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Thelma Kaufman Neal

James Marshall Neal

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Deputy Clerk

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JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Orancery Branch

Division

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

Plaintiff,

vs-

PETITION IN EQUITY.

James Marshal Neal,

Defendant.

Plaintiff, Thelma Kaufman Neal, states she and defendant intermarried and became wife and husband in Louisville, Kentucky of or about June 16th, 1920; that they have been since said time, and are now wife and husband.

Plaintiff states she and defendant have been actual residents of Kentucky continuously for more than one year next before the filing of this action, and usually reside in Jefferson County.

Plaintiff states that her cause of action occurred in Kentucky, within five years next before the filing of this action.

Plaintiff states that, without like or any fault on her part, the defendant herein has habitually behaved towards her for not less than six months in such cruel and inhuman manner as to indicate a settled aversion toward her, or such as to destroy permanently her peace and happiness.

Plaintiff states she has not been divorced before.

Petition filed summons and copies issued. Jan 20 1934. JOHN H. ALSEWILLER, Clerk. By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

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WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Thelma Kaufman Neal,  
prays for a judgment of absolute divorce from the bonds of  
matrimony with defendant, for her costs, including an  
attorney's fee, and for all proper relief to which she may  
appear entitled.

*Ray L. Simpson*  
Counsel for plaintiff.

Thelma Kaufman Neal, plaintiff herein, states  
that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are  
true.

*Thelma Kaufman Neal*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Thelma  
Kaufman Neal this 21st day of June, 1933. My commission expires  
December 10th, 1935.

*Louise Lyons*  
Notary Public,  
Jefferson County, Ky.

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NO. 234,583  
*M. F. Kaufman*

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Chancery Branch

Division

Plaintiff,

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

vs- INTERROGATORIES FOR PLAINTIFF.

James Marshal Neal,

Defendant.

INTERROGATORIES ADDRESSED TO BLANCHE KAUFMAN, 336 KENILWORTH ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND M. F. KAUFMAN, BUECHEL, KENTUCKY, WHICH WITH ANSWERS THERETO ARE TO BE READ AS EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF ON THE HEARING OF THE ABOVE STYLED ACTION.

1. Please state your name. How long have you known plaintiff and defendant? When and where were they married?
2. How long have plaintiff and defendant lived in Kentucky next before the filing of this action? Where do they usually reside?
3. Did or not plaintiff's cause of action occur or exist in Kentucky, within five years next before the filing of this action?
4. State any acts, if any, of cruelty on the part of defendant toward plaintiff, whether or not his conduct was such as to indicate a settled aversion toward her, or such as to destroy permanently her peace and happiness. How long was plaintiff treated by defendant in that manner? How did plaintiff treat defendant? Who was to blame for any trouble between them?

1954 *Jan 11*  
Interrogatories filed

Attest: *[Signature]*  
JCSH  
By: *[Signature]*  
Clerk

*[Signature]*  
Counsel for plaintiff.

NO. 234,583

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Chancery Branch

Division

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

Plaintiff

vs-

AGREED ORDER.

James Marshall Neal,

Defendant

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The defendant, James Marshall Neal, enters his appearance herein, and waives setting at rules, notice of filing interrogatories, notice of taking depositions and submission, and agrees that interrogatories may be filed and proof taken immediately, and that upon the filing of the recommendations of the Commissioner herein this case may be, and is hereby submitted in chief.

*James Marshall Neal*  
Defendant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by James Marshall Neal  
this 5th day of January, 1934. My commission expires December 10th,  
1935.

FILED IN COURT  
8/19/34  
JOHN W. MILLER, Clerk  
*John W. Miller*  
Deputy Clerk

*Louise Dymal*  
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Ky.

NO. 234,583

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Chancery Branch

1934 Depo for Plaintiff

Rec'd from *Blanche Kaufman* Division

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

vs-

James Marshall Neal;

N.P.J.C. Ky. before whom taken and filed

Attest: JOHN H. ALSMILLER, Clerk

Plaintiff

By *J. H. Keury*  
Deputy Clerk

Defendant

DEPOSITIONS FOR PLAINTIFF.

