(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. _____

I, William Boydston, a loyal citizen, and a resident of _____ County of Platte State of Missouri hereby claim compensation, under the provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866, for my slave Townley Bilestow enlisted August 31st 1863, at Leavenworth, Kansas by Lieut. Adams in the Eighty-third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. F; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ claimant never received.

In proof of my loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States, I present the accompanying oath, which I have taken, signed and acknowledged; to be filed with this application, in accordance with requirement of General Order, No. 329, 1863, War Department, Adjutant General's Office.

Witnesses
Jesse Moore
Ed M. Dobyon

William his X mark Boydston

November 3rd 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, William Boydston the owner and claimant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing claim is a just and true claim due to me as master and owner of the said slave, and that the facts alleged in said claim in respect to the enlistment of said slave into the military service of the United States are true. And I do further swear that I have never joined, *or been concerned in any insurrection* or rebellion; *that I have never borne arms* against the United States; *that I have never given any aid, countenance, counsel or encouragement* to any person or persons engaged, or whom I had reason to believe were about to engage, in insurrection, rebellion or armed hostility *against the United States:* that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office, civil or military, nor to perform any service whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any insurrection, rebellion or pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile thereto. And I do further swear that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I have supported and defended, and will continue to support and defend, the United States, *against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I have supported, defended and obeyed, and will continue to support, defend and obey, the Constitution and laws of the United States*, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this oath freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Ed M. Dobson, Jesse Moore } Witnesses }

William his X mark Boydston

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Platte City Mo this 3rd day of November 1866. With the seal thereof affixed at office Platte City Mo

Platte County Circuit Court

Proofs will be required to prove the active loyalty of the claimant during the war.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. ~~577~~

APPLICATION OF

William Boydston

OF

Platte Co. Mo

for compensation for service of slave Townley Bileston enlisted August 31st 1863, in "F" Co. 83d Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Received December 20 1866, Compensation awarded, ... 186 , ... Dollars.

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Harmon & Co
Washington D.C.
Attys

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War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, Jan 2 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Townley Bileston was enlisted at Leavenworth Ks. Aug 31 1863. and was mustered in as a Pvt. in Co. "F" 83d U.S.C.I. Sept. 8. 63.

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A. F. Rockwell
A. A. G.

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AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

Drafted in the Service of the United States.

..... 186

..... of .....

....., having proved, under oath ..... loyalty to the Con-
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..... a slave ..... and mustered
..... day of ..... 186 ....
..... in the service of the United States, in the
ed Troops, Co. ..... the sum of .....
dollars has been awarded to ..... by this Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, as a compensation for the said slave, under provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

..... *President of the Board.*

..... *Member of the Board.*

R. McMartin *Member of the Board.*

To .....

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops, Washington, D. C.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. ~~607~~

APPLICATION OF

William Boydston

OF

Platte Co. Mo

for compensation for service of slave Dourley Bileston enlisted August 31st 1863, in "F" Co. 83d Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Received December 20th 1866, Compensation awarded, ... 186 , ... Dollars.

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Norman & Co

Washington D.C.

Atty

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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

For Slaves Enlisted or Drafted in the Service of the United States.

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We hereby certify that ..... of ..... county, State of ..... , having proved, under oath ..... loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States, and established ..... title as to the ownership of ..... a slave ..... and mustered at ..... on the ..... day of ..... 186 ... by ..... in the service of the United States, in the ..... regiment of Colored Troops, Co. ..... the sum of ..... dollars has been awarded to ..... by this Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, as a compensation for the said slave, under provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

..... *President of the Board.*

..... *Member of the Board.*

R. W. Martin *Member of the Board.*

To .....

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops, Washington, D. C.

[FORM B.]

William Boydston claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Towuley Bilestow a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the thirty-first day of August 1863, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Towuley Bilestow as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Towuley Bilestow and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

Said Towuley Bilestow belonged to and was the property of the father of said William Boydston and at his death was inherited by said Boydston the claimant aforesaid.

Witnesses Jesse Morin Ed W Dobyns

(2) William his X mark Boydston

Jesse Morin a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and John M. Fugat a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri, having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with William Boydston the claimant for compensation for his slave Towuley Bilestow under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Towuley Bilestow at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Ten years previous thereto was the slave of said William Boydston They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Jesse Morin

(3) John M Fugat

Jeremiah Beery a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and J. P. Miller a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in county of Platte State of Missouri and county of Platte State of Missouri; that they are personally acquainted with William Boydston claimant for compensation for his slave Towuley Bilestow under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and that they know that said claimant has firmly and faithfully maintained his allegiance and adherence to the Government of the United States, by defending its cause against the Government of the so-called Confederate States of America, in all suitable and practicable ways, and according to his ability; they also swear that they have themselves maintained a like adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States, and that they have no interest in said claim.

Jeremiah Beery

(4) J P Miller

And the said William Boydston claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, he hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorneys, **CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO., Washington, D. C.,** to prosecute his claim for compensation which may be awarded to him as owner of said slave, by the Acts of Congress in that regard, before the Board of Claims appointed for the State of Missouri

for the adjustment of such claims, before the Departments at Washington, D. C., where the same may become necessary, and elsewhere, and in his name, place and stead, for him and in his name to ask, demand, recover and receive such compensation as may be awarded as aforesaid, hereby giving and granting unto his said Attorneys full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as full and to all intents and purposes the same as he might or could do were he personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all his said Attorneys or their substitutes by their appointment shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof; and it is understood and agreed that this Power of Attorney cannot be revoked by him without the consent of his Attorneys herein appointed.

Witnesses
Ed M Dobson
Jesse Morrow

(5) William his X Boydston
mark

STATE OF Missouri }
County of Platte } ss.

On this 3rd day of November 1866 personally appeared before me Geo. W. Bird Clk of Cir. Court in and for the county and State aforesaid William Boydston the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by him subscribed, and he further acknowledges the signing and sealing of the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his own free binding act, for the purposes and objects therein contained and set forth; and at the same time also personally appeared the above named Jesse Morrow and John M. Fugat and Jeremiah Beery and J. P. Miller and made oath to the truth of the statements by them respectively subscribed.

Witness my hand and seal, upon the day and date first above written. at office in Platte City Mo

(6) Geo W Bird Clk
Platte County Circuit Court



INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) State all the circumstances connected with obtaining title—when, where and how.
(2) Signature of claimant.
(3) Signatures of witnesses to ownership.
(4) Signatures of witnesses to loyalty.
(5) Signature of claimant.
(6) Signature of Notary Public or Clerk of Court, authenticated by seal.

If title is by *purchase*, state date of bill of sale, and where recorded. When possible, file the bill of sale. If title is by inheritance, state when and from whom the slave was inherited, and where the will is recorded or the administrator was appointed.
If claimant is a trustee, executor or administrator, he must show by the record proof that he is such.
Where the same party claims compensation for more than one slave, he must file a separate claim for each.

No. 45

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney, in the Application of

William Boydston

Parker Pillsbury

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Attorneys for Claimant.