Personally appeared before me William Nicholson one of the Justices of the peace in and for Newcastle County Delaware Mrs Mary Belville of the State of Delaware who being duly Sworn declares and says that she is the bona fide owner of a claim against the late Republic of Texas, the principal of said claim amounting to Fourteen hundred dollars, the amount of interest accruing thereon being to her not known — That the Certificate representing said claim was deposited by her in the hands of Joseph B Mitchell of Philadelphia for safe keeping and collection — That she has reason to believe and does believe that the said Certificate has been lost or mislaid, and that she has no knowledge where it is.

Wm Nicholson J P

Personally appeared before me, John B Kenney an Alderman of the City of Philadelphia

Joseph B Mitchell of the City of Philadelphia who being duly sworn declares and says that he has had in his possession for a considerable time past and until the seventeenth day of April 1856 a Certificate No 952 first Class of the Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas, in the name of Mrs Mary Belville, being Eight per cent Treasury Bonds created by Act of 5th February 1840 with interest on $1000 from 1st October 1840 and on $400 from 1st January 1841. The principal amounting to Fourteen Hundred dollars — That said Certificate was placed in deponents hands by the said Mary Belville for safe keeping and collection for her use — That on the seventeenth day of April 1856 the deponent placed said Certificate with the requisite vouchers to the United States and to Texas, and a letter directed to the Hon James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury at Washington D.C. in an envelope directed to the said Secretary of the Treasury — That he gave the package to Jacob Walker to seal and mail it — That he is informed by Mr Guthrie that the said Certificate was not found in the package when it was received by him — That deponent has made diligent search and enquiry in vain — And that said Certificate has been lost or mislaid and deponent has no knowledge where it is.

Sworn and subscribed before me May 30. 1856.
John B Kenney
Alderman

Joseph B Mitchell

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