CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. _____

O M Spencer a loyal citizen, and a resident of DeKalb 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, Franklin Ross. enlisted March 25 1864 at Fort Scott Kansas by Lieut Coleman in the 79 Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "H" certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, ~~as required, accompanying this application.~~ None furnished

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.

O M Spencer

December 27" 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I O. M. Spencer 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 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 in 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 [illegible] 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.

O M Spencer

Sworn to & subscribed before me at St Joseph Mo this 27 day of Decem 1866

J. C. Robidoux. Notary Public

I hereby appoint Chapman Hosmer & Co Attorneys at Law, of Washington DC Their my Attorneys for me and in my name to adjust and collect the above claim; and I further authorize them to receive and receipt for such compensation as may be awarded to me

O M Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph

27" day of Dec" 1866

J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

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~~Copy~~

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 132 K

APPLICATION OF

O. W. Spencer

OF

DeKalb Mo.

For compensation for service of Slave

Franklin Ross

enlisted March 186?

in H Co. 79 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received June 14 186?

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

President Board of Claims

P. O. Address of Applicant,

DeKalb Buchanan Co.
Missouri

Chipman Hosmer & Co
Washington
Atty D C

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, Jan 31 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Franklin Ross was enlisted at Fort Scott Kan March 25 1863 and was mustered in as private in Co "H" 79th USCT May 1, 1863.

S 132 Mo

A J Ramsay

Asst. Adj't General.

1813,

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.

O. M. Spencer claimant for compensation for Franklin Ross 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 Franklin Ross" into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Franklin Ross" and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): Bought said Franklin Ross of Wilson G. Noble and Elizabeth J. Noble a certified copy of original bill of sale is herewith attached

(2) O. M. Spencer

John N. Smith and Jas H. Combs having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with O. M. Spencer the claimant for compensation for one Franklin Ross under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Franklin Ross at the date of his ~~enlistment~~ into the military service of the United States, and for 18 years previous thereto, was the slave of said O. M. Spencer. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) John N. Smith
Jas H. Combs

John N. Smith and Jas H. Combs having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside, respectively, in DeKalb County of Buchanan State of Missouri and DeKalb County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with O. M. Spencer claimant for compensation for one Franklin Ross 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) John N. Smith
Jas H. Combs

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Buchanan } ss. December 27th 1866

Personally appeared the above named O. M. Spencer applicant John N. Smith and Jas. H. Combs Affiants and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) J. C. Robidoux
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. 132 K

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

[redacted]

for Compensation for Service of Slave.

Thomas Hanna

[redacted]

ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANT,

Washington D.C.

Know all men by these presents that We Wilson G Noble and Elizabeth J. his wife. have this day sold to C M Spencer Two Negro boys. one by the name of Frank about twelve years of age one by the name of Peter about sixteen years old which we warrant to be sound in body and mind and slaves for life. for the sum of twenty one Hundred dollars. to me paid in hand. the receipt of which is hereby acknowleged this the 21st day May 1859

Wilson G Noble
Elizabeth J Noble

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original Bill of Sale which is now before me

J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

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