Deposition of Blanche Kaufman taken on January 12th, 1934 at 235 S. Fifth Street, Louisville, Kentucky, to be read as evidence in behalf of plaintiff on the hearing of the above styled action, neither party, agent nor attorney being present at the examination of said witness; said witness being duly sworn, deposed as follows :

1. Blanche Kaufman. I have known the plaintiff all her life, and have known the defendant about fifteen years. They married in Louisville, Kentucky June 16th, 1920.
2. Plaintiff has lived in Kentucky all her life, and the defendant has lived in Kentucky during the fifteen years I have known him. They usually reside in Jefferson County.
3. Her cause of action occurred in Kentucky, within five years next before this suit was filed.
4. He was very indifferent, and preferred to be with other people than with his own wife, occasionally he went out with the plaintiff but then he embarrassed her by ignoring her and being very indifferent in the presence of others. He criticized almost everything she did, and found fault with everything she did or suggested doing. If she had friends visit her he would walk out and leave, and did not seem to care whether it humiliated her or not.

We lived in the same apartment building, and I know he stayed out late at night leaving her home alone, he left her alone too much of the time. His conduct plainly indicated an aversion to her which destroyed her peace and happiness. He treated her in this manner for several years, she always treated him the best she could, tried to help him in every way she could and did not want to break up her home and lived with him as long as she could possibly do so. She was not to blame for his treatment of her in any way.

INTERROGATORIES BY CLERK.

1. 60 years of age, 336 Kenilworth Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Housekeeper.
2. My statements are made from personal knowledge.
3. I have no interest in this case.
4. This is all I have to state.

INTERROGATORIES BY COUNTY ATTORNEY.

1. When this suit was filed they lived in Kentucky, and plaintiff has been a resident of Kentucky all her life.
2. My statements are made from personal knowledge.
3. They have not been married or divorced before.

*Pauline Kaufman*

Also the depositions of M. F. Kaufman taken at the same time and place, same action and behalf, neither party, agent nor attorney being present at the examination.

Witness being duly sworn according to law, in answer to the interrogatories hereto attached, deposes and says :

1. M. F. Kaufman, I have known plaintiff all my life, and have known defendant about fifteen years. They were married in Louisville, Kentucky June 18th, 1920.
2. Plaintiff has lived in Kentucky all her life, and defendant has lived in Kentucky during the fifteen years I have known him. They usually reside in Jefferson County, Ky.
3. Plaintiff's cause of action occurred in Kentucky and within five years next before the filing of this action.
4. For the past year he has gone out alone at nights, he refused to take her with him and refused to go anywhere with her. I have seen him ignore her, I have heard him criticize her, nothing she did pleased him, and he found fault with everything.

If she had any friends visit her he would leave, and caused her much humiliation before her friends by acting this way. He did not have any consideration for her at all, and continually embarrassed her by ignoring her in the presence of others. His conduct plainly indicated he had an aversion toward her which permanently destroyed her peace and happiness. I have heard him say he did not care anything about her, and caused her much unhappiness by criticizing her and leaving her at nights and ignoring her. Sometimes he did not get home until two or three o'clock in the mornings and always spent his Sundays away from her.

He has treated her in this way for at least a year, without any fault on her part. She was a good wife to him, always had his meals and clothes ready, and tried to make a good home for him. She gave him no reason for acting as he did, and was not to blame for his treatment of her.

INTERROGATORIES BY CLERK.

1. 39 years of age, Route 2, Muechel, Ky. Contractor.
2. My statements are made from personal knowledge.
3. I have no interest in this case.
4. This is all I have to state.

INTERROGATORIES BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. When this suit was filed both parties lived in Louisville, Ky. They have lived in Kentucky ever since I have known them.
2. My statements are made from personal knowledge.
3. Neither of them have been divorced before.

M. F. Kaufman

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

I, Louise Flynn, Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, my commission as such expiring December 10th, 1935, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Blanche Kaufman and M. F. Kaufman were taken before me at the time and place and in the action mentioned in the caption; that the said witnesses were first duly sworn by me according to law; that said depositions were written by me in the presence of said witnesses, read by them and subscribed to by them in my presence, neither agent nor attorney nor party being present at the examination of said witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature this 10th day of January, 1934. My commission expires December 10th, 1935.

Louise Flynn  
Notary Public, Jefferson County,  
Ky.

