CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [redacted]

I, Peder Nelson, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Washington Township 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, Andrew alias Adam Spencer enlisted July 24th 1863 at Fort Klunk Co. by Capt Eagle in the 79th Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. F the certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. None ever 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.

Peder Nelson

November 16th 1865

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Peder Nelson 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 his 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 evasion. So help me God.

Peder Nelson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Saint-Joseph

this Sixteenth day of November 1865

Robt Boyle

Notary Public

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

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 6 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Adam Summers was enlisted at Ft. Blunt C.T. July 2d. 1863, and was mustered in as Private Co. "F" 79th U.S.C.I. Oct 6. 1863.

T. C. S. Sayyard

Asst. Adj't General.

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compensation for the said slave, under provisi

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 165 K

APPLICATION OF

Peter Nelson

OF

Buchanan County

For compensation for service of Slave

Andrew alias Adam Spence

enlisted July 20th 1863

in "F" Co. 79th Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 18 1864

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant, & attorney

James D. Eyles

St. Joseph Missouri

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A. C. Dodge

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.*

_____ *Member of the Board.*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Peder Nelson a Loyal Citizen and ____ claimant for compensation for Andrew alias Adam Spencer 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 Andrew Va Adam Spencer into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Andrew Va Adam Spencer and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): ____

By purchase from Columbus Spencer as per bill of Sale dated 17 April 1850 herewith filed

(2) Peder Nelson

Charles W. Campbell and C. B. Francis having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Peder Nelson the claimant for compensation for one Andrew Va Adam Spencer under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Andrew Va Adam Spencer at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Several years previous thereto, was the slave of said Peder Nelson. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Chas W. Campbell
C. B. Francis

Charles W. Campbell and C. B. Francis 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 Peder Nelson claimant for compensation for one Andrew Va Adam Spencer 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) Chas W. Campbell
C. B. Francis

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF Buchanan } ss. November 16 1865

Personally appeared the above named Peder Nelson Charles W. Campbell and Charles B. Francis and made oath to the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) Robt Boyle
Notary Public

St Joseph Apr 17th 1860

Know all men by these presents that I have this day sold a negro boy named Andrew twelve years old to Peter Nelson for the sum of nine hundred dollars, said boy is sound in body and mind title warranted good

Columbus Spencer

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 of 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.

No. 1160

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the application of

Peter Nelson

for Compensation for Service of Slave.