(Form A.)

## CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. ____

I, Benj R. Morton, Admr of Estate of David Hunt, decd, 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~~ a slave of said David Hunt, deceased, named John Yokum enlisted August 8th 1862, at Fort Scott, Kansas by Capt Armstrong in the Seventy-ninth Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. D; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application~~. 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.

Benjamin R. Morton Executor

November 13th 1866.

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Benj R. Morton Admr or Estate of David Hunt, dec'd (former) 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.

Benjamin R. Morton Executor

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at office in Platte City Mo with the seal thereof affixed this 13 day of November 1866.

Geo M. Bell clerk

Platte County, Circuit Court





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

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# ENDORSEMENT.

No. ~~1144~~ 164 K

APPLICATION OF

Benjamin R Morton
OF Admr

Pettis Co Mo

for compensation for service of slave John Yokum

enlisted Aug 8 1862,

in D Co. 79th Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Jany 14th 1867,

Compensation awarded,

..... 186 ,

..... Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. C. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Nosmer & Co

Washington

DC

4 attys

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, Jan 31st 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that John Yokum was enlisted at Fort Scott Kans August 8. 1862, and was mustered in as Pvt. in Co D 79th U. S. C. T. Jan. 18. 1863.

Vs. 164. Mo.

A J Rockwell

JAB. Asst Adjt Genl

a compensation for the said slave, under provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

WARD 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-

States, and established ..... title as to the ownership of

a slave ..... and mustered

..... day of ..... 186 ....,

..... in the service of the United States, in the

l Troops, Co. ..... the sum of .....

his Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, as

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

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

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

To .....

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

# ENDORSEMENT.

No. ~~1770~~ 1647

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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.*

..... 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.*

Rud Larsh *Member of the Board.*

To .....

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

[FORM B.]

Benj R. Morton, Admr of estate of David Hunt, dec'd, claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for John Yokum, a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the eighth day of August 1862, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said John Yokum as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in this application, said David Hunt was the lawful owner of said John Yokum and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

By purchase from W. F. Gocom, on the 12th day of February 1855.

(2) Benjamin R. Morton, Executor

Wm F. Strait a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and Marion Todd a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having been duly sworn, declare that they were personally acquainted with David Hunt, dec'd and are personally acquainted with Benj R. Morton the claimant for compensation for a slave named John Yokum under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said John Yokum at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for eight years previous thereto was the slave of said David Hunt, dec'd. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Wm F. Strait

Marion Todd

(3)

Hugh Swaney a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and Richard T. Darnall 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 were personally acquainted with David Hunt, deceased, and are personally acquainted with Benj R. Morton claimant for compensation for a slave John Yokum under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and that they know that said claimant and deceased have firmly and faithfully maintained their 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 their 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.

Hugh Swaney

Richard T. Darnall

(4)

And the said Benj R. Morton 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~~ administrator of said Estate, 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.

(s) Benj. Ruston Executor & admr.

STATE OF Missouri }
County of Platte } ss.

On this 13th day of November 1866 personally appeared before me Geo. W. Beck a Clk Cir Court in and for the county and State aforesaid Benj R. Morton the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by him subscribed, and he further acknowledge 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 Wm A Pratt and Marion Todd, Hugh Swaney and Richd. T. Darnall. and made oath to the truth of the statements by them respectively subscribed.

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

[SEAL.]

(s) Geo. W. Beck Clerk
Platte County Circuit Court

## INSTRUCTIONS.

with obtaining title—when, where and how.

(4) Sig[illegible]ity.

(5) Signature [illegible]

(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. 1780

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

Benj. R. Morton Admr of Estate of David Branch, dec.

Platte City Mo

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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

# COMPENSATION FOR SLAVE.

## AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR.

State of Missouri
County of Platte } SS.

Personally appeared before me, Geo W Bell a Clk of Cir Court in and for said County, Benjamin R Morton who, being duly sworn on oath declares and says that he is the legally and duly constituted admr of the Estate of David Hunt late of the County of and State of Missouri deceased, and that the appended copy of his appointment and authority for appearing in that capacity is true and correct; that his application for compensation under the Acts of Congress approved February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, for John Vr Lum a slave, lately owned by said deceased, and since mustered into the service of the United States, is made for the benefit of the heirs at law of said deceased, whom deponent declares to be of the following names and ages, to wit: Mrs S. J. Morton, Mrs Ann Lekins, John G Sutton, omage

If heirs are minors, give the precise age in years; if over age state the fact without giving age.

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| Mrs Elizabeth Merryman | aged | over age | years, |
| David Hunt Jr | aged | " | years, |
| Mrs H E. Queen | aged | " | years, |
| William H Hunt | aged | " | years, |
| Mrs Mary F McClure | aged | Eighteen | years, |
| Robert F. Hunt | aged | ~~eighteen~~ Sixteen | years, |

Deponent further saith that the above named persons are all who are to him known to be entitled to any benefits to be derived from his application for said slave; and that said slave has been inventoried as a part of the assets of said deceased, and compensation therefor is due and owing said heirs aforementioned.

(1) Benjamin R Morton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January 186 7 ~~with the seal thereof affixed at office in Platte City Mo the day and year above written~~

[SEAL.] (2) Geo W. Bell clerk
Platte County Circuit Court

I, R. F. Gaines a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and I, F. Y. Flanary a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they are personally acquainted with the above named heirs at law of David Hunt deceased, to wit: Mrs S. J. Morton, Mrs Ann Lekins, John G. Sutton Mrs Elizabeth Merryman, David Hunt Jr Mrs H.E. Queen William H Hunt. Mrs Mary F. McClure, & Robert F. Hunt

and that they know that said heirs have firmly and faithfully maintained their 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 their 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.

R. F. Gaines
(3) F. Y. Flanary

STATE OF Missouri
County of Platte } SS.

On this Fourth day of January 1867, personally appeared before me Richard F Gaines and Franklin Y Flanary 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 the day & year above written~~

[SEAL.] (2) Geo W Bell Clerk
Circuit Court Platte County Mo

(1.) Signature of Executor or Administrator.
(2.) Signature of Clerk of Court or Notary Public.
(3.) Signatures of witnesses to loyalty.
Certified copy of appointment as Executor or Administrator must accompany this.

Letter of administration filed in case of William Phillipps
dec'd Benj R. Morton adm'r & claimant

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State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss

Be it remembered that at an adjourned term of the Probate Court of Platte County Missouri, begun and held at Platte City, Mo. on 15th day of December A.D. 1864. among other proceedings had the following proceedings, to wit:

"In the Matter of Estate } Now at this day
of David Stuart dec'd } the Court grants
letters testamentary
upon said Estate to Benjamin. R. Morton
who is required to enter into bond conditioned
as the Law requires."

I Norton. B. Anderson Clerk of the Probate Court, within and for the County of Platte and State aforesaid. do hereby certify that the above is a true and perfect Copy from the Records of said Court.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed Seal of said Court at office in Platte City this 4th day of January A.D. 1867

Norton. B. Anderson Clerk



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