

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, IN CHANCERY:

PATRICIA HARVEY WHITTED,

CASE # 42507-58-481

Plaintiff,

vs-

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

BELDEN OMER WHITTED,

Defendant,

Comes now the plaintiff by her undersigned Attorney and files this her complaint for divorce and thereupon complaining shows unto the Court;

1- That plaintiff and defendant were legally married at Englewood Florida on the 24th day of September 1952, and thereafter lived and cohabited together as husband and wife until the 11th day of June 1954, at which latter date defendant deserted plaintiff at Englewood Florida and since that time there has been no reconciliation between the parties.

2- Plaintiff has been a resident of Florida for more than 90 days last past before suit filed, and the defendant is a non-resident of Florida, having his residence and place of abode at 3106 Center Street, Lake Charles, La., and has been absent from the State of Florida since the 11th day of June 1954, at which date he departed this jurisdiction for his present place of abode at 3106 Center St., Lake Charles, La.

3- No child was born to the parties as a result of this marriage.

4- Plaintiff charges that defendant is possessed of a violent and ungovernable temper which he indulged in against plaintiff habitually, and was extremely cruel to her, in that, he frequently and continually stayed away from home late hours at night without informing plaintiff where he was going, where he had been, or what he had done, or give any account of his activities during his absence, and invariably he traveled on a motor-cycle and was a reckless rider, and plaintiff lived in mental distress, lest defendant would wreck his motor-cycle and be killed or gravely injured.

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5- Defendant was habitually intemperate and of a very jealous temperament and when intoxicated he was abusive to plaintiff, and falsely accused her of being unfaithful to him and repeatedly threatened her with violence and kept her constantly under fear that he would do her bodily harm.

Plaintiff further shows that the mistreatment which she suffered at the hands of plaintiff as above stated rendered her most miserable destroyed her affection for defendant and rendered further performance of her marriage duties repulsive and impossible of full performance and thus her life has been rendered a misery and a burden and her health has been greatly impaired and she can no longer endure defendant's extreme cruelty and misbehavior and a reconciliation between the parties impossible.

WHEREFORE plaintiff prays a complete divorce from defendant, and that she be restored to her former name of Patricia Harvey.

Frank Redd  
Frank Redd, Atty. for Pl.,  
P.O.Box 543, Sarasota, Fla.

Patricia Harvey Whitted  
Patricia Harvey Whitted, Plaintiff-

STATE OF FLORIDA      ss  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Before me the undersigned authority personally came on this 16th day of September 1954, Patricia Harvey Whitted, who, being by me first duly sworn deposes and says, that she has read and signed the within suit for divorce and the contents thereof are true.

Deponent further says that the defendant, Belden Omer Whitted, is a non-resident of Florida, having his residence and abode at 3106 Center St., Lake Charles, La., and the said defendant has been absent from the State of Florida for more than 60 days last past before suit filed.

Deponent further says that the residence and address of the defendant, Belden Omer Whitted, is given as correctly as known after diligent effort and inquiry to ascertain the same.

Deponent further says that the said defendant is over the age of twenty-one years and there is no person in the State of Florida the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind him.

Patricia Harvey Whitted  
Patricia Harvey Whitted

SUBSCRIBED & SWORN to before me,  
at Sarasota, County and State aforesaid,  
the day and year above written:

Wesley M. Sade My commission expires 8/21/56  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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Defendant.

*45201-28-481*

FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE

This cause coming on for final hearing before the Court,  
after the entry of Decree Pro Confesso for failure of the  
defendant to appear or defend said cause as required by law,  
And the court having taken the testimony of plaintiff and of  
*Mrs Ger. Bloomer*, her corroborating witness,  
and it appearing therefrom that the equities of the cause are  
with plaintiff, as alleged in her complaint upon grounds of  
Extreme Cruelty;

. It is thereupon CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED,  
that Patricia Harvey Whitted, do have, and she is hereby  
granted a complete divorce from the defendant, Belden Omer  
Whitted.

DONE AND ORDERED AT CHAMBERS IN THE COURT HOUSE AT BARTOW  
FLORIDA, ON THIS THE *12th* DAY OF NOVEMBER 1954.

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*D. O. Rogers*  
D. O. ROGERS, CIRCUIT JUDGE

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D H SLOAN, JR, CLK Ct Ct  
BY *D.S.*