

CIVIL WAR 1 Oct 1863

Oath of allegiance
(to visit military prison?)
Chicago

I, Beece Thomas of Eminence County
of Shelby State of Kentucky do solemnly swear that
I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United
States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign: that I will bear true faith,
allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution or law of any State
Convention or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding: and, further, that I will
well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by the laws
of the United States. And I take this oath freely and voluntarily, without any
mental reservation or evasion whatsoever, with a full and clear understanding that
Death, or other punishment by the judgment of a Military Commission, will be
the penalty for the violation of this, my solemn oath and parole of honor.

Certificate:

Subscribed and sworn to
before me by Order of
Col Charles A DeLand
this 1st day of Oct 1863

Beece Thomas (L. S.)