(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. .....

I, Mary A Hollingsworth, 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 slave William Belt enlisted December 12th 1864, at Leavenworth Kansas by Lieut Matthews, in the 3rd Regt Battery ~~Regiment~~ Artillery, U. S. Colored ~~Troops~~, ~~Co.~~ Light; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ claimant recd none

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.

Mary A Hollingsworth

November 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Mary A Hollingsworth 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.

Mary A Hollingsworth

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Office in Platte Co Mo. with the seal thereof affixed this 22 day of November 1866.

Geo W Bell Clerk

Platte County 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. 618

APPLICATION OF

Mary A Hollingsworth

OF

Platte Co

for compensation for service of slave William Belt enlisted December 12 1864, in Co. Indepl Batty Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Decem 20 1866,

Compensation awarded,

..... 186 ,

..... Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Hosmer & Co

Washington

DC

Attys

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War Department,

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, Dec 30 1866.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that William Belt was enlisted at Leavenworth Kans December 12, 1864, and was mustered in as private in Independent Battery Light Artly, Dec 12, 1864,

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A F Rockwell

A. A. G.

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AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

r Drafted in the Service of the United States.

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..... 186

..... of .....

....., having proved, under oath ..... loyalty to the Con-

d 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

red Troops, Co. ..... the sum of .....

r 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.*

B. Mayer *Member of the Board.*

To .....

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

[FORM B.]

Mary A Hollingsworth claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for William Belt a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the twelfth day of December 1864, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said William Belt as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in her application, she was the lawful owner of said William Belt and obtained her title to him in the following manner: (1) the said William Belt was the property of her husband, Benjamin F Hollingsworth dec'd, and at his death, viz, on the 15th day of February, 1860. the said William Belt became the property of said Mary A Hollingsworth, the claimant

(2) Mary A Hollingsworth

Wm D Bonnel a resident of Platte County, State of Neb and Jerimiah Berry a resident of Platte County, State of Neb having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Mary A. Hollingsworth the claimant for compensation for her slave William Belt under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said William Belt at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for four years previous thereto was the slave of said Mary A Hollingsworth They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Wm D. Bonnel

(3) Jerimiah Berry

S A Spears a resident of ~~Platte~~ County, State of Missouri and W J McClaskey a resident of Platte County, State of Neb having first been duly 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 Mary A Hollingsworth claimant for compensation for her slave William Belt under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and that they know that said claimant has firmly and faithfully maintained her 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 her 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.

S A Spears

(4) W J Wellaughby

And the said Mary A Hollingsworth claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, she hath and doth employ and constitute, as her Attorneys, CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO., Washington, D. C., to prosecute her claim for compensation which may be awarded to her as owner of said slave, 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 her name, place and stead, for her and in her name to ask, demand, recover and receive such compensation as may be awarded as aforesaid, hereby giving and granting unto her 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 she might or could do were she personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all her 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 her without the consent of her Attorneys herein appointed.

(5) Mary A. Hollingsworth

STATE OF Missouri }
County of Platte } **ss.**

On this 22 day of November 186, personally appeared before me Geo. H. Bell a Clerk in and for the county and State aforesaid Mary A. Hollingsworth the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by her subscribed, and she 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 D Mason and Benjamin Penn and S. T. Spears and W. D. Mallory 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 Missouri

[SEAL.] (6) Geo. H. Bell Clk
Platte County Circuit Court

INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) State all the circumstances connected with obtaining title—when, where and how.
(2) Signature of claimant.
(3) Signatures of witnesses to ownership.
(4) Signatures of witnesses to loyalty.
(5) Signature of claimant.
(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. 25

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

Mary A. Hollingsworth

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

Title up

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