

Rachel
vs
Walker } Sup Court June Term 1836

Rachel sued Walker for her freedom in the St Louis Circuit Court & at the East March Term there was a trial & judgment for Walker, from which Rachel appeals, according to the Bill of exceptions the facts are that one Stockton an officer in the United States army then stationed at St Peters, wishing to obtain a slave to live with him at that place, sent to St Louis & purchased Rachel from Maj. Brant & took her to St Peters where he kept her as a slave in his family for a year he was afterwards stationed at Prairie du Chien on the east side of the Mississippi in Michigan Territory whither he removed & resided with his family there still holding Rachel in slavery & held her there near two years when he sold her. During all this time she was employed entirely in immediate attendance on his family -

Rachel is free

See act of Congress of March 6 - 1820 Story's U.S. Laws pag 1762 Sec 8. which forbids slavery north of 36 degrees 30 minutes. also the ordinance of 1787 for Government of Territory north west of Ohio 1 Vol L. U.S.

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1 Miss. Rep. Winny vs Whitesides 472, 3 Miss Rep. Nat vs Ruddle 400 & Julie vs McKenney 270.
as to the child Merry vs. Peppin & Merand 1 Miss Dec 725

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