CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. 1

I, a loyal citizen, Robert B. Thomas and a resident of Hallock 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 William Thomas enlisted July 17 1863, at Elwood Kansas by Capt Cook in the 83 Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "A" Certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ Never received

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

November 17th 1866

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph Mo
this 17th *day of* November 1866

J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

I hereby appoint [redacted] Chipman Kasmer & Co Washington D.C. my Attorneys for me and in my name to adjust and collect the above claim; and I further authorize ~~him~~ them to receive and receipt for such compensation as may be awarded to me.

Robert B. Thomas

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Buchanan }
Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 17th day of Nov. 1866 J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public







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.

[redacted]

..... 186 .

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ..... of

..... County, State of .....

having proved, under oath, ... loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States, and estabblished ..... 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.

[redacted] Member of the Board.

To .....

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

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Washington, June 29 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that William Stevens was enlisted at Edwards Kansas July 17 1863 and was mustered in as private Co. "K" 83rd U.S.C.T. August 11, 1863.

A. Foreman
Asst. Adjt General.

1863,

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 1225

APPLICATION OF

Robert B. Mason

OF

Beech Grove Co. Iowa.

For Compensation for Service of Slave

William Stevens

Enlisted July 17, 1863,

in K Co., 83 *Regiment,*

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received June 14, 1867

Compensation Awarded, ... 186 .

..... *Dollars.*

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant:

Hallock Breckinridge Co. Iowa.

Chipman Mason & Co

ATTORNEYS FOR CLAIMANT,

Washington D.C.

Robert B. Thomas claimant for compensation for William 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 William Thomas into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said William Thomas and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): The said William Thomas was given to him by his mother Sallie Thomas in the year 1840, when the said Slave was a child, and was raised by said claimant, claimant at that time being a resident of Bourbon Co. Ky.

(2) Robert B. Thomas

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

(3) Isaac Lower
T C Feland

Isaac Lower and Thomas C. Feland having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in Crawford Township County of Buchanan State of Missouri and County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with Robert B Thomas claimant for compensation for one William 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 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) Isaac Lower
T C Feland

STATE OF Missouri
COUNTY OF Buchanan } ss.

St. Joseph, Mo, Nov 17th 1866

Personally appeared the above named Isaac Lower and T. C. Feland affiants and Robert B. Thomas Claimant

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. 125

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

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for Compensation for Service of Slave.

Chas. Thos. Hanna & [redacted]

Attorneys for Claimant,

Washington, D. C.