

Oath of Loyalty of Stephen Blanchard

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THE OATH OF LOYALTY.

We Stephen Blanchard do solemnly swear that we are well acquainted with the terms of the third section of the second article of the Constitution of the State of Missouri, adopted in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and have carefully considered the same ; that we have never, directly or indirectly, done any of the acts in said section specified ; that we have always been truly and loyally on the side of the United States against all enemies thereof, foreign and domestic ; that we *will bear true faith and allegiance* to the United States ; and will support the Constitution and laws thereof as the supreme law of the the land, any law or ordinance of any State to the contrary notwithstanding ; that I will, to the best of my ability, protect and defend the union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the government thereof to be destroyed or overthrown, under any circumstances, if in my power to prevent it ; that we will support the *Constitution of the State of Missouri* ; and that we MAKE THIS OATH without any mental reservation or evasion, and hold it to be binding on us; SO HELP ME GOD.

Stephen Blanchard

F. L. Scott

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State of Missouri, County of Holt. } ss.

The foregoing oath has been sworn to and subscribed, before me, this 28th 9 day of October A. D. 1867

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