Republic of Texas
County of Colorado

This is to certify that I Washington M. Bennett of this county do declare under oath – That about the 14th to 20th of March A. D. 1836 I was in the Division of Burleson of the Texas Army under Maj. Genl. Houston, then on the Colorado River That about the date aforesaid the large smoke house corn-crib full of cotton, cotton house & kitchen together with the property contained in them belonging to Benjamin Beeson on the west side of the Colorado River at Beeson's Crossing, were set on fire & destroyed by the Texian Army. I also saw bales of cotton belonging to said Beeson transferred to the east side of the Colorado & used in making a breast-work

W. M. Bennett

This 28th day of October A. D.