CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [redacted]

I, J.W. Bywaters agent of E.E Bywaters who is in the mountains a loyal citizen, and a resident of the County of Platte and 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 his Slave, Willis a Franklin negro who was enlisted December 1st 1864 at Carrollton, Mo. and the 83rd Colored company was mustered into the U.S. service by S. H. Harris Corp. Com. B. 7th Mo. Vol. mustered in the 83rd Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Company (H) 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.

Dec 1st 1866

John W Bywaters
Agent for E E Bywaters

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I J.W. Bywaters agent for the owner and claimant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing claim is a just and true claim due to him 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. and I further State I have no interest in this claim

John W Bywaters

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Platte City Platte County Mo this first day of December 1866 with the seal of the County Court of said County affixed on the Day & Date above written

Dan'l P Lewis Clk

U.S.P.O. Dec 1st 1866 5 5 CENTS CANCELLED

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

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 3124

APPLICATION OF

P. H. Bywaters

OF

Platte Co Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Wells Franklin

enlisted _____ 186__

in H Co. 83 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 13, 186

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

J. C

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Mar 21 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri with the information that there is no record of enlistment or service, of Willis Franklin in Co. "H" 83 U.S.C.T. on file in this office.

A. A. Brunnee

Bar, Comte

aas

3,302, Com. &c.

OF AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD

ed or Drafted in the service of the United States.

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_____ of _____

_____ having proved, under oath _____ loyalty to the

nd established _____ title as to the ownership of _____

_____ a slave _____

on the _____ day of _____

_____ in the service of the United

t of Colored Troops, Co. _____ the sum of _____

_____ by this Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary

compensation for the said slave, under provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864

2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

_____ *President*

_____ *Member*

_____ *Member*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Tro

WASHINGT

COLORED VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIVE LIST of Willis Franklin Colored Volunteers, enlisted in the service of the United States under General Order No 135, Head Quarters Department of the Mo. St. Louis, November 14th, 1863. Claimed to have been the slave of Erastus Brun a citizen of Platte County, State of Missouri.

Name.	Description.						Where Born.		Occupation.	Enlisted.			
	YEARS OF AGE.	EYES.	HAIR.	COMPLEXION.	FEET.	INCHES.	State.	County.		When.	Where.	By whom.	Period.
Willis Franklin	18	Blk	Blk	Brun	5	7	Missouri	Platte	Farmer	Dec 14	Camp Benton	S. H. Harrison	3 yrs

REMARKS.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that I have carefully examined the above named Colored Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity that would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

Charles Heidel
Examining Surgeon.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above named Colored Volunteer was duly enlisted by me, and that the above is his correct Descriptive List. That I have minutely inspected him previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.

Station Camp Benton
Date Dec 14th 1863

S. H. Harrison
Corpl Co B 3d Mo Vols
Asst Provost Marshal and Recruiting Officer.

J.W. Bywaters agent for E.E Bywaters claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Willis Franklin a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States, upon the 14th day of December 186[illegible], having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Willis Franklin Slave as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Slave Willis Franklin and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

That the said Willis Franklin was given to him by his father John C. Bywaters in february A.D. 1854

(2) John W Bywaters Agent for E.E Bywaters

John C Bywaters and James W. Anderson having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with E.E Bywaters the claimant for compensation for said slave Willis Franklin under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Willis Franklin at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Eight Years previous thereto was the slave of said E.E. Bywaters They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) John C Bywaters
Jas W. Anderson

John C. Bywaters and James W. Anderson having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in the county of Platte State of Missouri and the county of Platte State of Missouri; that they are personally acquainted with E.E. Bywaters, claimant for compensation for said slave Willis Franklin 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.

(4) John C Bywaters
Jas W. Anderson

And the said J.W. Bywater agent for E.E Bywaters claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, him hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorney, JAMES CRAIG, of Saint Joseph, Missouri, to prosecute this 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 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.

(*) John W Bywaters

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Platte }



On this first day of December 186 4 personally appeared before me D.P. Lewis a Clerk in and for the county and State aforesaid J.W. Bywaters agent for E.E Bywaters 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 John. C. Bywaters and James W. Anderson 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.

[SEAL]

(*) Danl P Lewis Clerk of the County Court of Platte County Mo with the seal of office this Day & year above Written. - Danl P. Lewis clk

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. 1

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney,

IN THE APPLICATION OF

Bywaters

Platte Co Mo

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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

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No Stamps