**Freedom Papers**

State of California

San Francisco County

Now on this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, the said persons were brought before me, in the custody of San Francisco County, California: Archy Jackson, Bella Jackson, Sally Jackson, and Thomas Jackson.

And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Judge here that the above described Jackson family were brought as slaves from Logtown, Mississippi to California, where slavery does not exist. The Jacksons and his family: wife, daughter, and son are no longer to be under bonds as slaves.

James Givens

Justice of the Peace

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(wording modified from examples offered from actual cases)

**Warrant for the Arrest of Fugitive Slaves**

Logtown, Mississippi

This here is a warrant saying that Cut-Eye Higgins is a commissioner and can arrest fugitive slaves. Ain’t no argument that will let these fugitive slaves escape. This is written in the Constitution in Secshun 6 of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. The fugitives got to stay in Higgin’s custody. If anyone interferes he can get fined up to a thowsand dollers. Constitution says so. Cut Eye Higgins gets at least a hunred dollers for each fugitive he brings in.

Cut Eye Higgins

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*Documents the Law regarding the Fugitive Slave Act 1850*

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