CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. ____

I, ~~a loyal citizen~~, Benjamin F. Willis a loyal Citizen and a resident of Plattsburg County of Clinton 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 Dewitt Willis alias Conway enlisted Aug 3 1863 at Leavenworth Kansas by Lt Nicholas in the 83d Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. F No certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. None was used

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.

Ben F. Willis

November 9th 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Benjamin F. Willis 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.

Ben F. Willis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Plattsburg Mo
this 9th day of November 1866

W. Edward Binney Clerk
Clinton Circuit Court

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

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 497 K

APPLICATION OF

Benjamin F. Willis

OF

Plattsburg Clinton Co Mo

for compensation for service of slave

Dewitt Willis alias Emby

enlisted August 3 1863

in F Co. 83rd Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Feby 28 1867

Compensation awarded,

186

Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant:

James F. Eyles

St. Joseph Mo

2 J. C. Dodge

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, April 6 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Dewitt Embry was enlisted at Leavenworth Kan August 3 1863. and was mustered in as private in Co. "F" 83rd U.S.C.T. Sept 8 1863.

F. C. Sayyard

Asst. Adj't General.

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Mo. 497 Benj. F. Willis

OF AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

or Drafted in the Service of the United States.

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President of the Board.

Member of the Board.

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To

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

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

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

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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.

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Chief of the Bureau for the
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Benjamin F Willis claimant for compensation for Dewitt Willis alias Emery 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 Dewitt Willis alias into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Dewitt Willis alias Emery and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1):

That he acquired said Dewitt Willis Through his Wife Ann of whom he married in Green County Ky in December 1848. The father of said Ann Wife of Claimant having died in Green County Ky in the year 1846 leaving as his Executor with Will annexed Martha A Embry his Wife. Will Recorded in the said County of Green State of Kentucky.

(2) Ben. F Willis

Joseph Haffron and Moses Jennings having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Benjamin F Willis the claimant for compensation for one Dewitt Willis under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Dewitt Willis at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for One year previous thereto, the slave of said Benjamin F Willis. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Joseph Haffron
Moses Jennings

Joseph Haffron and Moses Jennings having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in Near Platteburg County of Platte State of Missouri and Near Platteburg County of Platte, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with Benjamin F Willis claimant for compensation for one Dewitt Willis 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) Joseph Haffron
Moses Jennings

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Clinton }

November 9th 1866

Personally appeared the above named Ben F. Willis, Joseph Haffron and Moses Jennings

and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) Leonard Bonney Clerk
Clinton County Court

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. 449

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

Benjamin F. Wallis

for Compensation for Service of Slave.