesses—; 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 8th day of December, 1944.

Frances G. Crawford (L. S.)

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BALDWIN COUNTY

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**Oral Deposition**

Filed 12-14, 1944

Frances G. Crawford  
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