

At a Quarterly Court of Hustings held for the City  
of Richmond at the Courthouse, on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty three  
present, Samuel J. Pulliam, recorder, Joseph C. Wingfield, Alfred  
Julois, Edward Fannar, 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 Wellenly 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 negroes.