

January 10, 2007

Dear Mrs. Scott:

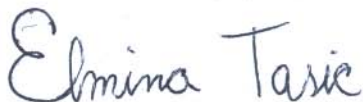
Your husband Dred Scott was a very brave man who opened the doors for many slaves. Even though his entire family were slaves he did not accept it as a way of life, and felt that it was wrong. I believe that he knew that he was not going to win his freedom but still tried and did what he thought was right.

Mr. Scott was very brave to stand up and speak his mind in the courts. From one court to the next, he stood by what he believed in and never gave up. He taught me to never give up on something I believe in and to keep trying, no matter what.

He changed my life because my family is from Bosnia. We came to the United States because of the war in my country. It was similar to your husbands because we too had to work for the people that attacked us. We did it because we didn't have a choice. If we tried to stop doing the work they would kill us or one of our family members. So I understand how your husband felt.

Your husband may not have won his freedom, but he certainly helped win the freedom of others. This is why I admired him. I'm just sorry that he never got to see how his fight helped others. Your husband taught me a lot of things, and he will always be remembered for what he did. I will pass his name to my children and grandchildren and make sure they know of his fight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmina Tasic". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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