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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BESSIE M. DUKE)
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VS)
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JOSEPH P. DUKE)

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FELIX E. TODD, REGISTER
DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN.
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F I N A L D E C R E E

This cause came on to be heard on this 25th. day of June, 1953, before the Honorable E. F. Langford, Judge, etc., upon the original bill of the complainant, the pro confesso heretofore entered, the testimony of witnesses examined in open Court, and argument of counsel, from all of which it satisfactorilly appears to the Court, that the complainant made out her case against the defendant, to wit: that the defendant has been guilty of such cruel and inhuman treatment or conduct towards her as renders cohabitation unsafe and improper for her to be under his dominion and control.

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It further appears to the Court that the complainant is a fit, suitable and proper person to have the care, custody and control of the minor children of the parties. that the defendant is able and capable of maintaining and supporting the minor children, and that the parties have acquired a piece of real estate located at 1615 7th. Avenue North, and that under the facts and circumstances that she is entitled to this property in its entirety for her lifetime, and at her heath to her children.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore subsisting between the complainant and the defendant be, and the same are hereby forever and perpetually dissolved, and that the complainant be granted an absolute divorce from the defendant restoring her to all the rights and privileges of an unmarried person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the care, custody and control of the minor children of the parties, namely: Joseph P. Duke, Jr Dorothy May Duke, William McKinley DUke, Roberta D. Duke and Barbara Sue Duke, be and the same are hereby awarded to the complainant with the right and privilege of the defendant to see said children at reasonable times and places.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the defendant pay to the Circuit Court Clerk for the maintenance and support of the said five children the sum of $35.00 per week, commencing June 27, 1953, and continuing each week thereafter until further ordered by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that all the defendant's right, title and interest in and to the following described property be, and the same is hereby divested out of the said Joseph P. Duke, also known as Joe P. Duke, and also known as Joseph P. Duke, Sr., said property is described as follows:

Being lot No. 126 in the North Nashville Real Estate Company's Plan, of record in Book 21, page 105, R. O. D. C. , Tennessee, Said lot no 126 fronts 50 feet on the westerly side of 7th. Avenue North, formerly Vine Street, and runs back between parallel lines 160 feet to an alley.
Being the same property conveyed to Joseph P. Duke, Sr. and wife, Bessie M. Duke, by deed from Louise Fey, et al by deed of record in Book 1394, page 55 R. O. D. C. , Tennessee.
The defendant's title is hereby vested in the said Bessie M. Duke for her natural life time, and at her death this interest will go to the above names children in fee.

The costs of this cause will be adjudged against the defendant, for which let execution issue.

Thomas O. H. Smith
Solicitor for Complainant

S/ E. F. Langford
JUDGE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

I, GEORGE L. ROOKER, *Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Davidson, in the State aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the record and proceedings had in said Court in the case heretofore prosecuted and determined therein, between* BESSIE M. DUKE *Plaintiff, and* JOSEPH P. DUKE *Defendant, as same remain of record in said Court.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, the* 10th. *day of* SEPTEMBER *in the year one thousand nine hundred and* SEVENTY-FIVE *and in the* 200th. *year of American Independence.*

GEORGE L. ROOKER, *Clerk.*

By June Smith, D. C.