Claim for Compensation for Enlisted Slave.

No. _____

I, A LOYAL CITIZEN, Robert H. Miller 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 Simon Hickman enlisted August 2nd 1863, at Leavenworth, Kans by Lieut Sanders in the Eighty Third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. A certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application.

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.

And I hereby constitute and appoint Chipman Hosmer & Co. of Washington D.C. my agents and attorneys irrevocably to present the foregoing claim, to receive and receipt for all moneys payable under it, and in general to do any and everything necessary and proper to be done for its examination, adjustment and collection, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorneys may or shall legally and properly do in the said premises.

Robert H. Miller

Signature of Claimant.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Robert H. Miller 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.

Robert H. Miller

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me, at Office in Washington DC this 1st day of December 1866.

James J. Hill

Notary Public

☞ Affidavits of disinterested persons may be required to prove the active loyalty of the claimant during the war.

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.

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, Feb 12, 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission, for the State of Missouri, with the information that Simon Hickman was enlisted at Leavenworth Ks, Aug 1, 1863, and was mustered in as Pvt, Co. C, 83d U.S.C.I. Aug 11, 1863.

A. G. Townsend
Asst. Adj't General.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 265

APPLICATION OF

Robert H. Mills

OF

Platte County, Missouri

For compensation for service of slave

Simon Hickman

enlisted August 2nd, 1863,

in A Co. 83rd Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Feb 1, 1867.

compensation awarded.

_____ 186 .

_____ Dollars.

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Pres't Board of Claims.

P. O. address of Applicant,

Platte County Missouri
Platte City Missouri
also

Robert H Miller Claimant for Compensation

Simon Hickman his slave, under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, 28th, 1866, having been duly sworn, declares that at the date of the enlistment Hickman into the military service of the United States he was the lawful owner of Hickman and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

by purchase, at Rushville, Buchanan Co. Missouri, from George H Hudspeth, on the 23rd day of February 1859 as per bill of sale herewith submitted.

(2) Robert H Miller

Benjamin Yocum and Samuel Pepper having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Robert H Miller the claimant for compensation for one Simon Hickman under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Simon Hickman at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for many years previous thereto, the slave of said Robert H. Miller. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

attest -
Jno. M. Railey
C R Mills

(3) his
Benjamin X Yocum
mark
Samuel Pepper

J. W. Steele and W. G. Noble having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside, respectively, in , county of Platte, State of Missouri, and , county of Platte, State of Missouri; that they are personally acquainted with Robert H Miller claimant for compensation for one Simon Hickman 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) J W Steele
W G Noble

State of Missouri
County of Platte } ss. December 1 1866

Personally appeared the above named Robert H Miller Benjamin Yocum Samuel Pepper James W. Steele Wilson G. Noble

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

(5) James I Hill
Notary Public

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Rushville Buchanan County Mo Feby 23d 1857

Received of Robert H. Miller of Platt County
and State of Missouri the Sum of one
Thousand Dollars in Cash the same being
in full for the purchase of a Negro man
named Wilmore of Dark Colour and About Twenty
Eight Years of age Said Negro being a Slave for
life And I do hereby Warrant the Health of Said
Wilmore to be good and Sound & also bind myself
and my heirs Executors and Administrators and
defend the Title of Said Slave unto the Said Miller
his heirs and assigns against the Claims and demands
of all and Every person Whom soever.

In Testimony Whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 23d
day of February 1857 George W. Hudspeth (Seal)

Wilness
John Miller

Geo. M. Hudspeth
To
Robert Miller
Bill of Sale for
Winnie a Slave
Feby 23d 1859

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