

William James Robson, 5129, Edwin Fox

Researched by Marcia Watson

In her Majesty's Court for Divorce and Matrimonial causes.

The 22nd day of April 1864

To her Majesty's Court for Divorce and Matrimonial causes - The Petition of Isabella Graham Robson now residing at No 1 Retreat Cottages Hackney in the County of Middlesex Wife of William James Robson now a Ticket of leave in Australia -

Sheweth

1. That on the 8th day of November 1845 your Petitioner then Isabella Graham Winzar Spinster was lawfully married to the said William James Robson at the Parish Church of Saint Edmund in the City of Salisbury in the County of Wilts
2. That after the said Marriage your Petitioner lived and cohabited with the said William James Robson as his wife at Myddelton Square Islington afterwards at Calthorpe Street Grays Inn Road afterwards at Edmonton in the County of Middlesex afterwards at Woodford in the County of Essex then at Albion Square Dalston in the said County of Middlesex afterwards near Saint Heliers in the Island of Jersey then at Exeter in the County of Devon then at Pelham Villas Brompton then at Lloyd Square Pentonville then at Little Ormond Street all in the County of Middlesex then at Vincent Square in the City of Westminster then at Westbourne Park Road then at Wood Green then at Carey Street then at Holloway then at Hackney all in the County of Middlesex then at Sydneham in the County of Kent then at Alpha Road and then at Greville Place Kilburn both in the County of Middlesex And that there was no issue of the marriage.
3. That on the 1st of November 1856 the said William James Robson was convicted of Forgery at the Central Criminal Court and was sentenced to be transported for 20 years.
4. That the said William James Robson remained in various Prisons in England till the end of August or the beginning of September 1858 and that he was then sent to Australia and arrived at Fremantle Western Australia in November 1858 and was discharged with a Ticket of leave from the establishment at Fremantle in October 1859.
5. That on the 15th day of September 1863 her said husband William James Robson feloniously and unlawfully contracted a bigamous marriage with one Isabella Bell widow at Perth in Australia and has since cohabited with her at divers days and times to your Petitioner unknown committed adultery with the said Isabella Bell

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Honorable Court will be pleased to declare that her said husband William James Robson has been guilty of bigamy coupled with Adultery and will be pleased to decree a Dissolution of the said Marriage on the aforesaid And will give your Petitioner such other remedy as this Honorable Court may seem fit. And your Petitioner will ever pray &c Isabella Graham Robson.

On 5 May 1865, at the United Service Hotel, Perth, Alfred Hawes Stone examined several witnesses produced by the Petitioner in support of her case. They were McBryde Anderson Brown, James Mark Innes, Jane wife of Robert Eyre, Andrew Foster and George Walpole Leake.

A decree nisi was granted in November 1865.

Reference LDS film 1686264, image 60