

Ralph, a man of color v. Coleman Duncan

Missouri Supreme Court, 1833

Use the following words to fill in the blanks.

Forma	Illinois	freedom
living	trespass	reasons
appealed	precedent	judges
Ralph	imprisonment	overturned
petition	Court	file

1. Ralph sued Coleman Duncan for _____ from slavery in 1830.
2. He claimed that _____ and working in _____ made him a free man.
3. The St. Louis Circuit _____ denied Ralph's _____ for freedom.
4. Ralph _____ to the Missouri Supreme Court in 1833.
5. The Missouri Supreme Court _____ said the "once free, always free" _____ applied to Ralph's freedom suit.
6. The Missouri Supreme Court judges _____ the St. Louis Circuit Court decision.
7. To win his freedom, _____ had to _____ a petition for freedom, listing all the _____ he thought he should be free.
8. Ralph also filed a charge of _____ of false _____.
9. Missouri law outlined a general pattern for freedom suits. Many of the same words were used in each one. Such documents are said to be pro _____.