

EVIDENCE OF TITLE

I Daniel Lloyd of Dorchester County Maryland, do solemnly swear that Joseph Johnson who has been enlisted in the Seventh Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. B; was my Slave for life at the time of said enlistment; and that I became possessed of him by ownership of his mother at the time of his birth, she being my slave in the month of August eighteen hundred and by inheritance. And I do further swear that I have not purchased said Slave from any person or persons disloyal to the Government of the United States, with the object of obtaining compensation for the same: and furthermore, that I have no agency for obtaining compensation for any person or persons but such as to my knowledge are loyal citizens of the United States.

Sworn and subscribed before

Daniel Lloyd  
H. J. Winterbottom  
 Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

County, to wit:

On this twelfth day of December in the year 1866 before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. A. Cook a resident of Dorchester County, State of Maryland and Wm. H. Grace a resident of Dorchester County, State of Maryland having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in Dorchester County, State of Maryland and Dorchester County, State of Maryland; that they are personally acquainted with Daniel Lloyd claimant for compensation for his Slave Joseph Johnson under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and that they know that said "claimant hath 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 and opportunity;" they also swear that they have themselves maintained a like adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States, and they have no interest in said claim.

Sworn and subscribed before

Wm. A. Cook  
Wm. H. Grace  
H. J. Winterbottom  
 Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Dorchester County, to wit:

I, Francis J. Henry Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, do hereby certify that Harrison J. Winterbottom before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, was, at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; and that his signature thereto is genuine, and that full faith and credit should be given to his official acts.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court, this twelfth day of December A. D. 1866

Francis J. Henry  
 Clerk.