



# The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation

## HERITAGE KEEPERS NEWSLETTER

### Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive kicks off
- Bus Tour to Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
- Dred Scott Authors Corner
- Next Friends of Dred Scott Meeting

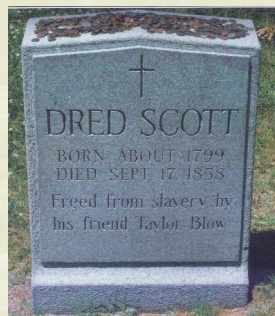
#### A Landmark Decision

The Dred Scott Decision in 1857 was a major catalyst that brought on the Civil War, motivated Abraham Lincoln to run for President, and resulted in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

#### Why a Penny Drive?

In 2010, the **Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive** was launched to help fund a life-size statue of Dred and Harriet Scott. Visitors to Dred Scott's gravesite (Calvary Cemetery – St. Louis) often

leave pennies on the headstone. Many believe the penny is left as a tribute to Lincoln, an icon for the abolition of slavery. Also, pennies



saved the home of Dred's attorney, Roswell Field and his son,

Eugene Field, the poet.

The statue will be erected near the Old Courthouse – site of the first Dred Scott freedom trials. With your help, the statue will be dedicated as a symbol of victory for freedom fighters...past, present and future.

#### How to get involved

Challenge your school, group, church and family to participate in the **Dred Scott Statue Penny**

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### Young Friends of Dred Scott Trip

Join us for a trip to Lincoln's Presidential Museum in Springfield IL. Saturday, September 25, 2010. See you there. See page 2 for more information.

### The Scott—Lincoln Commemorative Coin

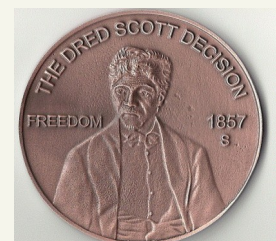
The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Scott - Lincoln coin commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision.

This coin was commissioned for the purpose of raising funds for a Dred and Harriet Scott statue in downtown St. Louis, MO and to support the work of

the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation.

Dred is on the front with the year of the Dred Scott Decision, 1857 and the word Freedom. President Lincoln's image is on the reverse. This weighted 3" zinc and antiqued copper coin was made in the USA which is printed on the edge of the coin. It is also the symbol

of the Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive that will continue until March 2011.



## *Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive continued*



### Drive through March 2011.

On March 8, 2010, our sponsor, **M&I Bank**, kicked off the



Dred Scott Statue Penny Drive. They conducted a month long competition between their seventeen (17) branches. All M&I Bank locations will serve as collection points for the penny drive. Cash and check dona-

tions will be accepted at any M&I Bank. Visit [www.micorp.com](http://www.micorp.com) for the nearest branch.

Additional information on how to conduct a penny drive is available on our website at

[www.thedredscottfoundation.org](http://www.thedredscottfoundation.org).

You may download ideas for penny wars, suggestions to facilitate collections and container wrappings to identify your penny holder. If your school, organization or family would like

to inform us of your participation, you can fill out a participation form on our website. We will add your name to the list of participants on the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation website once we have received notice of your deposit or confirmation of your participation. This penny drive is one aspect of the fund raising effort that allows everyone to participate and contribute to the first statue ever of St. Louis' own civil rights pioneers.

## *Dred Scott and Traces of the Trade*

Our July dinner soiree was a night to remember as we heard from Holly Fulton, a descendant of one of the largest slave traders in the 1700s. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. Mr. Harold Fields from Traces of the Trade, referring to the slave trade of the 18th and 19th century, was our guest speaker, Normandy High School Jazz band provided entertainment at the pre-reception and 3 Central closed out the evening with their special brand of smooth jazz. J & J Power Tools, two young men ages 12 and 16, gifted in the art of mime, gave an outstanding interpretation of the encouraging relationship between Dred and Taylor Blow. Those in attendance were given a sneak peak of the model for Dred and Harriet's statue. Stay tuned!!

## *Tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Sponsored by Young Friends of Dred Scott*



Join the Young Friends of Dred Scott on Saturday, September 25, 2010 on a fund raising tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Young Friends of Dred Scott are helping raise funds for the foundations programs.

We will depart St. Louis on a Vandalia Lines tour bus from the Metro Station at 4389 Hanley Road, St. Louis, 63134 (Hanley Road and Highway 70) promptly at 7:45 am. There is ample free parking on the Metro Link lot. The bus is equipped with a restroom, food and drinks are allowed and the bus is handicap accessible.

There will be a historical

narrative on the Scott's given by Lynne Jackson, great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriett Scott. After an exciting and exhilarating day, we will return from Springfield around 4pm.

Round trip tickets are \$35. Lunch is not included. Recommended for ages 10 and up (children must be accompanied by an adult. You can register on our website or return the enclosed flyer.

