

Dred Scott Case

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About Dred Scott

Dred Scott was a slave who was first owned by Peter Blow. They traveled westward from Virginia to Alabama to Missouri. Blow died and Scott was bought by Dr. John Emerson. They moved to Illinois. Illinois was a slave free state so Scott attempted to sue for his freedom in 1847.



Dred Scott Sues

Dred Scott went to trial to sue for freedom in 1847 after spending time with his owner in a slave free state. After ten years, the case was brought to the Supreme Court. There it was decided that all african americans, even free ones, could never become a citizen in the United States; therefore, they could not sue in federal court. The government didn't have the power to stop slavery in territories so Dred scott continued to be a slave.



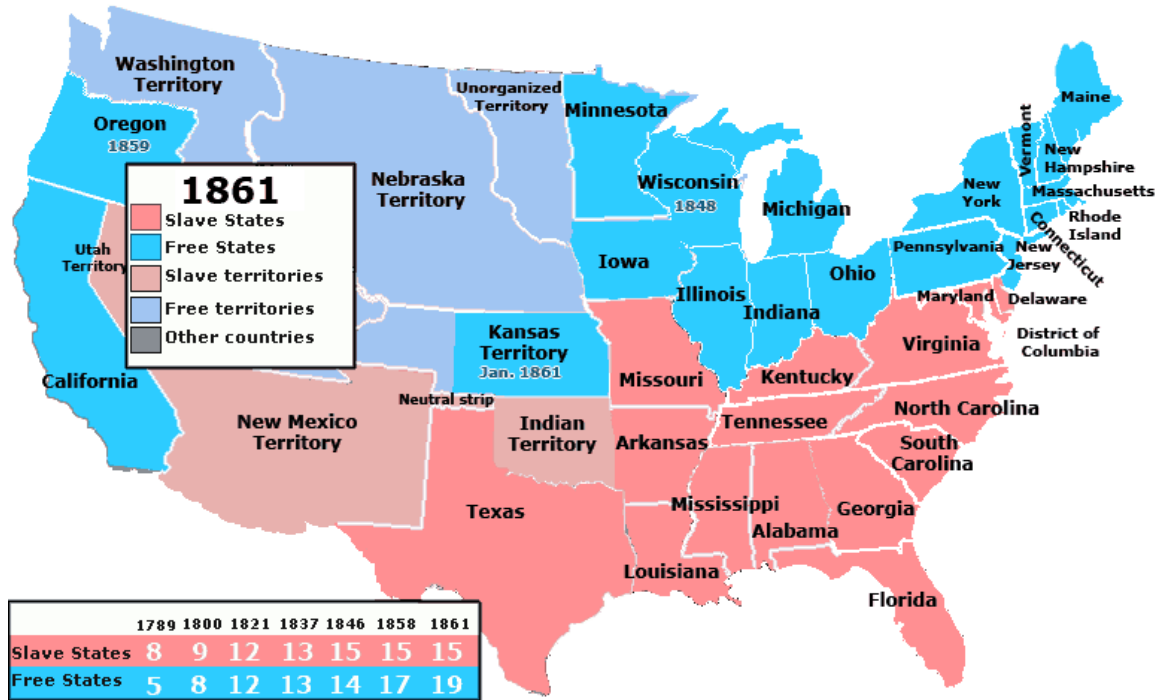
The Decision

The court decided that all people of African ancestry... slaves as well as those who were free could never become citizens of the United States; therefore could not sue in federal court. The court also ruled that the federal government did not have the power to prohibit slavery in its territories. Scott remained a slave.



Who was pleased?

The south would have been more pleased with this decision because when they bring slaves to free states they know that their slaves will not be able to become free.



Friction South + North

This would have led to friction in the North and South because this means that slavery is allowed in all the states even if they are free.

