

W. is cousin Secretary
Dartmouth Co. personally appeared before me
this first day of February 1843
the woman named Phoebe Phillips, and
swore oath that the statements made in
the foregoing Petition are true to the best
of her knowledge information & belief -
Wm. Seymour Justice of the Peace

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The Petition of Phoebe
Phillips for a Divorce
Sunder
Feb'y 1 1843
Judiciary

To the Legislative Assembly of the Territory
of Wisconsin,

The Petitioner of Phoebe Philips
of the County of Dane in said Territory, shew-
eth, that your Petitioner is a resident of the
County of Dane and has resided in ^{said} County
more than one year & intends to reside here
permanently -

That sometime in the month
of December in the year Eighteen hundred
& thirty nine, at Lockport in the State of
New York, in the month of December, she
was married to one Josat Philips then of
the County of Niagara in the State of
New York - that after said marriage she
resided with the said Josat Philips until
sometime in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ month of July
in the year 1842, - that during much of
the time she so lived with the said Philips
he was addicted to the vice of gambling
and other vices & pursued no honest calling
for a livelihood - that during or about
the month of July 1842 aforesaid, he was
found then residing in the County of Wayne
in the State of New York, the said Philips
was arrested on divers criminal charges &
lodged in the County jail of said County
of Wayne, where he remained for some
time, as your Petitioner is informed and
believes & had divers trials on criminal charges,
and then remained, as your Petitioner is
~~believed~~ informed and believes, until about
the month of August 1843, at or

about which time, the said Phillips was
tried for a criminal offense, in the County
of Wayne, & convicted & sentenced to the
State's Prison of New York, for the term
of seven years - and ^{under} such sentence was
committed to the State's Prison at Auburn.

Your Petitioner states that she cannot set
forth particularly the charges proceeding
against her said husband, as during the
time the foregoing proceedings were had, she
had sought & enjoyed a home with her
Father in Niagara County in said State.

Your Petitioner further states, that since
his first arrest above mentioned he has
never contributed any thing to the support
of your Petitioner.

Your ^{petitioner} further states that she is now
informed by letter from the said Jas Phillips,
that he has obtained a release from his
said imprisonment, and is now at large
and your Petitioner liable to be interrupted and
disturbed, in her present comfortable con-
dition by the said Jas Phillips - that from
his heretofore dissolute life, she has no hopes
of a reform in him, & that under the
circumstances, she ought not to be compelled
to live with him or to be in any ^{manner} bound
by the marriage contract existing between
your Petitioner, the said Phillips, & therefore
prays your Honorable body, by an act to
be passed for that purpose, to divorce your
Petitioner from her said husband -

Phoebe Phillips