(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. ____

I, Melvin McKee, a loyal citizen, 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 Perry Yates enlisted September 15th 1863, at Leavenworth, Kansas, by Lieut Chase in the Eighty third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. I; 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.

Melvin McKee

November 17 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Melvin McKee 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.

Melvin McKee

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Weston Mo
this 17th day of November 1866.

James J Gill
Notary Public

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, Feb. 12" 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri with the information that Perry Gates was enlisted at Leavenworth Kans Sept. 15. 1863, and was mustered in as Pvt. in Co. I 83d U. S. C. I. Oct. 17 1863.

Wm. 2 Vt. Inf.

A. A. Baurce

O.B.

Asst. Adj't General.

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 2911 K

APPLICATION OF

Melvin McKee

OF

Platte Co Mo

for compensation for service of slave Perry Yates enlisted Sept 15 1863, in I Co. 83rd Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 1 1869,

Compensation awarded,

_____ 186 ,

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Nosmer & Co
Washington
Attys. DC

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.*

R. Mayer *Member of the Board.*

To _____

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

[FORM B.]

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

By purchase from William McKee, ~~for~~ in Montgomery County, Kentucky, in the fall of 1832, and brought him to Missouri in the Spring of 1844 — Bill of sale was never recd or given

(2) Melvin McKee

Benjamin Yocum a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and James Ellison a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Melvin McKee the claimant for compensation for his slave Perry Yates under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Perry Yates was at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for fifteen years previous thereto was the slave of said Melvin McKee They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Witnesses
W. J. Chipman
Jas. F. Bell

his
Benjamin ✕ Yocum
mark

(3) James Ellison

Smith Calvert a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and James Ellison a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having first been duly 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 Melvin McKee claimant for compensation for his slave Perry Yates 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.

Smith Calvert

(4) James Ellison

And the said Melvin McKee 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.

(s) Melvin McKee

STATE OF Missouri
County of Platte } *ss.*

File in date

On this 17 day of November 186[illegible] personally appeared before me James J Hitt a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid Melvin McKee 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 Benjamin Yocum and James Ellison Smith Calbert and James Ellison and made oath to the truth of the statements by them respectively subscribed.

Witness my hand and seal, upom the day and date first above written.

[SEAL.] (s) James J Hitt
Notary Public

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. 24

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

Melvin McKee

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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