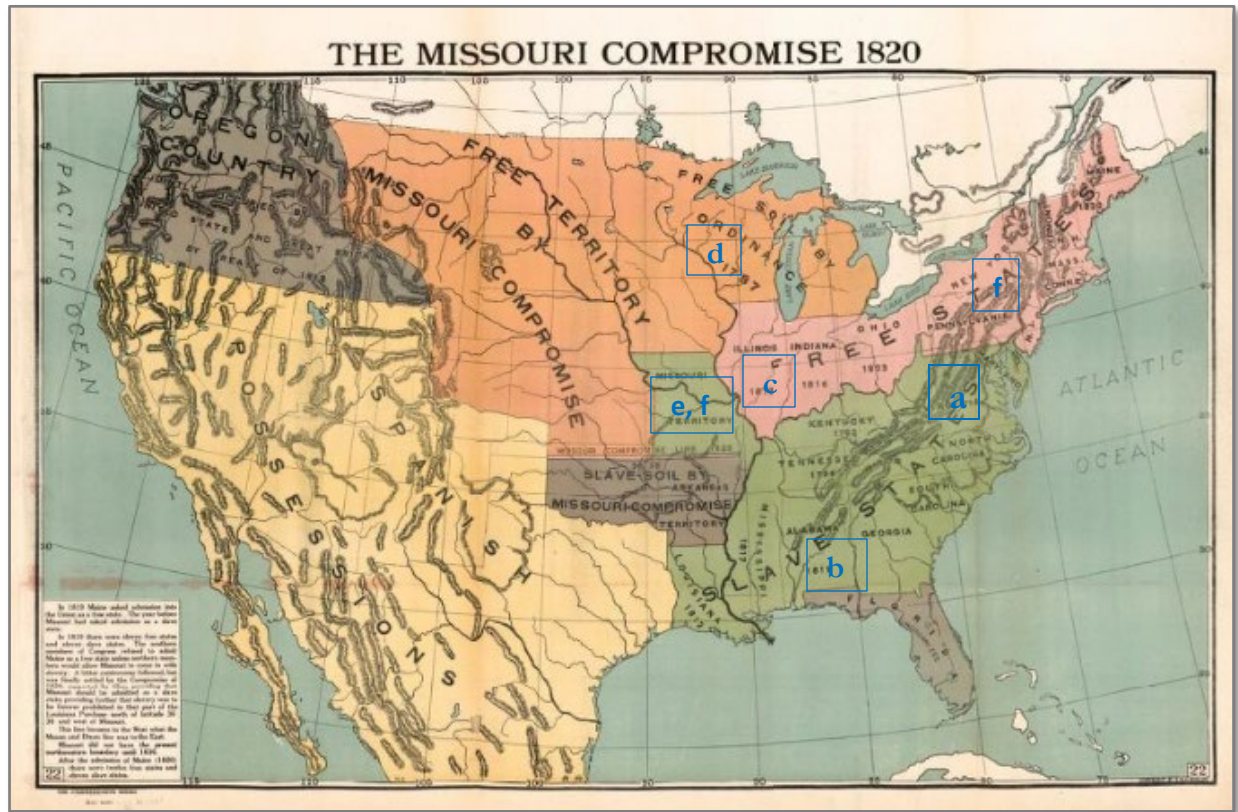


Dred Scott v. Sandford / Tracing Dred Scott's Travels¹—Answer Key



Dred Scott lived in both free and slave states and territories. As you read through his travels, find each location on the map and state whether the area was **free** or **slave** on the blank provided. The map above shows the boundaries of the [Missouri Compromise](#). You might also find it helpful to see a current map of the [United States](#).

- Scott was born in Virginia around 1799. His enslaver was Peter Blow. [Slave](#)
- In 1830, Scott and Blow moved from Alabama to Missouri. [Slave](#)
- Dr. John Emerson, a surgeon in the U.S. Army, bought Scott and moved him to Rock Island, Illinois, in 1834. [Free](#)
- In 1836, Scott and Emerson moved to Fort Snelling, Wisconsin Territory. Fort Snelling was on the west side of the Mississippi River, north of thirty-six degrees thirty minutes north latitude, and north of Missouri. Today this location is in the state of Minnesota.

¹ Modern School Supply Company, and E. W. A Rowles. *The comprehensive series, historical-geographical maps of the United States*. [Chicago, Ill.: Modern School Supply Co, 1919] Map. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2009581137/>.

Emerson bought an enslaved woman named Harriet and Scott married her with Emerson's consent in 1836. [Free](#)

- e. In 1838, Emerson and the Scotts moved to Missouri. The Scotts had two daughters, Eliza, born around 1843, and Lizzie, born around 1850. [Slave](#)
- f. Emerson died in 1843, and he left his possessions, including the Scotts, to his widow. Mrs. Emerson moved and left her brother, John Sanford, in charge of her estate. The Scotts continued living in St. Louis, Missouri ([Slave](#)) while they sued Sanford, who had moved to New York. [Free](#)

Scott sued Sanford because he claimed that Sanford held him illegally. Scott claimed that he had become a free man as soon as he lived in a free territory or state. He claimed that he was taken against his will to a slave territory or state.

Question to Consider

1. Name the territory and/or state where Scott believed he had become a free man. What was his reasoning?

[Illinois, he was using the "once free, always free" reasoning because he had been taken into free territory.](#)