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Dred Scott Decision to be Remembered at Old Courthouse

On Saturday, March 8, 2014 the National Park Service will honor the 157th anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision. The Dred Scott Decision was heard in the St. Louis Old Courthouse and was one of the most important cases ever tried in the United States. The case was decided by the Supreme Court in 1857 and the decision was pivotal in the start of the Civil War. Events on this all-day event are free and open to the public in partnership with the Dred Scott Foundation. The event will take place at the Old Courthouse located at 11 North Fourth Street in St. Louis, MO.

Lynne Jackson, great-great granddaughter of Dred Scott and Jeff Hines, a descendant of Peter Blow, Dred Scott's owner, will lead a presentation and discussion of the historic case, and retrace Scott and Blow's genealogy. Jeff Hines will also be available to sign copies of his book, Dred Scott's Virginia.

Events for the day begin at 11:30 a.m. and are follows:

11:30 am Acoustics performance by Shiloh music group
12:00 pm
"Reflections II", a dramatization by the Dred Scott Theatre Troupe with Peggy Harris, Director
12:45 pm
Jeff Hines, Blow family descendant, presents his research on Dred Scott and the Blow family in Virginia.
Lynne Jackson, great-great granddaughter of Dred Scott will participate in the discussion following the presentation.
1:45 pm
Book signing of Dred Scott's Virginia by Jeff Hines
2:15 p.m.
Ranger-led mock trial of the second Dred Scott trial. (Minimum of 6 visitors necessary for the mock trial.
ranger- led discussion will take place.)