

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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11 N. 4th Street - St. Louis, MO 63102



Anniversary of *The Dred Scott Decision* at the Old Courthouse

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Old Courthouse,
11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHAT: On March 6, 1857, the United States Supreme Court handed down its historic decision. The National Park Service will commemorate this historic event with a day of presentations and trial reenactments at the Historic Old Courthouse, the site of Scott's first two trials.

11:00 a.m. - Freedom Suit: Dred Scott vs. Irene Emerson Trial Reenactment

Step into a restored courtroom at the Old Courthouse and bring history to life. Visitors will portray trial characters reading scripts, arguing facts, and deciding a verdict in a historic courtroom.

12:00 p.m. - "Harriet Scott"

Carole Shelton presents this first-person narrative of Harriett.

1:00 p.m. - "African-American Spirituals: The History Behind the Songs"

Loretta Washington presents and sings some of the oldest gospels, and answers where the lyrics came from.

2:00 p.m. - Dred & Harriet Scott and Family Through the Years

Presented by Ms. Lynne Jackson, great, great granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott.

3:00 p.m. - Freedom Suit: Dred Scott vs. Irene Emerson Trial Reenactment

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The Gateway Arch is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Summer hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day daily 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Old Courthouse is open daily year round 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public.

For more information about programs and exhibits, please call the park at 314-655-1600.

