which he returned to Glen Cove, and has since resided here for at least twenty four years or more. This deponent saw a letter written by the said Charles J. Valentine to his brother David, [redacted] the former had reached California, giving a graphic account of the suffering from thirst of himself and party, together with their animals on their overland trip. During the past twenty years and more, David would very often speak to this deponent, and tell of having a letter, or papers from his brother Charles; and talk about his good or bad fortune in California. The letters he (David) would once in a while read to deponent, a part or whole of [redacted], and give deponent the papers to look over. The reason why David would read the said Charles J. Valentine's letters to deponent occasionally, was, because he knew the deponent, was one his old school mates, and always anxious to hear about his good or ill fortune.

This deponent has always resided at Glen Cove, Queens County, except from 1834 to 1840, both inclusive, during those years he resided in the Cities of New York and Brooklyn.

Isaac Cole

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 18th day of April 1877.

Jas W Merritt
Notary public
Queens County