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DRED & HARRIET SCOTT
THEIR FAMILY STORY

Born enslaved in Virginia.
Denied the right to purchase freedom.
A pivotal case in American History.
An intimate family portrait.

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Free. Everyone welcome. Books available for purchase.

8:30 am Coffee & Danish, Book Signing

9:00 am - 10:15 am *Dred & Harriet Scott: A Case Study in Finding Missing Links*

Dred Scott, a native of Southampton County, VA was born into slavery. In 1846, after his slave owner refused his request to purchase freedom for himself and family, Dred Scott filed suit in St. Louis for their freedom based on years of living in free territories. Heard by the U. S. Supreme Court, the Dred Scott decision denied freedom to the Scotts and stated that no person of African descent could be a U. S. citizen.

But who were the Scotts? What was their story? Meticulously researched and documented, this is both the very personal story of the Scott family and of an event of tremendous national significance. Whether you are a student of slavery, antebellum history, or your own family, Ms. Hager offers a guide to finding answers and making connections.

10:15 am - 11:00 am Break, Book Signing

11:00 am - 12:30 pm *Southern Claims Commission Research: An Introduction*

From 1871 to 1873, southerners filed over 220,000 claims for losses suffered during the Civil War. More than 220,000 relatives, neighbors, friends, enemies, former slaves and former slave owners provided testimony for or against the claimant. The resulting records contain a wealth of southern Civil War history telling about individuals and the communities in which they lived.

Ruth Ann Hager brings her skills as a reference specialist at the St. Louis Public Library and Certified Genealogist and CG Lecturer to present the methodology by which she uncovered new information about the Scott family. She was a featured speaker at the Library of Congress in September 2011.

For more information contact the Virginia Room at 853.2073 or varoom@roanokeva.gov

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