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This is a photocopy of the service record of Moses Lax, 62nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops. This regiment was organized in December 1863 as the 1st Missouri Colored Infantry.

This photocopy of the service record of Moses Lax is stamped “From the Rolls in Office of Auditor, War Dept., Wash., D.C.” Also included as part of the photocopy is the service record of Robert Lawson, 62nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops.

After its reorganization from the 1st Missouri Colored Infantry, the 62nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, was assigned to the District of the Gulf. The regiment saw service in Louisiana and Texas before being mustered out at Brownsville, Texas, in 1866.

As did many other soldiers of the 62nd and 65th regiments, U.S. Colored Troops, Moses Lax contributed money for the founding of Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln University) in Jefferson City, Missouri. After his muster out, Lax returned to Ironton, Missouri, where he was a clergyman at the Black Methodist Church until his death in 1912. His granddaughter, Mrs. Rulon Maul, contributed background information on Lax which may be found in the information folder.

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