CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. 1

I, Wylie Cooper, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Platte County in the 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, Jesse, enlisted about 15 August 1863 at Fort Leavenworth by ____ in the 1st U.S. Kansas 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.

Wylie Cooper

Dec 1st, 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Wylie Cooper 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.

Wylie Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Platte City Mo

this 1st day of December 1866

John Wilson

(Affidavits of disinterested loyal parties will be required to prove the active loyalty of claimant during the war.)

Kansas

ENDORSEMENT.

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No. 2134

APPLICATION OF

Wylie Cooper

OF

Platte Co. Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Pere

enlisted _____ 186__

in A Co. Kansas 1st Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 13 1865

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

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No rept given No stamps J. O

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.

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Mar. 20th 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri with the information that ~~there is no record of enlistment or service~~.

The full name must be given before evidence of enrollment & Muster-in can be furnished.

C. 296 Mo.

JHB

Asst. Adjt. Gen'l

79 (New.) U.S.C.T.

Louis Jesse

Prt, Co. B, 1 Reg't Kansas Col'd Infantry.*

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Sept & Oct, 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Recruit

enrolled Oct 31, 1863
at Ft Smith,

* This organization subsequently became Co. B, 79 Reg't U. S. Colored Infantry (New).

Book mark:

Deadrick

(358) Copyist.

J | 79 (New.) | U.S.C.T.

Louis Jessee

Pvt, Co. B, 79 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf. (New).

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll,** dated

Pine Bluff Ark, Oct. 1, 1865.

Muster-out to date ....., 186 .

Last paid to Pay due from enlistment, 186 .

Clothing account:

Last settled....., 186 ; drawn since $.....100

Due soldier $.....100; due U. S. $.....100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd $.....100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., $.....100

Bounty paid $.....100; due $.....100

Remarks: Deserted at Ft Smith Ark. Dec. 5. 1863.

Age not stated.

Book mark:.....

Martin

(361) *Copyist.*

J | 79 (new) | U.S.C.T.

Lewis Jesse (1st Regt Kans vols)

Pvt, Co. B, 79 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on

Descriptive List of Deserters

dated Roseville Ark, Dec. 31, 1863.

Deserted:

When Dec 5, 1863.

Where Ft. Smith

Arrested:

When ....., 186 .

Where .....

Remarks: Recruits not mustered into U.S. Service.

Book mark: .....

I. A. Boyd

Copyist.

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Wylie Cooper claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Jesse a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States, ~~upon~~ about the 15-th day of August 186[illegible], having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Jesse as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, was the lawful owner of said Jesse and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

By inheritance from John Cooper which said John Cooper (now deceased) was the father of claimant Jessie

(2) Wylie Cooper

Austin Louis and Granville Willis having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Wylie Cooper the claimant for compensation for his slave Jesse under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Jesse at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for more than fifteen years previous thereto was the slave of said Wylie Cooper They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Austin Louis his + mark
Granville Willis his + mark

Attest B. B Vineyard

Austin Louis and Granville Willis having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside ~~respectively~~ in the county of Platte State of Missouri ~~and county of State of~~; that they are personally acquainted with Wylie Cooper claimant for compensation for his slave Jesse 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 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 adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States, and that they have no interest in said claim.

Austin Louis his + mark
Granville Willis his + mark

Attest. B. B Vineyard

And the said Wylie Cooper claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, he hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorney, **JAMES CRAIG, of Saint Joseph, Missouri,** to prosecute his claim for compensation which may be awarded to him 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 his name, place and stead, for him and in his name to ask, demand, recover and receive such compensation as may be awarded as aforesaid, hereby giving and granting unto him said Attorney 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 he might or could do were he personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all his said Attorney or his substitutes by his 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 him without the consent of his Attorney herein appointed.

(5) Wylie Cooper

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Platte)

On this 1st day of December 1866 personally appeared before me John Wilson a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid Wylie Cooper the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by him subscribed, and he 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 Gushin Sons and Granville Willis and ~~and~~ 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.

John Wilson

[SEAL]



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. [illegible]

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney,

IN THE APPLICATION OF

Wylie Cooper

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

JAMES CRAIG,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.,
Attorney for Claimant.