State of Texas
County of Nueces

Before me John S. Dillon a Notary Public duly Commissioned & qualified, personally came & appeared James Webb to me personally known who being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that J. Belden & Co. of said County placed in his hands, about the 9th of September 1851 two Certificates, first Class, of the Public debt of Texas, One being numbered 1519 to J. Findley for fifty two dollars & fifty cents ($52.50) & the other 1520 to M. Cody for fifty two dollars & fifty cents ($52.50.) which said Certificates were placed in his hands to be presented to the Treasury of the State for payment, but the same not being paid, were afterwards lost by him the said Webb in the wreck of the Steam Ship Independence about the latter part of March 1852, he the said Webb being a passenger on board of said Ship at the time of her wreck & having lost his personal baggage & papers in said wreck.

This deponent further saith that he is not the owner of, nor has he any interest in said certificates, or the claim for which the same called, & that he intended to return the same to the said J. Belden & Co., & would have done so had they not been lost as aforesaid, & he presumes the said J. Belden & Co. are the legal & bonafide owners & claimants of the same

James Webb