The State of Texas
Galveston County

Before me Scott G. Reinich a Notary Public in and said County of Galveston duly Commissioned and Sworn, personally Came and appeared Samuel Benton, and being by me duly Sworn on his Solemn oath Says, that sometime in the Year A.D. 1841 a bill or Certificate of Indebtedness in his favor against the Republic of Texas was made by Purser Wells, and approved by Capt. Thurston Taylor for about the sum of $300.01 ct., which was given to him for services rendered by him to said Republic, as a Carpenter, said Bill was handed by this Affiant to Purser Stevens, and never has been seen by him since, or any pay rec'd., Affiant believes said paper or document to be lost, Affiant further says that the aforesaid amount is still due him from said Government, and that the Books of the Pursers will show the same as he simply believes, Affiant Prays that the same may be allowed him, together with all other sums or sums that may be due him from said Government.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal of Office this 8th day of October A.D. 1849

S. G. Reinich
Notary Public
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