

Robert Rogers

vs } Statement for divorce

Susanna Rogers

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Statement sent by Tho. C.
Russell to S. Shield on 24 Feb
1836 - with request to issue
summons: immediately.

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York Superior Court to
May Term 1836.

York County Va
January 18th 1835

I Susanah Rodgers do consent
and agree to be divorced and
separated from ~~Robert Rodgers~~
Robert Rodgers for ever

Signed, Susanah Rodgers
with Seal

Witness

Jeremiah Powell

Catharine Boutwell

5th May 1835

Rogers testimony for divorce

Wm Stopping says that he had seen two men connected with R Wifes
he had before marriage of R & after separation & until at
any time while living together

Memo of Mr. Joppens's testimony

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Rogers vs Rogers.

To the Honorable A. P. M. Shaw Judge

The Petitioner of Robert Rogers of the County of York & State of Virginia respectfully represents that some time in the year 1828 your Petitioner intermarried with one Susanna Topping whom he then fondly loved, & with whom he hoped to live in the purest conjugal affection & harmony.

Your Petitioner was then, as it since appears, totally unacquainted with the real character of the person to whom he was about to unite his destiny he believed her to be virtuous amiable disinterested and affectionate and nothing so wholly attractive as the discovery that he had been mistaken in appropriating such or any of these qualities to the person whom he had selected as his partner for life.

Exhausted by the feelings and opinions which he did when he first entered into the matrimonial union your Petitioner reluctantly yielded to the evidence of his senses, and to the impressions of his neighbors in relation to the many and crying aberrations from conjugal duty manifested by his wife and he could not yield with scepticism itself, nor forced to yield to clamoring & uncontrollable proofs.

Even if your Petitioner had himself well known the just grounds for a separation, that pride which more

or left actuates the human family, and when he pauses
before he resorts to the course he is now pursuing, he
believes he should have submitted in silence to the present
moment, had not the evidences of prostitution presented
themselves too forcibly to the world, and the cases of
enslavement under his own roof been daily aggravated
so as to render not only separation but death itself
preferable to personal ignominy and mental misery
& despair

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