CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No _____.

I, a loyal citizen, Smith Adams and a resident of Saint-Joseph County of Buchanan 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 Thomas Adams enlisted by a recruiting officer 1863 and taken to St. Louis by the same officer about the 3d of March 1863 in the Twenty-ninth (29th) Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. E no certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. Capt. J. S. Brown commanding Comp. E

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.

Smith Adams

November 6th 1865

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Smith Adams 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.

Smith Adams

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Saint-Joseph Mo. this Sixth day of November 1865

Robt Boyle
Notary Public

Affidavits of disinterested loyal parties will be required to prove the active loyalty of the claimant during the war.

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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..... 186

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.*

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

To .....

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

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No. 3209

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

Smith Adams

for Compensation for Service of Slave.

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INSTRUCTIONS.

1. State all the circumstances connected with obtaining title—when, where, and how.
2. Signature of Claimant.
3. Signature of Witnesses to Ownership.
4. Signature of Witnesses to Loyalty.
5. 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. Where 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 was 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, he must file a separate claim for each one.

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No. 2209

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND

in the Application

Patrick Nolan

for Compensation for

a Slave.

Ridgely Platte Co Mo December 3rd 1865

Received of Smith Adams six hundred dollars in full payment for a negro Boy name Tom which I warrent to be sound in body and in mind & a slave for life

James A Adams

(2) Smith Adams

Hiram V Miller and A B Lyon having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Smith Adams the claimant for compensation for one Thomas under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and kno Thomas Adams at the date of his enlistm into the military service of the United States, and for Several years prev the slave of said Smith Adams. They also declare that t interest in said claim.

(3) H V Miller
A B Lyon

Hiram V Miller and A B Lyon having first been sworn, upon their ~~oaths~~ declare, that they reside, respectively, in St Joseph County of Buchanan State of Miss and St Joseph County of Buchanan, State of Miss that they are personally acquainted with Smith Adams compensation for one Thomas Adams under the Acts of Congress 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866. And that they know that said "claimant has firm fully maintained his allegiance and adherence to the Government of the Unit

Smith Adams claimant for compensation for Thomas Adams a slave, under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, having been duly sworn, declares that at the date of the Enlistment of said Thomas Adams into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Thomas Adams and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1):

By purchase from James Adams of Platte County Missouri December 3rd A D 1865 as per Bills of Sale hereunto annexed

(2) Smith Adams

Hiram V Miller and A B Lyon having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Smith Adams the claimant for compensation for one Thomas Adams under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Thomas Adams at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Several years previous thereto, the slave of said Smith Adams. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) H V Miller
A B Lyon

Hiram V Miller and A B Lyon having first been sworn, upon their ~~oaths~~ declare, that they reside, respectively, in Saint Joseph County of Buchanan State of Missouri and St Joseph County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with Smith Adams claimant for compensation for one Thomas Adams, under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 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 allegiance and adherence to the Government of the United States, and that they have no interest in said claim.

(4) H V Miller
A B Lyon

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Buchanan } November 9th 1865.

Personally appeared the above named Smith Adams claimant and Hiram V Miller and A B Lyon and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) Robt Boyle
Notary Public