

To the General Assembly of Virginia, the petition of Hannah,
a free woman of colour, humbly represents:

That she was formerly the slave of James Scott, late
of Russell County, in the state of Virginia, and continued so
till his death; That the said James Scott, on the 9th day
of September 1822, made and published his last will and
testament, and died on the day of June 1823, and his said
will was proved and recorded in the County Court of said
County on the 1st day of July 1823, a copy of which will and
probate is herewith exhibited; That by the provisions of that
will, a life estate in your petitioner, as well as other ^{his} slaves,
was devised to Rebecca, the wife of the said James Scott, &
from and after the period of the death of the said Rebecca,
your petitioner, together with the other slaves aforesaid, were to
be fully and entirely emancipated; ~~The~~ all which will
appear by reference to the accompanying copy of the said
will; That the said Rebecca died on the 4th of January 1826,
and consequently your petitioner became from that time
free. But inasmuch as the case of the petitioner is not
embraced by the powers of the County Court, and as she
would be forced, by having to depart from the Commonwealth
to separate herself and her children from her mother, who
is becoming aged and infirm & requiring the aid of her children,
and from her other relations; and since your petitioner
has always maintained, and still bears, a fair & honest
character, (for proof of which she prays reference to the
accompanying certificates,) and ~~has~~ a husband, a coloured
man now living in the said County, she prays that
leave may be granted her, by a special act of your body,
to remain and reside in the Commonwealth of Virginia:
And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Russell County, November 15th 1826.

Harriet Loring Esq
Joseph B. Loring Esq

Samuel Leece

Thos Dickenson, Col
Robert Johnson

Andrew K. Coleman

Names

Robert Boyce
 John Fugate
 James Hendricks
 Andrew Casen
 And William
 Anderson & Hendricks
 James Dickinson
 William Gibson
 Shaareh Williams
 John Sewell
 William Perry
 Samuel Perry
 John Thompson
 James Jackson
 Bird Lockhart
 Jacob Carabtree
 Richard Gally
 Jacob Leach
 Thomas Sewell
 Geo. Robinson
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 Jeph S. Peter
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 Joseph Pennington
 Samual Casamuel

Almon Thompson
 Jos. Stael
 James Gilmore
 Jeremiah Bays
 Alexander Canby
 John W. Wilbong
 James S. Browning
 James Gray
 Solomon Litten Sr.
 William Smith
 J. Kinkaid
 D. Harrington
 H. Baerman
 Jonas Rasmick
 John Bucher
 William Brown
 Daniel M. Clark
 Lewis Barnett
 John Casper
 William Knudsen
 John H. Monk
 William Dewell
 William Monk
 Shadrach Monk
 Joseph Field
 William Wallis
 John Fields Sr.
 John Apperson Jr.
 John M. Reynolds
 Jesse Fuller

Sgt^r William Gilmore
James Munday

Wilson Browning

Francis Browning Senr says he has
been acquainted with James Scott dec^d testator to the
Will hereto annexed for the term of about forty 3 or 4 years
that he was one among the first settlers of this country in
times when the Indians were killing his neighbours frequently and
he help defend them as often as necessary and that his character
otherwise has ever been honest and upright as a neighbor and
citizen of his country which will appear from the subscribers
annexed to this certificate and as to the character of your
petitioner he further says he has been acquainted with her from
a child and never has heard any allegation against her character.

Samuel E. Gilmore & W^m Gilmore Jr who also
are neighbours to your petitioner and has
known her from her childhood know nothing
against her character.

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St. Milton Wright

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George Ball
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John Ball
Theodrich Johnston
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Wesley Dale
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	David Hanson Senr
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Rec^d of Clk Com: of Courts of Justice
the Copy of James Scott's will presented
with petⁿ of Harrah a free woman
of colour - March 1. 1827 -

George Cannon

A petition for
Hannah a free
Woman of law
from Russell. Cty

Dec 17th 1826

George Courant
ref'd to Ct off

to remain in the
state

1826 Dec 26th rejected