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HONORABLE JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT,
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

In Equity sitting.

Comes William F. Korte and humbly complaining against Johanna

Korte and respectfully shows unto Your Honor as follows:

First: That your Complainant is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where he has resided for more than three years continuously next preceding filing of this bill; that Johanna Korte is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Elgin, Illinois, and her post office address is care of the Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois.

Second; That your Complainant and said Johanna Korte are husband and wife, having intermarried June 12, 1912, at Elgin, Illinois; that as husband and wife they moved to Foley, Alabama, on, to-wit: the 20th day of January, 1922; that on December 29, 1922, the said Johanna Korte voluntarily abandoned your Complainant and they have not lived together as husband and wife since said date; that your complainant was without fault in said abandonment.

Wherefore your Complainant prays this Honorable Court to take jurisdiction of cause made by this bill of complaint, that the said Johanna Korte be made party defendant to the bill of complaint and by appropriate process be required to plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time and under the usual penalties prescribed by law and practiced by this Honorable Court.

The Complainant further prays that upon final hearing of this cause made by this bill of complaint Your Honor will make and enter a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Complainant and said Johanna Korte; that he have such other further or different relief as to this court in equity and good conscience seem proper.

Lickarley Beebe Hall
Attorneys for Complainant

The Defendant, Johanna Korte, is required to answer every allegation of foregoing complaint, paragraph one to three inclusive, but not under oath. Oath is hereby expressly waived.

Richard Beebe Hall
Attorneys for Complainant

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, Ursula Oscar, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, this day personally appeared W. C. Beebe, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is counsel for William F. Korte, Complainant in the cause of William F. Korte vs. Johanna Korte, in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, for divorce; that he is informed and believes that the said Johanna Korte is over the age of twenty one years and a resident of Elgin, Illinois, her Post Office address being in care of the Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois; and upon such information and belief says that the said Johanna Korte is over the age of twenty one years, a resident of Elgin Illinois, her Post Office address being Johanna Korte, in care of the Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois.

W C Beebe

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of
October, 1925

Ursula Oscar
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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William Bonte

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Johanna Bonte

Divorce

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama,

William Korte

Complainant

No. 539 vs.

Johanna Korte

Respondent

No. 539.

In Circuit Court,

In Equity

IN THIS CAUSE comes the Complainant,

by his solicitor and submits the same for final decree

decree upon the Original Bill and exhibits thereto decree pro confesso.

, and upon the following testimony, to-wit:

Will F. Korte and A. N. Keller, and Andrew Druttenthaner,

I hereby certify that the above note of Testimony is correct.

This 29th day of December, 1925.

Tom Riechers
Register.

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No. 437

The State of Alabama

Blount County

Circuit Court in Equity

William Koste

Complainant

vs.

Johanna Kosti

Respondent

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed 29 day of Dec, 1920

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William Korte

vs.

Johanna Korte

CIRCUIT COURT OF

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN EQUITY.

I, T.W. Richerson, Register of said Court, do hereby certify that I

did, on the 5th day of November 1925 send to

Johanna Korte

Defendant.

whose address was Elgin, Illinois

by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom addressed," a copy of the Bill

of Complaint filed in this cause; that I demanded a return receipt addressed to the Register of this Court; and that such

receipt was duly received and filed by me in this cause, on the 16 day of November, 1925

Witness my hand, this 29th day of December, 1925

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CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY.
IN EQUITY.

William Koste

vs.

Johanna Koste

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER AS TO NOTICE
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

Filed in office on this

29th

day of

Dec

1925

T. V. Richardson

Register.

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8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE & CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 649 Vacation Term, 1925

William Korte, Complainant...

vs.

Johanne Korte, Defendant...

To J. M. Richardson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by Hon. H. M. Hall,

..... Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Richard Beebe Stiles
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

William Koste

VS.

Johanna Koste

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

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G. M. McCumson
Register

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Register

Elgin, Ill., August 24, 1926.

Mr. J. H. Richardson,
Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Register in Chancery,
Bay Minnette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

As per your advice of August 19th, a "decree of divorce" was granted to William F. Korte, of Baldwin County, Alabama, from Johanna Korte, under date of January 14, 1926.

Enclosed please find One Dollar (\$1.00) in currency, for which kindly forward an exact copy of above mentioned decree of divorce to the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Johanna Korte,
Elgin National House,
Elgin, Illinois.

Copy mailed
Aug 28/1926

William Korte

vs.

Johanna Korte,

CIRCUIT COURT OF
Baldwin County.

IN EQUITY.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register that on the 5th,
day of November, 1925, a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause was
sent to Johanna Korte, Elgin, Illinois,

Defendant, by registered mail, postage prepaid, marked "For delivery only to the person to whom
addressed," and return receipt demanded addressed to the Register of this Court; and that on the
16th day of November, 1925, such receipt was duly
received and filed in this cause:

And it further appearing to the Register that the said Defendant has failed to plead, answer
or demur to the said Bill to the date hereof, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered,
adjudged and decreed by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is in all
things taken as confessed against the said

Johanna Korte,

Defendant

This the 21st, day of December, 1925.

T. W. Reardon Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALA.

In Equity.

William Korte

vs.

Johanna Korte,

Decree Pro Confesso After
Notice By Registered Mail.

Filed in office this 21st day of
December, 1925

T. W. R. [Signature] Register

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8601 Motion for Decree Pro Confesso on Publication ~~on~~ on serve by Reg Mail,

The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 539 Vacation, Term, 1925

William Korte

Complainants

vs.

