

## Transcription

### **Richmond Hustings Court declares John E. Ferguson and his family "are not negros"**

At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the City of Richmond at the Courthouse, on Monday the Eleventh day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty three. Present, Samuel T. Pulliam, recorder, Joseph C. Wingfield, Alfred Inloes, Edwin Farrar, Thomas Tyler and James Bray, Aldermen.

The Court being satisfied, that John E. Ferguson and Harriet Ferguson, his wife, and Maria Louisa Ferguson, William Ferguson, Britannia Ferguson, Arthur Wellsley Ferguson, Joseph Ferguson and Rachael Ferguson, children of the said John E. and Harriet Ferguson, have each less than one fourth black blood, they certify that they are not negros.

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