

Questions related to Anthony's Address

1. How does Susan B. Anthony use the 15th Amendment's phrase, "previous condition of servitude," to argue that women should not be denied the right to vote?
2. How was it that, even with the passage of helpful legislation in many states, it was still unlikely for a married woman to have any money unless her husband gave it to her?
3. Describe how bad the child custody situation had been twenty years earlier in all the states, which was still how it was in many states.
4. Why was the wife with the false teeth not allowed to testify in court? In the case of the wife who was severely injured by the defective sidewalk, on what basis did the husband sue and obtain damages? What was this identical to?
5. Anthony points out that "the old common law of marriage" continued to be followed in the United States. Sir William Blackstone, the famous commentator on English law, summed it up like this: "husband and wife are one, and that one is the husband." What did that mean?
6. Did unmarried women have anything to complain about? Explain.