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Francis Williams being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is a citizen of the "United States" aged Forty Two Years - That he has been a resident of said State of California since the month of March AD 1851.

And affiant further states that he is personally acquainted with said George Copeland and has thus personally known him for the last past Sixty years in said Contra Costa County - That affiant has been living with his family during said time at the Town of "Antioch" in said County and engaged in the "liquor business" at said place and is so at this time.

That the said George Copeland is nearly sixty years old, and is a resident of this Contra Costa County and that in this State he was always reputed to be one of the veterans engaged in the struggle for the Independence of "Texas" against Mexico and was taken prisoner by the "Mexicans"; this was from his statements and by others from "Texas" in this State made years ago.