(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. .....

I, Moses Norris, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Leavenworth C. Kans. formerly residing in 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 Frank Willetts enlisted July 12 th 1863, at Leavenworth, Kans by Lieut J. M. Trask in the Eighty-third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. B; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ Claimant never received

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.

Moses Norris

Leavenworth Kans Dec 12 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Moses Norris 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.

Moses Norris

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Leavenworth City Ks

this 12th day of Dec 1866.

D. L. Damack

County Clerk

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

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec 3/ 1866.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Frank Willetts. was enlisted at Leavenworth Ks July 17. 1863 and was mustered in as a pvt. in Co. "B" 83rd U.S.C.I. Sept 2. '63.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 572

APPLICATION OF

Moses Norris

OF

Leavenworth Co Kans

for compensation for service of slave Frank Willetts

enlisted July 12 1863,

in B Co. 83rd 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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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.

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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.

R. W. Murphy *Member of the Board.*

To

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

[FORM B.]

Moses Norris claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Frank Willetts a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the twelfth day of July 186[illegible], having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Frank Willetts as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Frank Willetts and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1) That he owned the mother of said Frank Willetts, and raised the latter from birth

(2) Moses Norris

J. M. Oringdulph a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and J. Oringdulph a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Moses Norris the claimant for compensation for his slave Frank Willetts, under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Frank Willetts at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for ten years previous thereto was the slave of said Moses Norris They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Witness H. Dunlap
T. B. Brooks

J. M. Oringdulph
(2) his
J. X. Oringdulph
mark

M. C. Bonnell a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and Fred'k A. Miller a resident of Leavenworth County, State of Kansas having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in the county of Platte State of Mo. and the county of Leavenworth State of Kansas; that they are personally acquainted with Moses Norris claimant for compensation for his slave Frank Willetts 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.

M. C. Bonnell
(1) Fred'k A. Miller

And the said Moses Norris claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, he hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorneys, **CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO., Washington, D. C.,** 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 his 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 he might or could do were he personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all his 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 him without the consent of his Attorneys herein appointed.

(5) Moses Norris

STATE OF Kansas }
County of Leavenworth } **ss.**

On this 18th day of December 1866, personally appeared before me the undersigned a County Clerk in and for the county and State aforesaid Moses Norris 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 J. M. Armingdulph and J. Armingdulph and M. C. Condell and Frank A. Miller 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.

[SEAL.]

(6) D. L. Tamblyn
County Clerk

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. 55

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

Moses Norris

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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