

The petition of
Benjamin Washburn
for a bill of
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the annual report

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the
Territory of Wisconsin.

Your petitioner, Reuben Hurlbert
now and for three years last past a resident
of the Town and County of Washburn Wisconsin
Territory would respectfully beg leave, to call
the attention of your honorable body to the following
facts set forth in this petition, to wit:

Your petitioner, Reuben Hurlbert
whose age is about fifty three years was on
the 16th day of August A D 1816 duly and lawfully
married to one Hannah Moore then a resident
of the Town of Lyons then Ontario now
Livingston County State of New York, whose
age is forty nine, from which time aforesaid
up to the 5th day of November A D 1838. Your petitioner
lived with the said Hannah, in the strict
observance of all the duties required by the
marriage Covenant. Your petitioner would
further represent to your honorable body that
the said Hannah Hurlbert, with ^{out} any provi-
sion on the part of your petitioner, was
constantly in the habit of having & holding illicit
connection with other men to wit with ~~Dr~~
John McRie, Ezekiel Gillet, and William
Gardner; with whom she committed the crime
of adultery. And your petitioner further
represents to your honorable body that the

said Hannah Murllet was constantly in the habit while she lived with your petitioners of leaving her house and family and would be gone a week at a time totally neglecting her family for no other purpose than that she might enjoy the society of other men, leaving the whole care of the family upon your petitioners hands this same course was pursued by the said Hannah until she became a common prostitute and entirely neglected her family so that the whole care of the family was left on his hands.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable body that the bands of matrimony between him and the said Hannah Murllet may be dissolved and a bill of divorce granted him and in fine that he may be restored to all things which he has lost by reason of his said Covenant. As your petitioners in duty bound will ever pray

Waukesha January 24th 1848

Reuben Murllet

Wesleyan Territory
Waukesha County

Reuben Murllet

The above petition is being duly sworn
under oath depose and say that all the
facts set forth in the foregoing and
above petition and signed by me
are substantially true

Subscribed and sworn to before
me January 24th 1848
Wm H. Curtis Esq
Notary Public in
and for the County of Waukesha

Ruben Hurlbut

Wisconsin Territory
Waukesha County

Mary Hurlbut

being duly sworn under oath depose
and say that I am the daughter of
Ruben & Hannah Hurlbut who are
mentioned in the above petition and
as well acquainted with the facts
in relation to my mother having
illicit connection with the individuals

therein mentioned viz John Rice, Ephial
Gillet and William Gardner ^{I believe they} are substantially
true I further state that my father Ruben
Hurlbut has lived a life of sorrow and
of suffering in consequence of the conduct
of my mother ~~Mary~~ Hurlbut
ever since my earliest remembrance

Subscribed & sworn
to before me this
24 day of Jan'y 1848
Wm H. Curtis Esq
Notary Public in
and for the County of
Waukesha

Mary Hurlbut