## *Dred Scott on Social Media*

You can now find the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation on three popular social media sites. Chanin Paxton is the administrator for the LinkedIn site for Young Friends of Dred Scott. Sherrie Jackson is our Social Media Coordinator and manages our Facebook and Twitter accounts. All of these are intended as promotional sites. If you use these media, please forward to your contacts as you see fit and check in often for activity updates. You can find links to these sites on our website.

## *Harriet Scott Memorial Pavilion*

Greenwood Cemetery is the resting place for Mrs. Dred Scott, now well known as Harriet Robinson Scott. In 2009, her beautiful new headstone was dedicated, compliments of Mr. Austin Layne. In 2010, the dedication of the Harriet Scott Memorial Pavilion took place, thanks to the incredible contributions of several individuals and organizations. The last phase of the pavilion is adding a memorial paver walkway. Read all



about it on the foundation website under *Harriet's Story*. On behalf of the Dred Scott Heritage

Foundation and Friends of Greenwood Cemetery, we are most grateful for the support in creating this outstanding recognition! You are invited to help beautify this historic cemetery. Email us for more information. Memorial pavers are available through our website or you may call us.

## *Friends of Dred Scott Meeting*

The Friends of Dred Scott will be meeting on September 20, 2010 at 4:00 pm. Mike Everman will be our host and we will be meeting in the reference area at the Missouri State Archives-St. Louis in Room 213 of the Globe Building at 710 North Tucker .

## *Chanin Paxton—Board Member Leaving*

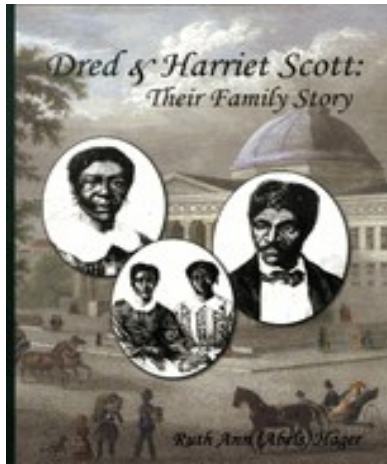
As many of you know Chanin, our Administrative Assistant, Board Member, and Secretary is married to an Air Force Senior Master Sergeant, John Paxton. Well, the day has come and Mr. Paxton has orders to move to Charleston, South Carolina. Chanin and her family will be leaving Scott AFB and the St. Louis area on October

28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. She will continue supporting the foundation as my administrative assistant and an active board member. I don't have to tell you what a treasure, a blessing and gift she has been to us and especially to me. I am grateful for my dear friend and her extreme devotion and know that you have come to appreciate her irreplaceable

value as well. This is a hard message to send, but I am thrilled for Chanin, John and their family, they will be by the ocean! Join me in wishing them the best and all God's blessings in their new location as we are most thankful for her continued support, albeit long distance.

*Lynne Jackson*

*Dred and Harriet Scott: "Their Family Story"*  
By Ruth Ann Hager



On Saturday March 6, 2010 we commemorated the 153rd anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision at the historic Old Courthouse, Dred Scott Way (11 N. 4th Street) in St. Louis at which Ruth Ann

presented her book.

The program started at 12:00 p.m. with a concert by the Normandy High School Jazz Band under the direction of Thomas Moore performing a collage of African American music from slavery to today.

At 1:00 p.m. Lynne Jackson, great-great granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott and Ruth Ann Hager, author of *Dred and Harriet Scott: Their Family Story*, discussed new discoveries and facts about the family history.

At 2:00 p.m. Lynne and Ruth Ann were joined by Dr. John A. Wright, retired school administrator, author of 11 books on St.

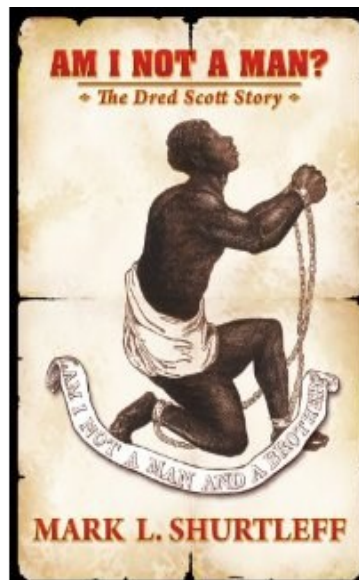
Louis History, and Honorary Consul of Senegal; Dr. David Koenig, Professor of Law, History and African American Studies at Washington University; and Ken Winn, former Missouri State Archivist, Supreme Court Librarian and Visiting Professor at Washington University for an audience participation discussion.

*Dred and Harriet Scott: Their Family Story* is an exceptionally well researched and written account of the true facts of the family history of Dred, Harriet, Eliza, Lizzie and their descendants. The book is available to purchase on our website for \$25.00. A book signing by the author and descendant followed the presentation.

