I Geo. M. Patrick, at present a Citizen of Harris County and State of Texas, do hereby certify, that Robt. Millican and the B. B. Harris in the years 1828 and 1835, respectively entered into Texas a Steam Engine, Machinery and brought with them Engineers and Mechanics and merchandise to a large amount and erected in the Town of Harrisburg in the County of Harris and State of Texas the Extensive Steam Saw and Grist Mill, of sufficient power to run two saws, all of which in successful operation from a time in 1831 up to the time of their destruction by fire in 1836 which was the result of our revolutionary struggle with Mexico

I would pretend to estimate the damage sustained by the proprietors of the refered to property, but when we take into consideration the very high rates of freights, insurance, provisions, pay of Mechanics and Engineers together with all the difficulties incidental to such an enterprize in a new Country, the moderate estimate would now appear exorbitant, I would further state that Lumber at that time bore a very high price and was much in demand, and further I would state that said Robt. Millican and B. B. Harris were the owners of said property