District of Columbia
County of Washington } ss:

I hereby certify that Edward N Roach is Register of Wills of for the Dist of Columbia, and was so at the time of subscribing the foregoing instrument, - and that Wm F Purcell is Judge of the Probate Court for said District of County, and also that Daniel Ratcliffe to whom the within letters of administration are granted is a lawyer of high standing in this District, that he is personally known to me and that I believe him to be the brother and only surviving heir of Edwd J Ratcliffe deceased.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal as Commissioner of Texas for the Dist of Columbia this fourteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

W. C. Thomas
Comr of Deeds for Texas
for the Dist of Columbia