CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. _____

I, Hugh Lewis, a loyal citizen, and a resident ~~of~~ near St Joseph, 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 28th, 1866, for my Slave, Josyah Hale, enlisted September 21st, 186 6 at St Louis Mo, by Capt Keely, in the 56th Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. K, certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. No Certificate was given

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.

+ Hugh Lewis

St Jo. Mo. December 1st 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Hugh Lewis 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.

Sworn & subscribed before me at St Joseph Mo this 1st day of December 1866 J C Robinson Notary Public Hugh Lewis

I hereby appoint C. Richmond Hasson Attorney at Law, of ~~Jefferson City Mo~~ Washington DC my Attorney 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.

+ Hugh Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph Mo

this First day of December 1866

J C Robinson
Notary Public

L. 2712.

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 2712

APPLICATION OF

Hugh Lewis

OF

Buchanan Co. Mo.

For compensation for service of Slave

Josiah Hale

enlisted Sept. 21st 1863

in G Co. 56th Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 1 1867

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims

P. O. Address of Applicant,

St Joseph

Mo.

Chipman Hosmer & Co.

Washington DC

Atty

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, March 12th 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Josiah Hale was enlisted at St Louis Mo. September 21st 1863, and was mustered in as Pvt. in Co. K 56th U. S. C. T. Sept 29th 63.

L 2712 Mo

H.B.

Asst. Adj't General.

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.

Hugh Sevis claimant for compensation for Josiah Hale 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 Josiah Hale into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Josiah Hale and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): Purchased from of John K. Welch see Bill of Sale attached

(2) Hugh Sevis

Smith Adams and William Jackson having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Hugh Sevis the claimant for compensation for one Josiah Hale under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Josiah Hale at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for many previous thereto, was the slave of said Hugh Sevis. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Smith Adams
William Fulkerson

Smith Adams and William Jackson having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in St Joseph County of Buchanan State of Missouri and St Joseph County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with Hugh Sevis claimant for compensation for one Josiah Hale 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) Smith Adams
William Fulkerson

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Buchanan } ss.

December 1st 1866

Personally appeared the above named Hugh Sevis the Claimant also Smith Adams and William Fulkerson affiants and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) J. C. Robinson
Notary Public

Know all men by these presents, that I John K. Welch have this day sold & delivered unto Hugh Lewis, my Negro boy called "Bob" for and in Consideration of the sum of Nine hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Hugh Lewis the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. I the said John K Welch do by these presents Warrant the said Negro to be sound of body & mind clear of any incumbrance and a slave for life

In Witness whereof the said John K. Welch has hereunto set his hand & seal this 26th day of March 1857.

John K Welch (Seal)

State of Missouri
County of Buchanan } I J.C. Robidoux a Notary Public in and for the said County hereby Certify that the foregoing Bill of Sale for a Slave Sold by John K. Welch to Hugh Lewis, is a true and Correct Copy of the Original Bill of Sale

Given under my hand

over

and Notarial Seal at St. Joseph Mo this
1st Dec. 1866



J. C. Robinson
Notary Public

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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. 2712

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

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for Compensation for Service

of Slave.

Christian Atsinger & Co
Washington D C
[redacted]

ATTORNEYS FOR CLAIMANT,