

JAMES NELSON BLOODWORTH

Associate Justice: 1968-1980

BORN: January 21, 1921; Decatur, Alabama

DIED: December 28, 1980; Birmingham, Alabama



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A native of Decatur, Alabama, James Nelson Bloodworth attended Decatur public and Athens College in Athens. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration. In 1947, he earned his LL.B. from the University of Alabama School of Law. Bloodworth joined the Army during World War II as a private in 1943, and was separated from service as a Captain, Infantry, in 1964.

Bloodworth practiced law from 1947-1958 in partnership with Joe Calvin. In 1958, he was elected circuit judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. He remained in this position until November 1968 when he was elected associate justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama to complete the term of Justice John L. Goodwyn. He was elected to full term in 1970 and reelected in 1976. He retired in 1980 due to health issues. Justice Bloodworth was a co-author of the *Index to the Official Proceedings of the Alabama Constitutional Convention of 1901*.

Bloodworth married Jean Gregg of Decatur. They had three daughters: Catherine Shelton, Sandra Shelton, and Jean Marguerite.

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