Claim for Compensation for Enlisted Slaves.

No. ----------

I, Henry Elley a loyal citizen, and a resident of ----------
County of Callaway 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 Lewis Smith alias Elley enlisted March 10th 1864, at Jefferson City Mo by Lt J. M. Gavin and served in the Eighteenth Regiment, United States colored troops, Company "I", certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompany this application. 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 Orders, No. 329, 1863, War Department, Adjutant General's Office.

Jefferson City Mo.
November 2d 1866.

Henry Elley

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Henry Elley 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 voluntary support to any insurrection, rebellion, or pretended Government, 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.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 2d day of November, A. D. 1866

Henry Elley

P. F. Miller
Notary Public for Callaway Mo

Certificate of Award of the Board of Claims.

Office of the Board of Claims,

FOR SLAVES, ENLISTED OR DRAFTED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE U. S.

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We hereby Certify, that ..... of ..... County, State of Missouri, 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, Company ....., 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 the provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

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

..... *Member* " "

..... *Member* " "

To .....

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

No. 107

APPLICATION OF

Benj. Clay

OF

Callaway County Mo.

for compensation for service of slave Dennis Smith enlisted Sept. 10 1864, in Co. F, 18th Regt Mo. Vol. Infty.

Received Dec. 24 1866.

Compensation awarded 186

..... Dollars.

President Board of Com.

P. O. ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT:

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec 11 1866.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Dennis Smith was enlisted at Jefferson City Mo. Sept 17. 1864 and was mustered in as a Pvt. Co. F. 18th Regt. U.S.C.T. Sept 17. 64.

E.D.T.

Asst. Adj't General.

COLORED VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIVE LIST of Lewis Smith Colored Volunteers, enlisted in the service of the United States under General Order No. 135, Head Quarters Department of the Mo. St. Louis, November 14th, 1863. Claimed to have been the slave of Henry Ely a citizen of Calloway County, State of Missouri.

Name.	Description.						Where Born.		Occupation.	Enlisted.			
	YEARS OF AGE.	EYES.	HAIR.	COMPLEXION.	FEET.	INCHES.	State.	County.		When.	Where.	By whom.	Period.
Lewis Smith	20	Dark	Dark	Black	Five	Nine	Missouri	Calloway	Farmer	Sept 17th	Jefferson City Mo.	Maj. L. D. Jay 18th U.S. Colored Inft'y	Three Years

REMARKS.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that I have carefully examined the above named Colored Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity that would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

W. L. Woods, Asst Surgeon
Examining Surgeon.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above named Colored Volunteer was duly enlisted by me, and that the above is his correct Descriptive List. That I have minutely inspected him previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.

Station Jefferson City Mo.
Date Sept 17th 1864

Maj. L. D. Jay
18th U.S. Colored Inft'y
~~Provost Marshal~~ and Recruiting Officer.

State of Missouri, }
County of Cole } ss.

ON THIS Third day of November A. D., 1866 personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Henry Elley to me well known, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says, that one Lewis Smith for whom said Henry Elley claims compensation under the Acts of Congress, approved February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, was, at the date of the Enlistment of said Lewis Smith into the military service of the United States, the slave of, and lawfully owned by this claimant; that this claimant obtained his title to him in the following manner, (1)

The mother of said Lewis Smith was the slave of this Claimant at the time of said Lewis' birth and said Lewis Smith remained the slave of this Claimant from the time of his birth until the date of his enlistment into the service of the United States and was known during the time he was such slave as Lewis Elley. but after his enlistment changed his name to Lewis Smith

Henry Elley
(Signature of Claimant.)

At the same time and place personally appeared Alexander Hord and R L Hord whom I certify to be credible persons and who are citizens and bona fide residents of Callaway County, State of Missouri and who, having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say that they are personally acquainted with Henry Elley, the claimant for compensation for one Lewis Smith under the Acts of Congress, approved February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Lewis Smith at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Eighteen years previous thereto was the slave of and owned by said Henry Elley and they further swear that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution or result of this claim.

Alexander Hord
R L Hord
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

At the same time and place personally appeared Alexander Hord and R L Hord whom I certify to be credible persons and who are citizens and bona fide residents of Callaway county, State of Missouri and who having been duly sworn according to law depose and say that they are personally acquainted with Henry Elley the claimant for compensation for one Lewis Smith 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 adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States by defending its cause against the government and forces of the so-called confederate States of America, in all suitable and practicable ways, and according to his ability and opportunity, and affiants also swear that they themselves have maintained a like adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States, and that they have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution or result of this claim.

Alexander Hord
R L Hord
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

State of Missouri, }
County of Cole } ss.

ON THIS Third day of November A.D.
1866 personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public
in and for the county and State aforesaid, the above named Henry Elley Claimant
and Alexander Hord and R L Hord Witnesses

and being first duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing statements by them respectfully subscribed are true.
And I further Certify, that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution or result of this claim.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal of office at Jefferson City Mo
this Third day of November
A. D., 1866

R A Bluffard
Notary Public for Cole County Mo

No 1
Henry Elley

PROOF
— OF —
Ownership and Loyality.

Lewis Lewis

INSTRUCTIONS.

(1.) State all the circumstances connected with the obtaining of title, and when, where and how. If title is by purchase, state date of bill of sale and where recorded; when possible, file the bill.

If title is by inheritance, state when and from whom the slave was inherited and where the will is recorded or the administrator appointed. If claimant is a Trustee, Executor or Administrator, he must show by record proof that he is such. Where the same party claims compensation for more than one slave, a separate claim must be filed for each one.

STATE OF Missouri }
County of Callaway } SS:

I Thos J Ferguson an Officer of the Government of the United States, hereby certify that Henry Elley is, and has been all the time during the rebellion, a good citizen and loyal; that he has firmly and faithfully maintained his adherence and allegiance 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, according to his ability and opportunity.

GIVEN under my hand at Cole Sans Depsins in the State and County aforesaid, this 6th day of November, A. D. 1866.

Thos J. Ferguson

Post Master

(*Signature of Officer with official designation.*)

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Henry Elley

Claim for

Lewis Smith