has never been paid, nor has said duplicate been paid; and he further declares that the original of said duplicate has been lost as he verily believes, never having assigned the same or knowing of its having been assigned; and he further declares that one A. S. Donovan was employed as Attorney in or about the year 1841 to settle the claims of Walker Reid against the then Republic of Texas, taking the necessary vouchers and papers with him for the same; and as the affiant verily ~~verily~~ believes the said original receipt from said Thruston Co. G. & R. for $400 to said Walker Reid was filed with other papers and vouchers by the said Donovan in 1841 in the War Department of the then Republic of Texas, that the said A. S. Donovan was killed soon after making said filing in the Santa Fee expedition; and that your affiant could learn nothing of said claim of Walker Reid until 15th March 1847, when by letter from Wm. G. Cook then Adjutant General he learned that the said claim was still on file in the Adjutant Generals Office; that examination have recently been made by the now acting Adjutant General who certifies that he cannot find said ~~claim~~ file of papers, all of which your affiant believes to be the facts of the case in said Reid claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before me