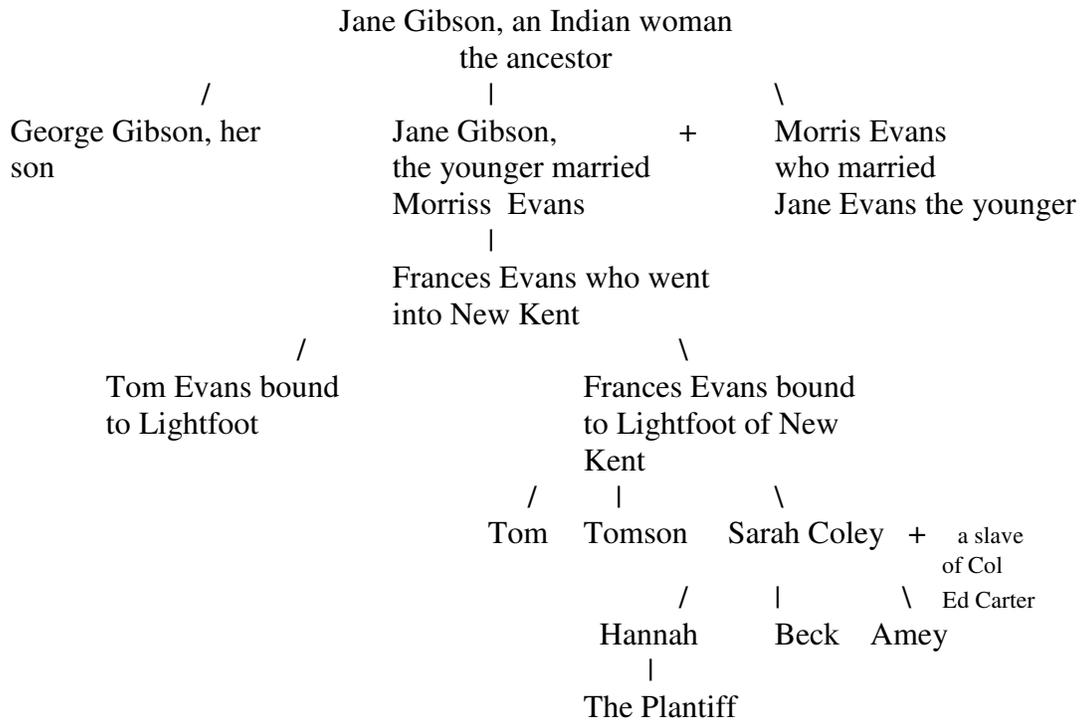


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Freedom Suit Claiming Indian Descent of Enslaved Family, 1814



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To the honorable, the judge of the Richmond chancery-district-court

The petition of Charles Evans Amy Evans, Sukey Evans, Sinar Evans, Solomon Evans, Frankey Evans, Sally Evans, Milly Evans, Adam Evans, and Hannah Evans

holden in slavery by Lewis Allen, of the county of Halifax humbly sheweth: that your petitioners are descendants from Jane Gibson, a free Indian woman, who and most of whose posterity have obtained their freedom by judgments of different courts: that there is a great danger of their being removed out of the commonwealth by the said Allen; as some of the same blood have been sold by the said Allen in the state of North Carolina.

Your petitioners therefore pray that they may be permitted to sue in forma pauperum* &c

March 5. 1804

I beg leave to certify it to be my opinion, that the above allegations are supported by documents in my possession, and that the petitioners are intitled to freedom.

EDM: RANDOLF, a counsel in the said court.

Docketed:
Evans &c } Petition
vs
Allen

* *in forma pauperum*: a plural form of the legal term *in forma pauperis* or a designation given to a person without the money to peruse a lawsuit for whom the court waives some of the normal court fees.

Citation: Genealogical chart and Petition, Lynchburg City (Va.) Chancery Causes, 1807–1945. Charles Evans and others vs. Lewis B. Allen. 1821-033 Local Government Records Collection, City of Lynchburg Court Records. Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.