

Henry County District Court

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Again I thank you for permitting me to join in commemorating these worthy lives, these strong characters, these file leaders of a chosen people. I believe in the worship of ancestors, in guarding their foundations with a jealous and an un-sleeping care, in holding fast to the faith and the wisdom of the ages, in treasuring the durable riches of the past, being persuaded that so long and only so long, as this shall be a land of memory shall it remain a land of promise.

HENRY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

Mr. Editor:—The District Court for the county of Henry closed its spring term last Saturday evening about 10 o'clock. Considerable business was transacted during the term, of which it is unnecessary to speak. There was one case, however, determined at this term, which (as it will remove and triumphantly refute some objections and erroneous opinions heretofore entertained of the citizens of this territory by a portion of our neighbors) it may be proper to lay before your numerous readers. The action was debt, founded on the fourth section of the act of Congress, approved February 12, 1793, brought by Thomas Flynt, a citizen of Boone county, Missouri, against Reuben Jay, Sr., John Fisher and Reuben Jay, Jr., to recover the sum forfeited by harboring or concealing a runaway negro or fugitive slave. The trial occupied two days. His Honor Chief Justice Mason presided—J. B. & G. W. Teas and J. D. Learned were the counsel for the plaintiff; C. Olney, William H. Starr and H. H. Buckland for the defendants. Late on Saturday evening the jury retired under the instruction of the court, and after a few minutes' consultation returned into court a verdict for the plaintiff.

A LOOKER ON.

Mt. Pleasant, March 23, 1840.

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