CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [illegible]

I, James Mims, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Mo County of Clinton State of Missouri hereby claim compensation, under the provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28th, 1866, for my Slave Benjamin Mims enlisted July 21 1863 at Fort Scott by Brevt Slater in the 83rd Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. D' A certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. None was rec'd

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.

Plattsburg Mo Nov 23rd 1866 James Mims

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I James Mims 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 evasion. So help me God.

James Mims

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Plattsburg Mo

this 23rd day of December 1866.



Dana M. Riley
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 Benjamin Winns was enlisted at Fort Scott Kan July 31 1863 and was mustered in as private in Co "D" 83rd Regt USCI Aug 24 1863.

W.413. Mo. A.

F. C. Haggard

Asst. Adj't General.

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compensation for the said slave, under [illegible]

2. Act approved July 28, 1866.

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 493 R

APPLICATION OF

James Hinns

OF

Clinton Co Miss

For compensation for service of Slave

Benjamin Hinns

enlisted July 21 1/2 186 3

in 2 Co. 83 7/0 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Feby 28 186 4

Compensation awarded

_____ 186____

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

2 A G 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.

James Orinn claimant for compensation for Benjamin 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 Benjamin into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Benjamin and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1):

I bought the said Benjamin from Theodoric Fitzgerald of Platte County Mo in the year 1850

(2) James Orinn

James M. Clay and William Dunagan having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with James Orinn the claimant for compensation for one Benjamin under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Benjamin at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for many years previous thereto, the slave of said James Orinn. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) per M Clay
William Dunagan

James M. Clay and William Dunagan having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in Plattsburg County of Clinton State of Missouri and ~ County of ~, State of ~ that they are personally acquainted with James Orinn claimant for compensation for one Benjamin 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) per M Clay
William Dunagan

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Clinton }

Plattsburg Mo Nov 25th 1866.

Personally appeared the above named James Orinn, James M. Clay and William Dunagan before me a Notary Public aforesaid County & State. and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) James McRiley 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. 1123

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

In the Application of

Samuel Minor

for Compensation of Service of Slave.