

the names, number, age, sex and physical condition of such slaves, whether they were slaves for life or for a term of years, and how many years, whether they have been enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States so far as is known to said owners or others, and into what regiments they were placed, and what compensation, if any, has been received from the state or general government by such owner or owners for such slaves so enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States.

Ibid s 3
Required to
visit each elec-
tion district, &c

62. The said commissioners shall visit each election district in their respective counties, of which full notice shall be given, both in the public newspapers and by printed handbills, and in Baltimore city shall open an office and give notice of the same as aforesaid, and after giving such notice for at least ten days, shall proceed to take the evidence of the former ownership of slaves in this state according to the intent and provisions of this act, and the testimony in all cases shall be the sworn statement of the former owner or owners, or his or her or their legal representatives, confirmed by the testimony on oath of at least two disinterested witnesses.

Testimony.

Ibid s 4.
Statements to
be copied in al-
phabetical or-
der, indexed
and recorded.

63. The original blank forms or tabular statements when so filled and attested, shall be by said commissioners copied in alphabetical order and indexed into suitable books of record, to be procured and furnished by the said commissioners at their own cost and expense, which books of record together with all the original papers therein copied, shall be deposited with the clerk of the circuit court in each of the counties, and with the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and shall be by them preserved among the public records of the counties and city, respectively, aforesaid; and said books of record and papers when so preserved shall be and they are hereby declared to be legal evidence upon all questions concerning the ownership of slaves in this state at the time of the adoption of the constitution by which said slaves were emancipated.

Evidence.