

To the Honorable the Judges of the Superior Court, in the Northern Circuit, now sitting in the County of St. Louis, for said Circuit. The petition of Minney, a black woman who petitions for herself and for the following named persons, who are her children under the age of twenty one year - humbly sheweth.

That about the year seventeen hundred and ninety five she was carried from Kentucky, held as a slave in the Territory of Indiana by one John Whitesides, and Phebe his wife, that she lived there with them several years, when the said Whitesides removed to this Territory, bringing with him your Petitioner, where she has been held as a slave ever since. That since she has been living in this Territory she has had the following children to wit; Lorry, Daniel, Jerry, Nancy, Lydia, Sarah, Hannah, Lewis and Malinda. And your Petitioner is informed that by reason of having been held in Indiana, she and her children born since are free. And your Petitioner further sheweth that she and her children, Hannah, Lewis, and Malinda, are now claimed as slaves by Phebe Pointe, that Lorry is claimed as a slave by the representatives of Thomas Whitesides deceased, Daniel by John Whitesides, Jerry by Robert Musick, Nancy by Isaac Voleau, Lydia by John Putter and Sarah by Michael Kutton. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that such order as the Law directs may be made to enable her to sue for her freedom and as next friend to each

of her said Children to see for their freedom

And He.

(Signed)

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Witness Present  
Peter Ellis

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