Johanna Korte,

Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against

Johanna Korte

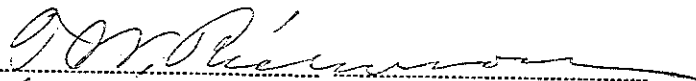
Defendant

Service

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication
by Registered mail,
was made under the order of the Court, and a 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 19th day of December, 1925

746 Code.



Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

William Korte

Complainants.

Vs.

Johanna Korte

Defendants.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PUBLICATION.

Filed Dec 19th 1923

D. W. Harrison

Register.

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Baldwin Times Print, Bay Minette.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama--GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon.....

Johanna Korte,

Elgin, Illinois,

of Elgin, Ill ~~& Co. & Co.~~ County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by William F. Korte,

against said.....

Johanna Korte,

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 4th day of

Nov 1925

T. W. Richerson Register.

N. B.— Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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SERVE ON.....

**Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.**

No.

SUMMONS

William F. Korte,

vs.

Johanna Korte,

Elgin, Ill.,

Richardby, Beebe & Hall.

Solicitor for Complainant

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.**

Received in office this

day of 192

Sheriff.

Executed this day of

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by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Defendant.

Sheriff.

By Deputy Sheriff.

*Copy of Bill Summons
Sent by Reg mail
to Johanna Korte
Elgin Ill.
Nov 5th 1925 -
J. M. Williams
Register*

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 539 CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

William Korte Complainant

vs.

Johanna Korte Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of 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 the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

On account of voluntary abandonment,

It is further ordered, that the said William Korte be, and he is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said William Korte pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then execution for such costs may issue against the said Johanna Korte

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said William Korte shall not again marry except to said Johanna Korte until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said Johanna Korte during the pendency of said appeal

This 14th day of January 1926
John D. Leigh
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the day of 192, in the cause of Complainant

vs.

Defendant as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the day of 192

Register.

No. 539.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

William Korte

vs.

Johanna Korte

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this

18th

day of

January, 1926

T. W. Richardson

Register.

E. O. M.

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The State of Alabama, } Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
Baldwin County. (In Equity.)

William F. Korte Complainant.

VS.

Johanna Korte Respondent.

I, T. W. Richerson

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me William F. Korte, A. W. Keller and Andrew Druttenthaner

witness named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 29 day of December 1925, at the office of T. W. Richerson in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said William F. Korte doth depose and say as follows:

My name is William F. Korte. I am the complainant in the case of William F. Korte vs. Johanna Korte now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, for divorce. I am a resident of Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, and have been for more than three years continuously next preceding the filing of the bill in this cause. I am over the age of twenty-one years. The respondent Johanna Korte, is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident of Elgin, Illinois. The respondent, Johanna Korte, and myself are husband and wife, having intermarried at Elgin, Illinois, on June 12, 1912. We moved to Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, on to-wit January 20, 1922 and lived together as man and wife in Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, until on December 29, 1922 when the respondent, Johanna Korte, voluntarily went away and left the complainant and she has remained away voluntarily and continuously since the day she left and without any cause whatever on the part of the complainant. During the whole time we lived together as man and wife I at no time mistreated the said Johanna Korte in any way and always supplied her with what she wished so far as my means would permit and at all times treated her as best I knew how. She went away and left me without any cause on my part and has remained away continuously since that time and although I have written her several letters she has ignored them and failed to answer.

W. F. Korte

..... A. W. Keller, a witness for the Complainant, being duly sworn testifies as
..... follows:.. My name is A. W. Keller. I am a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.
..... I have known Mr. William F. Korte for the past four years. I knew him during
..... the time that he and Mrs. Johanna Korte lived together as man and wife in
..... Baldwin County, Alabama... They lived about one mile from where I lived....
..... I saw them almost daily and talked with them and during the whole time that
..... I knew them I at no time heard Mrs. Johanna Korte complain in any way that
..... Mr. Korte was mistreating her or giving her any cause for leaving. She at
..... no time mentioned the fact to me that she was going away.. During the whole
..... time I have known Mr. Korte I at all times found him to be very agreeable,
..... During the whole time that I knew Mr. and Mrs. Korte as husband and wife I
..... at no time heard any ^{one} say anything about any disagreement between her and Mr.
..... Korte... Mrs. Korte went away and left Mr. Korte some time about three years
..... ago and that since that time they have not lived together as man and wife in
..... Baldwin County, Alabama.....

A. W. Keller

..... Andrew Druttenthaner, a witness for the Complainant, being duly sworn
..... testifies as follows:.. My name is Andrew Druttenthaner. I am a resident of
..... Baldwin County, Alabama... I have lived near Foley for more than three years.
..... I have known Mr. Korte during the whole time I have lived in Baldwin County,
..... Alabama... I live near where he and Mrs. Korte lived together as man and wife
..... and often saw them and talked with them and at no time during my acquaintance
..... did I hear Mrs. Korte say that Mr. Korte mistreated her in any way but it seemed
..... that they at all times lived together agreeably and that Mr. Korte always
..... supplied her to the best of his ability. Mrs. Korte went away and left Mr.
..... Korte about three years ago and that since that time they have not lived
..... together as man and wife. During the whole time that I have known Mr. Korte
..... I have at all times found him very agreeable and easy to get along with.

Andrew Druttenthaner

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, T. W. Richerson, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition is on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witnesses and read over to them and they signed the same in the presense of myself Wm H Hall, Atty for Complainant 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 29th day of December 1925.

T. W. Richerson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs. Complainant

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed Dec 28th, 1925

T. W. Richerson, Register.

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