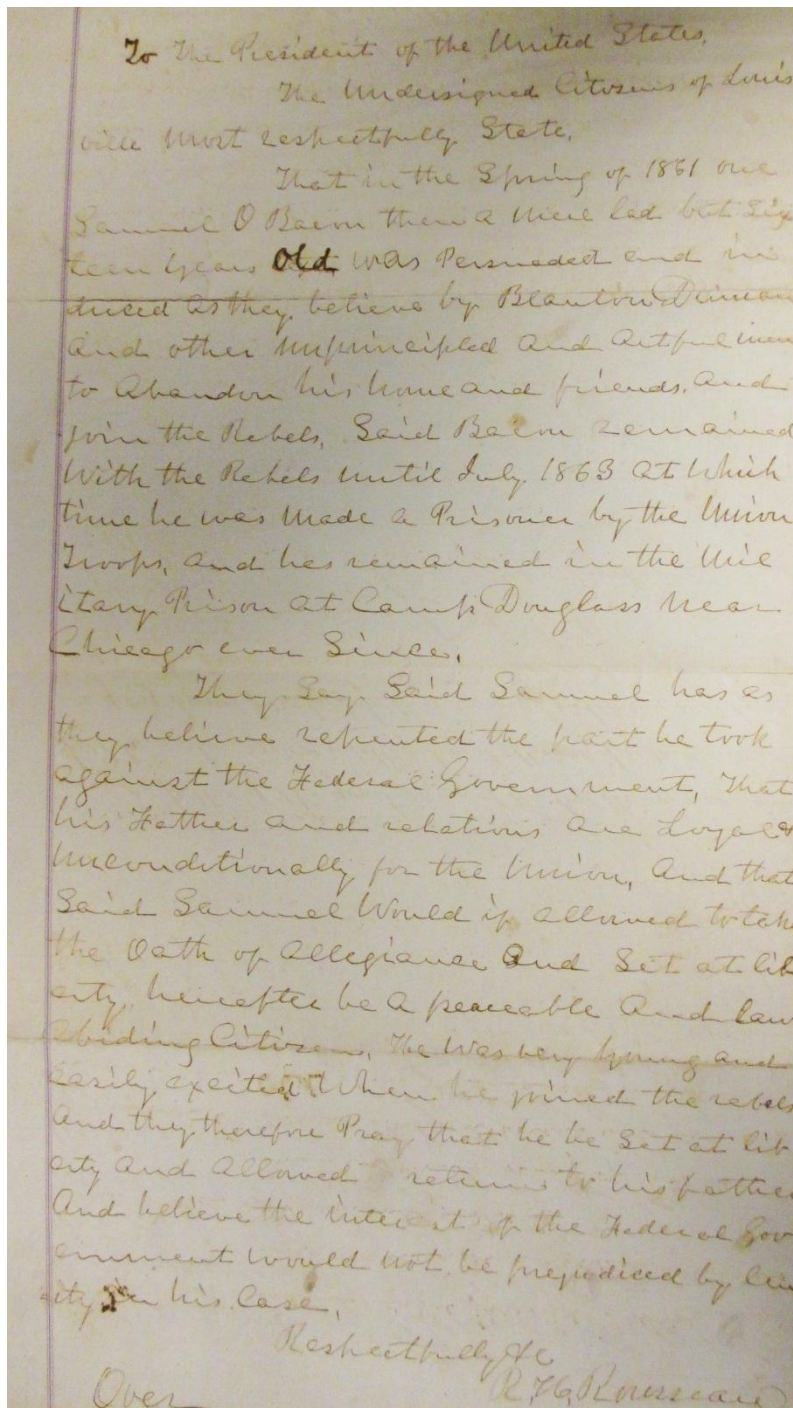


Civil War pardon of Samuel O. Bacon signed by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln on February 1, 1865

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The Undersigned Citizens of Louis-
ville most respectfully state,
That in the Spring of 1861 one
Samuel O Bacon then a mere lad but six-
teen years ~~old~~ was Persuaded and in-
duced as they believe by Blanton Duncan
and other unprincipled and artful men
to abandon his home and friends, and
join the Rebels. Said Bacon remained
with the Rebels until July 1863 at which
time he was made a Prisoner by the Union
Troops, and has remained in the Mil-
itary Prison at Camp Douglass near
Chicago ever since.
They say said Samuel has as
they believe repented the part he took
against the Federal Government, that
his father and relatives are loyal &
unconditionally for the Union, and that
said Samuel would if allowed to take
the Oath of Allegiance and set at lib-
erty, hereafter be a peaceable and law-
abiding citizen. He was very young and
easily excited when he joined the rebels
and they therefore pray that he be set at lib-
erty and allowed to return to his father
and believe the interest of the Federal Gov-
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erty in his case.
Respectfully,
Over R. U. Rousseau

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