*Am I Not a Man?*

By Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General

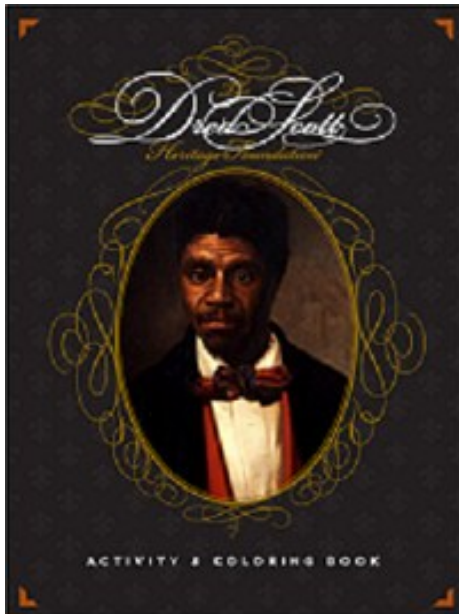
Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff wrote and published his first novel. He said at the book signing, "Eight years of labor birthed [his] pride and joy, *Am I Not a Man, the Dred Scott Story*." The passionate novel of the experiences of Dred and Harriet came to life in a masterful way, as this gifted writer penned his version of the saga that was theirs. Beautifully written and HARD to put down, this 500 page story will bring you to a greater understanding of the magnificence of the character of these dear people. Signed copies are available from the DSHFoundation for \$25.00.



Enjoy the special film, "*Slavery on Trial: The Dred Scott Decision*" in the Old Courthouse Theater for free (every 30 minutes)

Sponsored by the Jefferson National Parks Association.

## *Dred Scott Activity and Coloring Book* By Lynne M. Jackson



In keeping with our educational commitment, we are proud to offer the new “**Dred Scott Activity and Coloring Book**” for children of ALL ages. For those who need to brush up on this history and at the same time share it with young people, this is a fact filled, fun filled way to get those cobwebs out and really enjoy the lessons.

This beautiful book was created and written by Lynne Jackson as a tribute to her great-great grandparents and as a means to share the educational value of this story with young and old alike. The book is available through the foundation for only \$5.00. Share with youth groups, schools and be sure to keep one for yourself. All proceeds go to the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation.

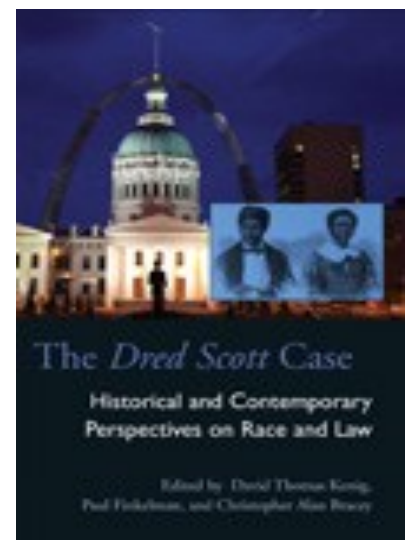
See *A Legacy of Courage: The Dred Scott Decision* at the Old Courthouse in the left front exhibit hall, representing the personal story and the story of the litigation of this famous trial.

11 N. 4th Street in St. Louis, MO 63102 aka **Dred Scott Way.**

### *Dr. David Konig in “Jefferson” on the History Channel*

Board member, Washington University professor, historian and author, Dr. David Konig, was recently in the new History Channel biography of “Jefferson”. Throughout the two hour program, he cited several details in the life of our third president. Congratulations, David!

This, on the heels of the release of the book “**The Dred Scott Case: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Race and Law.**” David co-edited presentations from the Wash U Symposium of March 6, 2007 on Dred Scott with Dr. Chris Bracey and Dr. Paul Finkleman. David signed copies of his book at our July fund raiser where the book found a new and very receptive audience. The book is available on Amazon.com.



### *The Authors Corner*

*Brought to you by those who care and took the time to say so!*

*You are encouraged to dream your dream and make it a reality, too.*

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The foundation was founded in 2006 and has three purposes:

***Commemoration***

No statue of Dred or Harriet Scott has yet been erected. The Foundation, Friends of Dred Scott and the Young Friends of Dred Scott are working to correct that. As part of the ongoing commemoration of this courageous couple, the Foundation's goal is to establish a monument for them in St. Louis, MO.

***Education***

We aim to expand the learning opportunities for individuals to be more educated about this case, its impact on slavery and the history of our nation. Documentaries and media presentations are being planned for future teaching tools that will broaden the understanding of the facts and principles behind the history that lead up to the Dred Scott Case and other important events in our country's past that make up who we are. They are also intended to help us define who we want to become.

***Reconciliation***

Many racial reconciliation issues continue to go unresolved and many successes go unheralded. The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation will use its resources to create venues to "Let the Healing Begin"<sup>™</sup>. Also, scholarship funds will be established for individuals planning careers in history, law, science and math.

Send tax deductible donations to: Dred Scott Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 2009, Florissant MO 63032-2009 or visit [www.thedredscottfoundation.org](http://www.thedredscottfoundation.org) to donate on-line.

**"Let the Healing Begin"**

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