

CARL BLEVINS JR.

v.

SARAH M. BLEVINS

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Decided May 13, 2010

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Carl Blevins Jr. appeals from a divorce judgment entered in the District Court (Springvale, *Douglas, J.*) on his complaint against Sarah M. Blevins. Contrary to Carl's contention, the court neither clearly erred nor exceeded its discretion in allocating the parties' interest in real estate purchased by Sarah prior to the marriage. *See Bonville v. Bonville*, 2006 ME 3, ¶ 9, 890 A.2d 263, 266. The court's determination that the property was originally Sarah's nonmarital property, but that the property had acquired marital value is supported by the record, and the court's distribution of the parties' respective interests in the property, although not equal, was just in these circumstances. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1), (2)(E)(2) (2009); *Hedges v. Pitcher*, 2008 ME 55, ¶ 15, 942 A.2d 1217, 1222 (discussing the parties' relative burdens in apportioning the value of real estate during divorce); *Warren v. Warren*, 2005 ME 9, ¶ 45, 866 A.2d 97, 106.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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