State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law
Cabarrus County } September Term 1817

Be it remembered that at a Superior Court of Law began and held for Cabarrus County at the Court House in Concord on the Fourth Monday after the fourth in March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen a Petition was filed in the following words & figures (to wit)

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To the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Cabarrus

The Petition of John Cozine humbly complaining, respectfully sheweth to your honour, that some time in the year of our Lord 1811 he intermarried with a woman by name Mary Gibson who passed herself as a widow, but in fact and truth she was a single woman, by name Mary Robins and that previous to his marriage she had a child by her Brother in Law which facts were unknown to your petitioner at the time of the marriage; and your Petitioner would further shew unto your Honour that the said Mary his wife has been guilty of the wicked, shamefull and immoral crime of Adultery at different times and with different persons your Petitioner will further shew to your Honour that about one year since his wife Mary eloped from his bed and board that she carried off with her much of the property of your petitioner, that since she deserted the society of your petitioner she continues to live in a State of Adultery.

Your Petitioner would further state to your Honour that the shamefully and disreputable conduct of his wife has not been occasioned by any treatment of your Petitioner.