Judgment by Peter Randolph, Rachel v. John Draper. N.d. Manuscript. Powhatan County (Va.) Judgments (Freedom Suits), 1807-1844. Local Government Records Collection, Powhatan County Court Records,

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Be it remembered that upon the trial of this cause the plt offered to introduce a record which record is in the words & figures following to wit, "Virginia to wit" (Take it in) as evidence to prove that the rachel named therein was free at the time of instituting this suit for freedom. The Counsel for the deft and moved the court to instruct the jury that the said Record was admissible evidence in the present suit between the to establish the fact that the Rachel named in the said record was free on the day of instituting her said suit, & that if they should believe this Rachel therein named to be the same Rachel person with the plaintiff, it was admissible evidence in this cause to prove that the plt was free is free; notwithstanding no privity of title or interest can be shewn between the present deft & the deft named in this said Recordand nor any combination can be shewn between them. And not withstanding the present deft may shew title, or claim under, a different person & by antecedent right.

Peter Randolph (seal)

