

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

MARY ESTHER FRADY COWAN

PLAINTIFF

CAUSE NO. 41DR-24-28-2

JAMES EDWIN COWAN

DEFENDANT

AMENDED DECREE OF DIVORCE

On this the 9th day of July, 2024, the Plaintiff, MARY ESTHER FRADY COWAN, having appeared in person and by her attorney, Pamela Fisk, and the Defendant, JAMES EDWIN COWAN, having appeared in person *pro se*, and the cause having been submitted to the Court upon the Amended Complaint for Divorce filed by the Plaintiff, the testimony of her witness, RAMONA BEASLEY, agreement of Defendant, argument of counsel and other evidence before the Court, from which the Court finds:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this cause and its parties, and venue is proper.

2. The Plaintiff is entitled to an absolute divorce from the defendant on grounds of general indignities.

3. There are seven children born to the parties namely, Wesley Cowan, born December 1, 2007, Chesley Cowan, born December 1, 2007, Sydney Cowan, born November 2, 2010, Liberty Cowan, born June 6, 2013, Johnny Cowan, born August 3, 2015, and Oakleah Cowan, born November 7, 2017; and no other children are expected. Kellie Cowan, born January 14, 2003, is over the age of twenty-one.

4. The above named six children are currently in the care and custody of Arkansas Department of Human Services. Custody, visitation, and child support of the minor children shall be determined in *Arkansas Department of Human Services v. Mary Cowan and James Cowan*, 41JV-24-14-2.

5. Pursuant to the testimony of the Plaintiff and the agreement, under oath, of the Defendant, the Court agrees and approves the division of the parties' property as follows:

PROPERTY TO DEFENDANT

The Black Stone Grill, Cajun Cooker, 8.5 gal. fryer, and electric smoker;

Hi Point pistol

Shot gun that belonged to his grandfather

Remington model 7400 30-06

Ammo that is currently in the home that goes with the above guns

Large electric meat grinder

The two pistol safes

custom sketch of Christopher

grandmother's cookbook "G,"

the Cass Stanford knife

Clothes, wallet and it's contents, and other personal items

Crossties on the ground

2005 Chevy Venture

1996 Dodge half ton pickup with camper

2014 Ford Econoline Van, along with the debt to Horatio State Bank

2007 Cadillac SRX

2002 Jeep Liberty

2004 Black Jeep Liberty

2013 Nissan Versa - along with the debt owed to Horatio Bank

2001 Chevy Impala

Wedding rings purchased in 2024

PROPERTY TO PLAINTIFF

Riding Mower

12 x 20 storage shed - she is still paying for it

16' stock trailer

Rabbit cages

Taurus Slimline pistol - currently in the custody of L.R. Sheriff

.243 Winchester

Ruger 22

3 chest freezers

Personal items currently in her possession

6. The parties owe certain debts and agree to the following:

DEBTS TO DEFENDANT

Defendant shall be responsible for all amounts owed to Horatio State Bank for the loans incurred for the 2013 Nissan Versa and the 2014 Ford Econoline Van, awarded to him herein.

Defendant shall indemnify and hold Plaintiff harmless for all amounts owed for the vehicles.

DEBTS TO PLAINTIFF

Plaintiff shall pay Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars charged to the Best Buy Credit Card in Defendant's name for three freezers.

7. There are certain firearms in the possession of Plaintiff that the parties agree belong the parties' children, as follows:

22 savage model 64 - Wesley

Mossberg Patriot 30-06 - Wesley

12 gauge ATA Arms - Wesley

New England Firearm410 - Wesley

Savage axis 243 - Chesley

243 youth model - Sydney

9mm Taurus - Kelli

8. Defendant shall obtain possession of the property awarded to him, set forth above, within sixty (60) days from the date of his criminal trial (41CR-24-15-2). If Defendant fails to take possession of his property within the sixty days, ownership of the property shall revert to Plaintiff and she is free to dispose of the property as she sees fit.

9. Plaintiff shall be restored to her former name, the same being Mary Esther Frady.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED, that MARY ESTHER FRADY COWAN be granted an absolute divorce from JAMES EDWIN COWAN; that the parties be restored to all the rights and privileges of a single and unmarried person.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED that custody, visitation, and child support of the parties' minor children be determined in the *Arkansas Department of Human Services v. Cowan*, Cause, 41JV-24-14-2.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED that the property division and debt division, as set forth herein, is approved and Ordered by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED that Plaintiff be restored to her former name, the same being Mary Esther Frady.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED, that each party be, and they are hereby, permanently restrained and enjoined from any threats, intimidation, annoyance, harm or harassment directed toward the other.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and DECREED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over this cause and the parties for the purpose of ascertaining or enforcing all rights and obligations of the parties under this Decree, and for other proper purposes.

SIGNED this _____ day of September, 2024.

Bryan Chesshir, Circuit Judge



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So Ordered

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan L. Chesshir".

Bryan L. Chesshir, 9th W Circuit Division 2 Judge