

# Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site

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## The Legacy of "The Dred Scott Decision" featuring Lynne Jackson, Great, Great Granddaughter of Dred & Harriet Scott

1:30 P.M., Visitor Center

To celebrate Women's History Month, Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, in partnership with the Arkansas Women's History Institute, welcomes guest speaker Lynne Jackson, great, great granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott on Saturday, March 10, at 1:30 pm at the historic site visitor center. Jackson is the president and founder of The Dred and Harriet Scott Foundation. The event is free and open to the public.

Dred and Harriet Scott, both born into slavery in the United States, sued for their freedom in April, 1846. They met when their owners moved to a part of the Wisconsin Territory where slavery was prohibited by the 1820 Missouri Compromise. The couple married and had two daughters while in free territory, then later moved back to slave states with their owners. It was their daughters' future especially that inspired the Scotts to sue for their freedom because children born to an enslaved woman inherited their mother's enslavement. Their cases were eventually combined into one case as it proceeded through five trials.

The Scotts lost the first trial filed in St. Louis's Old Courthouse, but were granted a second trial where a jury of 12 white men decided that Dred Scott and his family should be free. The slave owner appealed the case to the Missouri State Supreme Court, which reversed the decision again.

In its 1857 "Dred Scott Decision," the U.S. Supreme Court declared that as slaves, the Scotts were not citizens, therefore, could not sue for their freedom. This decision is said to have inspired Abraham Lincoln to run for president and also led to the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution. Lynne Jackson will reveal more details about her great, great grandparent's story and the legacy of "The Dred Scott Decision," during the program. For more information, call 501-374-1957 or email [chsc\\_visitor\\_center@nps.gov](mailto:chsc_visitor_center@nps.gov)

