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EARLY WASHINGTON, DC LAW & FAMILY PROJECT

To the honorable The Judge of the General Court.  
The petition of Edward Queen humbly sheweth  
that he is held in Slavery by the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Ashton altho  
he is informed he is entitled to his freedom being descended from  
a freewoman, viz. being the son of Phillis who was the daughter  
of Mary Queen commonly called Queen Mary, a freewoman.  
He therefore prays your honors to direct Summons to issue  
against the said John Ashton returnable immediately to  
assess the premises; & that your honors, the facts being  
proved, will adjudge your petitioner to be free. And he  
will pray &c &c &c.

E. Duval  
P.B. de J. & Co.

Witness  
Rev<sup>d</sup> The Judge, &c.  
Almoner Liams, &c.

## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MARCH 19-20, 2015

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# **THURSDAY, MARCH 19: LEGAL HISTORY WORKSHOP**

**12:00-2:00 pm CST**

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**[“Bring Me the Body: Indigenous Habeas Corpus Petitions as Contestations of Colonial Power in the North American West, 1864-1898”](#)**

(2) Dr. William G. Thomas, III  
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**[“The Timing of Queen v. Hepburn: An Exploration of African American Networks in the Early Republic”](#)**

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**[“The Business of a Nascent Federal Court: Records of the Circuit Court for Washington, D. C. from 1801-1802”](#)**

(4) Mitch Fraas  
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**[“The Language of Law: Interpreting Nineteenth-Century Legal Documents”](#)**

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**[“‘By Stealth’ or Contest: Black Women’s Claims to Freedom by Any Means Necessary”](#)**

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## **FRIDAY, MARCH 20: DIGITAL METHODOLOGIES FORUM**

**1:00-3:00 pm cst**

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## **DIGITAL PROJECTS OF INTEREST:**

[The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913](#)

[Race and Slavery Petitions Project](#)

[St. Louis Circuit Court Historical Records Project: Freedom Suits Case Files, 1814-1860](#)

[Prologue DC](#)

[Digital Archive of Anti-Slavery and Anti-Segregation Petitions](#)