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To defy the established order, takes courage and determination to not be afraid of society. Many of us will never reach this level of bravery but someone who did was Elizabeth Freeman. Elizabeth Freeman was the first African American to sue for her freedom and win her case which would be a catalyst for the end of slavery. The significance of her actions should be celebrated happily and her legacy eternally memorized.

It wasn't long ago that the United States was economically and socially driven by enslaved people. Enslaved people were horribly mistreated and betrayed by the constitution which was supposed to establish human rights. Even though Elizabeth Freeman faced a daunting and racist society she decided to fight. One day she overheard Colonel Ashley speak about the Massachusetts constitution in which was contradicted by slavery. With the help of Theodore Sedgwick she sued for her freedom and won via the court.

Elizabeth Freeman's pursuit of freedom gave many enslaved people the hope that they could obtain their freedom as well. , This resulted in many so called "Freedom suits" which would lead the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to outlaw slavery in the state. Her valiant efforts allowed for African Americans in the state of Massachusetts to finally achieve freedom and gain independence. Furthermore, her efforts would help spread the idea of equality and with the abolitionist movement, would eventually result in the total outlaw of slavery in the country.

Even after her death, Elizabeth Freeman's influence spread into future generations allowing leaders like Martin Luther King and others to have a chance in continuing the battle for racial equality. She built a path and example for others to follow, but most importantly giving hope to others. Today, there is still work to be done as recent events have shown us but, with determination and courage, there is a way to find equality and justice, as Elizabeth Freeman demonstrated years ago.