

The Petition of Betsy Meehins,
for herself and John Meehins, her
son, aged fifteen years, and George
Meehins, her son, aged eleven
years and six months. Respectfully
sheweth, to the Justices court
of the City of Richmond - That she
has been a resident of the City
of Richmond, over fifteen years;
That she has been married to
William King, about two years;
who is registered in the City of
Richmond; That she was a
resident of the said City when
and at the time, the New Code
of Virginia went into operation -
and consequently could not come
under the provisions of the 1844
§ 19 of Chapter 107. Till 30. of the
New Code; being then and at that
time - a resident in the City of
Richmond.

She represents that she is

lawfully married to William King-
by a decree regularly procured from
the clerks office of the Hustings Court
of the City of Richmond, that her
said husband - is undistinct - honest,
sober and well behaved; that by
reason of her long and continued
residence in the City of Richmond -
she has - under the provisions of
the Law in such case, made and
provided, lost her legal right,
to "remove into any other county,"
without a special permission;
and by the legal operation of the
same law - her application for
a register from this Court - is
not under or by virtue of the
said provisions of the 518 & 19 of
the 107th Chap.

Your Petitioner respectfully
represents, that she can - on the
best and most reliable testimony -
substantiate the facts stated in
this her petition to this honorable
Court, for a register, for her self

and her said children. She therefore prays that this honorable court will entertain this her humble petition - and allow her to be heard, fully on her application for a register, from this honorable court - at the next session of this court; otherwise the refusal of this court, will compel her to seek a home - where she has had no residence - for the last fifteen years - and where the provisions of the 318 & 19 of the 107 Chap. of New Code will be enforced against her - and thus deprive her of a residence and legal habitation - unless she can find it, where she has so long resided - and has a husband and children.

All of which is respectfully submitted - by a through her counsel

J. Gilmer