Republic of Texas
County of Colorado

This 1st day of Nov. A. D. 1839 appeared before me William Monroe of said County & being sworn declared that he was living at Beesons on the Colorado in March 1836, that when the Mexican troops were advancing the house, cotton-house full of cotton, smoke-house, kitchen & corn-cribs of said Benjamin Beeson were set on fire by the Texian soldiers by order & destroyed with all the property contained in them. that that bales of cotton belonging to said Beeson were taken across the River to its left bank & used to make a breast-work, beside some bales that were there. I think the number of bales was about sixteen or seventeen but am not sure as to the exact number.

William Monroe

Sworn to the date aforesaid & signed in my presence by said William Monroe. In testimony whereof witness my hand & private seal (there being no notarial seal) thereunto set the date aforesaid.

Willard Wadham
Chief Justice C.C.
Ex Off. Notary Public