CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No.

I, Margaret Gibson, a loyal citizen, and a resident of 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, Benjiman Gibson enlisted July 28" 186[illegible] at Atchison Kansas by Lt Hunt in the 83rd Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "B" certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ 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.

Margaret Gibson

December 29" 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Margaret Gibson 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 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.

Margaret Gibson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph

this 29" day of December 1866

J. C. Robidoux

Notary Public

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

I hereby appoint Chipman Norma & Co Attorneys at Law, of Washington D.C. 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.

Margaret Gibson

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 29" day Dec. 1866

J. C. Robidoux

Notary Public

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 115 K

APPLICATION OF

Margaret Gibson

OF

St Joseph Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Benjiman Gibson

enlisted July 28" 186 3

in B" Co. 83 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Janry 14 186 7

Compensation awarded

_____ 186____

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

Chipman Hosmer & Co

Washington

D C

also

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, Jan 29 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Benjamin Gibson was enlisted at Atchison City Kan July 26 1863. and was mustered in as private in Co. "B" 83rd U.S.C.T. Sept. 2. 1863.

S 115 Mo.

A. A. Roberts

Asst. Adj't General.

BAB,

2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

/ARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

Drafted in the service of the United States.

_____

_____ 186__

_____ of _____

_____ having proved, under oath _____ loyalty to the Constitution

_____ tablished _____ title as to the ownership of _____

_____ a slave _____ and mustered

_____ day of _____ 186__

_____ in the service of the United States, in the

_____ Colored Troops, Co. _____ the sum of _____

this Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, as a

_____ ions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section

_____ *President of the Board.*

_____ *Member of the Board.*

B. R. Marsh *Member of the Board.*

To _____

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

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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.

_____

_____ 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.*

A. E. Marsh *Member of the Board.*

To _____

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

Margaret Gibson claimant for compensation for Benjiman Gibson 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 Benjiman Gibson into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): Said Benjiman Gibson was born and raised in the family from a slave mother Nancy Ross deceased to him by Stephen Gibson and Robert Crocker, a deed of which is hereunto attached

(2) Margaret Gibson

Louis S Stigers and James J Reynolds having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Margaret Gibson the claimant for compensation for one Benjiman Gibson under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Benjiman Gibson at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Sixty Years previous thereto, the slave of said Margaret Gibson. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Louis S. Stigers
James J. Reynolds.

Louis S Stigers and James J Reynolds 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 Margaret Gibson claimant for compensation for one Benjiman Gibson 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 her 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 her 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) Louis S. Stigers
James J. Reynolds.

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Buchanan }

Dec 29 186 5

Personally appeared the above named Margaret Gibson, claimant, and Louis S Stigers and James J Reynolds, affiants, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) J. C. Robidoux
Notary Public

Stephen Gibson
To
Robert Crockett
} Indenture or Deed of trust for a negro girl

This Indenture made and entered in to between Stephen Gibson of Clay County and State of Kentucky of the one part and Robert Crockett of Lee County and State of Virginia of the other part witnesseth that the said Stephen Gibson hath this day granted bargained and sold unto the said Robert Crockett a certain negro Girl Slave named mary aged about twelve years it being the same girl Sd Gibson bought of Thomas Johnston and the daughter of a mulatta Girl called Rose now owned by said Johnston. But is understood contained and agreed between the parties that as the aforesaid Stephen Gibson in and for the good will and affection he bears to Peggy Gibson the wife of William D Gibson that being desireous of donating to her the said girl for her own use and to be under her controle and direction and for her exclusive benefit during her life and afterwards the said Girl & her increase if any She Should have to decend to her heirs.— That he conveys the said girl to the said Crockett in trust for the benefit of the said Peggy Gibson, and her Services to be exclusively for her benefit and under her control. and the Sd Gibson for himself and heirs warrants and defends the title to the said Crockett to be used as afsd for the benefit of Sd Peggy Gibson during her natural life and to decend to her heirs together with her increase to the heirs of the body of Sd Peggy. And the said Robert Crockett

trustee as afsd accepts the said trust and binds and obliges himself his heirs &c in all things well and truly to perform the said trust according to the true intent and meaning of the said Stephen Gibson the donor which is understood to be for the use of said Sd Peggy and not to be liable for any responsibilities incurred by William Gibson and that he will in all things faithfully execute and perform Sd trust — In testimony where of we have hereunto Set our hands and Seal this 25th day of April 1832

Witness
James Love

Stephen Gibson Seal
Robert Crockett Seal

State of Kentucky Clay County Sct
Clerks office April 25th 1832

I Abner Baker Clerk of the County afsd certify that on the day of the date afsd Stephen Gibson and Robert Crockett acknowledged the above Deed of trust from said Gibson to said Crockett for the purposes therein Specified and the Same Stands duly recorded on the day of the date afsd

A Baker

State of Kentucky. Clay County Towit:

I George Stivers. Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid. do certify that the foregoing are true copies of the record of said Court. of a Deed of trust from Stephen Gibson to Robt Crockett. & of A. Bakers certificate thereto Given under my hand this 7th day of April 1838

George Stivers. Clk

Deed of Trust
from
Stephen Gibson
To
For the Benefit
of Peggy Gibson
Robert Crockett

Copy of Record
Geo Shuers. C Ok. C.C.C.

Filed this 7 day
of February 1839
T. R. Byrne

$1.00
Remains fee
~~$~~ .75

Deed Recorded for Record
Feby 9th 1839
Wm Gilliland Recorder

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Livingston } I N. Bryan Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County aforesaid do Certify that the foregoing instrument of Writing Was filed in my Office for Record the day of February 1839. & by me Recorded first day of March 1839 in Book A page 85 — Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Affixed my private Seal at office there being No official Seal procured March 1st 1839.

N. Bryan Recorder

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State of Missouri } ss.
County of Buchanan }

I William Fowler Clerk of the Circuit Court & ex officio Recorder within and for Buchanan County do Certify that the foregoing Deed of Trust together with the Certificate thereon endorsed was deposited for record in my Office on the 7. February 1842 and that the same is duly recorded in my said Office in Book A. pages 72 + 73 + 74

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Private Seal (there being no official seal provided) at Office this 11. February 1842

William Fowler Recorder

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. 115

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

Margaret Ritter

for Compensation for Service of Slave.

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Attorneys for Claimant,

[redacted]