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The State of Texas
Galveston County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned Clerk of the County Court for and in Galveston County, Franklin H Merriman, and G H Jones, who after being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that they were well acquainted with Thomas Bates in his lifetime and knew him to be Clerk of the District Court of Galveston County and that he was the identical person to whom, as is claimed, the Government of Texas was indebted for fees as clerk of the District Court of Galveston County.

G H Jones.

Sworn to Subscribed before me July 19th AD 1858

In witness whereof I F H Merriman ~~Oscar Farish~~ Clerk of the County Court of Galveston County hereto subscribe my name and affix seal of said Court

Oscar Farish Clk