INTERROGATORIES BY CLERK

1. What is your age, occupation...



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# INTERROGATORIES

—BY—

COUNTY ATTORNEY

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To be answered by the plaintiff, by any cross plaintiff, and by every witness:

Petition filed 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1934

1. In what county did the plaintiff reside at the beginning of this action? In what county did the defendant reside at the beginning of this action? How long has plaintiff resided in the State of Kentucky?
2. State how you know the facts stated in your answer to the above interrogatory.
3. Has either party to this action ever been divorced? If so, from whom? When? Where? If the answer is in the affirmative, state whether there was one previous divorce, or more than one, and give the names of plaintiff or plaintiffs and defendant or defendants.

*J. Lawrence Brannan*  
*Jesse W. Brannan*  
County Attorney  
Jefferson County, Kentucky

*copy of interrogatories filed in case of [unclear] vs [unclear] in 1934*

COUNTY CLERK JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

NO. 234,583

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Chancery Branch

Division  
Plaintiff,

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

vs- INTERROGATORIES FOR PLAINTIFF.

James Marshal Neal,

Defendant.

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*a copy  
attached*

*John W. Alsmiller  
By: R. H. Miller DC*

*Wendell Simmons*  
Counsel for plaintiff.

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No. 234,583

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT  
2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCERY BRANCH  
DIVISION

Thelma Kaufman Neal

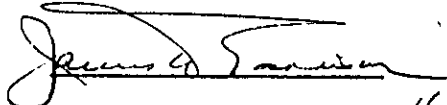
Plaintiff

v. AFFIDAVIT, STATEMENT AND MOTION.

James Marshall Neal

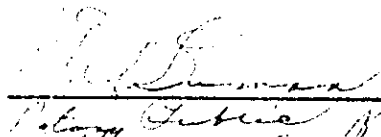
Defendant

The affiant, James W. Garrison, a Deputy Commissioner of this Honorable Court, says that in the above styled case he has prepared and made the report of Your Commissioner herein, and that he was actively engaged one day in the preparing and making of said report and recommendations herein.

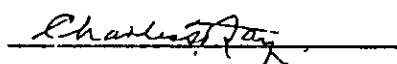


Subscribed and sworn to before me by James W. Garrison, this 16 day of March, 1934.

*My commission expires Oct. 1936*



Comes the Commissioner, Charles T. Ray, and files the affidavit of his deputy, James W. Garrison, making a statement as to the days he was actively engaged in making the Commissioner's Report in the above styled case, and moves the Court for an allowance of \$3.00 for his services herein, under and by virtue of Rule 9, Section 7, of the Rules of Practice of this Court.

  
COMMISSIONER OF THE JEFFERSON  
CIRCUIT COURT.

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By H. Malone  
Deputy Clerk

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JOHN H. ALSMILLER, Clerk

By *M. C. Hall* D.C.

No. 234,583

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT  
CHANCERY BRANCH  
SECOND DIVISION

Thelma Kaufman Neal,

Plaintiff

vs. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER

James Marshall Neal,

Defendant

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Your Commissioner finds and recommends:

1. Petition filed January 5, 1934.  
Order of Appearance and Waiver filed  
January 8, 1934.  
Evidence by interrogatories filed  
January 11, 1934.  
Depositions filed January 13, 1934.
2. Petition states a cause of action.
3. The Court has jurisdiction of the case.
4. Residence and marriage are established by  
competent testimony.
5. The essential allegations of the petition  
are proven.
6. Recommends that plaintiff be granted an  
absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony  
with defendant, James Marshall Neal, and that  
she recover her costs herein expended, includ-  
ing a fee of \$50.00 for her attorney.

Filed March 17, 1934.

CHARLES T. RAY, COMMISSIONER

By *James W. [Signature]*  
D. C.

Mr. Ben Simons,  
Counsel for Plaintiff.

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Mr. Ben Simons,  
Counsel for Plaintiff.

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W. M. SAUNDERS  
DIRECTOR

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
KENTUCKY DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN'S BOARD  
1408 WEST BROADWAY  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40201

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ELMER H. CARRELL  
CIRCUIT CLERK  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

Clerk  
Jefferson Circuit Court  
Louisville, Kentucky

RE: NEAL, James N.  
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Dear Sir:

This is to request a certified copy of the public record of divorce of the above captioned veteran, which is needed in connection with a claim now pending before the Veterans Administration.

The veteran divorced Thelma Kauffman Neal in Jefferson County, Kentucky in May of 1934. A self addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please return the attached copy of this letter with copy of the divorce record.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*L. S. Roberts*  
L. S. ROBERTS  
Assistant Director

Enclosure

LSR:pb

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