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Dred Scott Gravesite Plans for a New Memorial

September 17, 2020 Launches Constitution Day Honor for Civil Rights Icon with GoFundMe Campaign

The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation is initiating a campaign to build an educational site in memoriam of Dred Scott at his gravesite.

For more than a decade, Dred and Harriet Scott, with the help of friends and supporters, fought for freedom by means of established law. The U.S. Supreme Court decision on March 6, 1857 claimed that Dred Scott was not a citizen of the United States and therefore had no right to bring suit in the federal courts which caused public outcry throughout the country. The Civil War was sparked, in part, by the misuse of the constitution displayed by that decision.

On September 17, 1858, about 18 months after the decision, Dred Scott died of tuberculosis and was buried in an unmarked grave in St. Louis at the old Wesleyan Cemetery at Grand and Laclede. His remains were later moved, in 1867, to Calvary Cemetery to another unmarked grave. Due to the discovery of his grave in 1957 by Reverend Edward Dowling, a descendant of the Blow family who originally owned him graciously purchased a modest two-and-a-half-foot engraved headstone. On September 17, 1857, on the 99th anniversary of his death, the current headstone was dedicated at Scott's resting place.

The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation hopes to continue the work of recognizing the Scott Family's place in history and to inform future generations about the lengths that enslaved African American men and women went to in their fight for freedom and for just law.

To that end, the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation undertakes a *GoFundMe* Campaign to raise funds for a significant memorial at Dred Scott's gravesite that will properly honor him, contain important biographical and historical information and make it a place worthy of pilgrimage for students and seekers of truth.

To donate and for more information, visit the *GoFundMe* campaign:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/dred-scott-cemetery-memorial?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Visit www.dredscottlives.org for updates on the 2020 activities of the foundation before, during and in spite of Covid-19.