CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. 198

I, a loyal citizen, Robt B Thomas and a resident of Kalloch 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 George Thomas enlisted December 28th 186 3, at Louisiana Mo. by John F Cunningham in the 2nd Mo Col Infty 65th Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "K"; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application.

In proof of my loyalty to the Constitution and Goverment 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.

Robert B. Thomas

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Robert B Thomas the owner and claimant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing claim is a just and true claim due me as master and owner of the said slave, and that the facts alleged in said claim in respect to 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 beleive 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 or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any insurrection, rebellion or pretended goverment, 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.

Robert B Thomas

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph, Mo. *this* 17th *day of* November 186 6

J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

I hereby appoint FRANK J. WHITE, Attorney at Law, of Jefferson City, my Attorney, for me and in my name to adjust and collect the above claim; and I further authorize him to receive and receipt for such compensation as may be awarded to me.

Robert B Thomas

Sworn to and Subscribed before me at St. Joseph, Mo this 17th of Nov. 1866 J. C. Robidoux, Notary Public

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 198

APPLICATION OF

Robert B. Thomas

OF

Buchanan Co. Mo.

For Compensation for Service of Slave

George Thomas

Enlisted December 28 1863,

in "K" Co., 65 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received March 22 1866

Compensation Awarded,

_____ 186 .

_____ *Dollars.*

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant:

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FRANK J. WHITE,

ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANT,

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

(3 inc)

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec 11 1866.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that George Thomas was enlisted at Brunswick, Mo. December 28, 1863, and was mustered in as a Private in Co. "K" 65th U.S.C. Inft'y. Jan 16, 1864.

A. J. Rockwell

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Asst Adjt Genl

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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.

_____ Member of the Board.

To _____

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

COLORED VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIVE LIST of George Thomas 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 Robert B Thomas a citizen of Buchanan 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.
George Thomas	27	Black	Black	Black	5	5½	Kentucky	Bourbon	Farmer.	Dec 28th 1863	Brunswick	John F. Cunningham	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.

John F. Cunningham
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 Brunswick
Date December 28th 1863

John F. Cunningham
Provost Marshal and Recruiting Officer.

Robert B Thomas claimant for comp nsation for George Thomas 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 George Thomas into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said George Thomas and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): Through his wife Mary Ann Thomas, who inherited from her father Henry Ewalt who deceased in the year 1850, at Lewis County Mo.

(2) Robert B Thomas

Isaac Lower and Thos T. Feland. having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Robert B Thomas the claimant for compensation for one George Thomas under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said George Thomas at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Fifteen years previous thereto, was the slave of said Robt B Thomas. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Isaac Lower
T C Feland

and

having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in County of State of and County of , State of that they are personally acquainted with Robert B. Thomas claimant for compensation for one George Thomas 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 suitable and practicable ways, and according to his ability;" they also swear that they ha themselves maintained a like allegiance and adherence to the Government of the United Stat and that they have no interest in said claim.

(4) Isaac Lower
T C Feland

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Buchanan }

St. Joseph, Mo. Nov. 17th 1866.

Personally appeared the above named Isaac Lower and T. C. Feland

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

(5) J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

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.

No. 566

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

Robt. B. Thomas

for Compensation for Service of Slave.

FRANK J. WHITE,

Attorney for Claimant,

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.