

If you are in the Clinton County area of upstate New York, you might be interested in visiting the Lemmon Case Exhibit at the Clinton County Government Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor [Veteran/Board of Election/Historical Office Hallway] starting on February 14 thru February 24.

The Lemmons were moving from Virginia to Texas with 8 slaves ages 2 to 23. They left Virginia and stopped in New York City in 1852. New York was a free state, although Southern slave owners expected the Northern states to abide by the Fugitive Slave Act. However, the Lemmons had voluntarily brought their slaves into the state. This case would be a spark to the Civil War.

The Historical Society of the New York Courts designed this exhibit that includes banners and a video that is narrated by James Earl Jones. You will learn that the individual who would initiate the case was an illiterate black man.

