

State v. Constance Blackwood

CASE: 1134-CZ-68



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STATEMENT OF MARY KATHERINE BLACKWOOD AND JULIAN BLACKWOOD

**Testimony of Constance Blackwood**

1. **DIRECT EXMINATION OF CONSTANCE BLACKWOOD**
2. The Court: Mr. Clarke you may call your first witness.
3. The Defense: The defense calls Constance Blackwood to the stand
4. The Court: Court clerk please swear in the witness
5. Court Clerk: Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the
6. so, help you
7. Blackwood: I do
8. The Court: Defense you may begin your direct examination
9. The Defense: Could you please introduce yourself for the jury
10. Blackwood: My name is Constance Blackwood
11. The Defense: Who is in your family?
12. Blackwood: I have two living relatives, my sister Mary Katherine and my uncle Julian
13. The Defense: Do you have any other relatives?
14. Blackwood: My mother, brother, Aunt and Father but they are no longer with us
15. The Defense: What happened to them?
16. Blackwood: According to the mortician they were poisoned.
17. The State: Objection to rule 801 hearsay your honor
18. The Defense: May I respond your honor
19. The Court: Go ahead
20. The Defense: In accordance to Rule 804 B 1A The fact that the Blackwood’s died of poison has
21. already come onto the record today and therefore falls under the hearsay exception.
22. The Court: Objection is overruled, Mr. Clarke you many continue with your direct
23. The Defense: Do you know how the poison got into the food that night?
24. Blackwood: Arsenic was put into the sugar bowel?
25. The Defense: Did you do anything to the sugar bowel that night?
26. Blackwood: Yes, I did, a spider had gotten in it; I dumped the sugar out and washed the
27. bowel
28. The Defense: Do you always wash dishes if they encounter insects?
29. Blackwood: Yes always, it is unsanitary, and it is my job to maintain
30. the cleanliness of the household.
31. The Defense: Miss. Blackwood, why is your job to maintain the household?
32. Blackwood: I am the eldest daughter and it is my duty to keep the household clean, its how
33. I respect my father.
34. The Defense: Do you love your father?
35. Blackwood: Of course, my father is my world, I would do anything to make him happy.
36. The Defense: Last question Miss. Blackwood and ill make it quick, Did you poison the sugar?
37. Blackwood: No I didn’t
38. The Defense: Thank you Miss. Blackwood, No Futher questions you honnor
39. **CROSS EXMINATION OF CONSTANCE BLACKWOOD**
40. The Court: Mr. James-Smith do you have a cross examination of the
41. witness
42. The State: Yes, Your Honor
43. The Court: You many proceed
44. The State: Good evening Miss. Blackwood, my name is Mr. James-Smith
45. And I am just going to ask you a couple questions
46. Blackwood: Good evening Mr. James-Smith
47. The State: You father was abusive to you Miss. Blackwood?
48. Blackwood: No, he was tough and he could say some harsh things but he
49. Wasn’t abusive.
50. The State: He hurt your little sister Mary Kathrine?
51. Blackwood: Only punishments when she was misbehaving.
52. The State: You love your sister?
53. Blackwood: Very much
54. The State: You would do anything for your sister?
55. Blackwood: Yes.
56. The State: I want to talk about your skills in gardening, You Garden almost
57. Every day?
58. Yes Sir, It is my duty
59. The State: As a result of gardening, you know what plants are poisonous?
60. Blackwood: Yes
61. The State: But that’s not all you know, you also know what cleaning
62. Products are poisonous?
63. Blackwood: Yes I do
64. The State: You know that rat poison is poisonous to humans?
65. Blackwood: Yes sir, like the name suggests
66. The State: No further questions your honor
67. The Court: Any re-direct, Mr. Clarke
68. The Defense: No your honor
69. The Court: Then your witness may step down

END OF THE TESTOMINY OF CONSTANCE BLACKWOOD

STATEMENT OF MARY KATHERINE BLACKWOOD

1. Mary Katherine Blackwood is under the age of 18, but her social worker is
2. present and is acting as a guardian. This statement is given with a sound
3. mind. My name is Mary Katherine Blackwood, I am 12 years old. I like to
4. read, I like to paint, but my favorite thing is to play outside, in the river.
5. The night my parents died; I was playing in the little river. I forgot to take
6. Of my shoes and dragged in mud. My father was very mad and sent me to
7. my room without dinner. I spent all night in my room till the police and
8. Ambulance came. My sister was arrested and I was taken to the
9. orphanage. I know my sister did not kill my parents. She would never do
10. That, if I could testify in court I would; but Connie has told me not too.

Mary Katherine Blackwood



STATEMENT OF JULIAN BLACKWOOD

1. I am over the age of 18 and am of somewhat of sound mind. My name is
2. Julian Blackwood, I one of three blackwood brothers. One is dead and one
3. Is as good as dead, I suppose this makes me the last of the Blackwood
4. heirs but I was never good at running a business. No that was always
5. Johns strong suit. I lived with John and his family. I made sure to help
6. out with what I could and so did my wife. I suppose that is not what
7. you all are really interested in. No, I suppose you want to know what
8. Happened that day. Well it was just like any other day, I woke up
9. I went downstairs ate breakfast. I think John must have been arguing

10. with someone, Ellen I think. I try to stay out of the women’s arguments

11. they need something to obsess on. I remember the boy was playing

12. outside. I think my little niece was too. The day passed like normal

13. Dinner was called Mary Katherine was sent to her room; she is a very

14. boyish girl and John thought she needed to act her gender. Alas the meal

15. was normal, we had a good chat, of what I could not tell you but I know it

16. was pleasant. Dessert came berries, and sugar. The boy as young boys do

17. put the most sugar on, Constance dear has never been a fan of sugar. I

18. I do like sugar. Well the next bit is a blur, you see there was poison in the

19. sugar bowl, I am the only one who survived. Constance is alive though,

20. Mary Katherine was not poisoned but I have learned that she has died of

21. neglect in the orphanage. I am writing a book, the story must be told right

22. not like how those news papers are reporting. I will make it right.

Julian Blackwood

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