State of Indiana } ss
Vigo County }

On this 22d day of June A.D. 1874 personally appeared before me Mathew Hollinger Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County of Vigo, William Sc. Edwards, aged 53 years, resident of Terre Haute in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law on oath declares and says that is personally acquainted with Dr. Ezra Read of said City of Terre Haute, that he has known the said Read for thirty one years, and that during all that time, he has had the reputation of being the identical Ezra Read who served in the Army of the Republic of Texas, during the Revolution in the year 1836. The affiant says that he visited the State of Texas in the Spring of 1852, and bore letters of introduction from said Read to sundry citizens of Texas, among whom were Dr. Ashbel Smith of Galveston, Gov P. H. Bell, that these letters were presented to said persons named and that each of them recognized the letters of said Read and spoke of him personally, and that said Dr Ashbel Smith also recognized the hand writing of said Read in the letter of introduction referred to. That each of said gentlemen and divers other gentlemen in the State of Texas spoke of said Read about matters and things that transpired that leaves no doubt on my mind that he is identical Dr Ezra Read described in affidavit of Henry T. Route, bearing date June 20 - 1874, During the thirty one years