

JAMES NELSON BLOODWORTH

Associate Justice - 1968-1980

BORN: January 21, 1921; Decatur, Alabama
DIED: December 28, 1980; Birmingham, Alabama

James Nelson Bloodworth graduated from the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration in 1942. After serving in the United States Army Infantry during World War II, he returned to the University of Alabama School of Law, graduating in 1947.

During the first decade of his legal career, Bloodworth practiced law in Decatur. He also served as judge of the Recorder's Court for that city from 1948 to 1951. In 1958 he was elected circuit judge for the eighth judicial circuit. He was reelected in 1964.

In November 1968 Judge Bloodworth was elected associate justice of the Supreme Court to complete the term of Justice John L. Goodwyn. As a candidate, he visited every courthouse in the state. He was elected to a full term in 1970 and reelected in 1976, retiring in September 1980 due to health problems.

Justice Bloodworth was co-chairman of the Circuit Judges Seminars Committee; chairman of the Alabama Pattern Jury Instructions Committee; co-author of the ***Index to the Official Proceedings of the Alabama Constitutional Convention of 1901***; and lecturer for numerous national and state organizations.

James Nelson Bloodworth married Jean Gregg of Decatur. They had three children.