OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL, ROLLA, MO., Feb. 21, 1862

John, Houston, of, Massac Township, Phelps Co., Mo.

Has this day appeared before me at my Office, and taken the Oath of Allegiance to the Government of the United States. His person and property will be respected so long as he lives, up to the requirements of the OATH.

I H. WILLIAMS, PROVOST MARSHAL,
S. W. Dist., Post at Rolla.
ONE VERSION OF THE CIVIL WAR LOYALTY OATH

A Form Of The Civil War Loyalty Oath, as publicized in Rolla as of February 24th, 1862, was as follows:

"The undersigned swears that he will bear true faith and allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and support the Constitution thereof, as the supreme law of the land; that he will never take up arms against the said Government, or those who may be acting under its authority; that he will never, by word, act or deed, knowingly give aid or comfort, or in any manner encourage armed opposition to the Government of the United States of America; but that, on the contrary, he will do all in his power as a citizen to prevent such opposition, and to discourage the same whenever it is being made. ....He makes this oath freely and voluntarily, with no mental reservations or restrictions whatever, honestly intending at all times hereafter to keep the same, in spirit as well as in letter, and to conduct himself as a peaceful, law abiding citizen of the United States of America. ....This I do solemnly swear, so help me God."

To this, the one reporting the document said, "Sign it! Or be considered "a rebel"."