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DEPOSITIONS of witnesses, produced, sworn, and examined, at *the dwelling house of William Anderson, No. 90 Myrtle Street* in the City and County of St. Louis; State of Missouri, before me, JOHN H. WATSON, Law Commissioner for the said County, in a certai[n?] cause now pending in the *Saint Louis Circuit Court in the State of Missouri*, between *Dred Scott*, plaintiff, and *Irene Emerson*, defendant, on the part of the *Plaintiff*

*Catherine A. Anderson of the City of St. Louis*, of lawful age, being duly sworn and examined on the part of the *Plaintiff* deposeth and saith:---

*I know Dred Scott, Plaintiff in the above case. During the years 1837 and 1838, I knew him as a Slave. at Fort Snelling, at the mouth of St. Peters' river. on the west side of the Mississippi river. within the Territorial limits of the United States. Said Scott at this time was held as a slave by a Doctor Emerson, a Surgeon in the United States Army, who was then posted at Fort Snelling. I knew the Plaintiff to be held for only one year by Said Emerson, as a Slave. During that time Said Emerson exercised control over, and used Plaintiff entirely as a Slave. Since that time I have only seen Plaintiff occasionally. I know Harriet, the wife of Plaintiff Said Dred Scott. I first knew her at Fort Snelling. She too was a Slave of Doctor Emerson at the Same time that I knew Dred. there. This woman, in the year 1837 was hired to me as a servant by Doctor Emerson, and was in my family some two or three months. I knew Said woman for the same length of time that I did ↑Dred.↓ During that whole time She was held in Slavery by Doctor Emerson. When I went to Fort Snelling to live, I found Doctor Emerson posted there. How long he had been there I do not know. Doctor Emerson. left Fort Snelling, in the fall of 1837, but left these slaves there. hire out. They remained there until April 1838, when they left for the South, --for Fort Gibson. I think. During the whole time that I knew them at Fort Snelling they were held in Slavery by Doctor Emerson, or by persons to whom they were hired by him. They were universally known there to be Doctor Emersons Slaves. At the time that I was at Fort Snelling my name was Thompson. I was then the wife of James L. Thompson, a Lieutenant in the army of the United States. The Plaintiffs in these cases are now in St. Louis; and I have been informed and believe, are at W. Samuel Russell's[?]. I went to Fort Snelling in the latter part of May, or first of June, 1837. and left in May, 1838.*

*Catherine A. Anderson*