I the undersigned do certify on oath that I have been acquainted with the De Leon Family since the year 1830. They were by order of Genl. Rusk forced to leave the country in June 1836 and abandon all their property excepting their clothing Mrs Delcon the mother of the family was then as she is now a Widdow and was the owner of a very large number of Cattle of all descriptions all of which were taken by the Texas army or driven off by Individuals, they were possessed of other property as well as cattle all kinds of farming implements, household & other appendages also which they lost as they could not dispose of them not being allowed time to do so I could not state positively the amount of each one or any one of the family losses only that they were considerable & Mrs Delcon the mother larger than all. the rest — I also know that they wanted a Receipt from Genl Rusk for their Cattles at least but he refused to give them any such document stating that he would put the amount down in his Book I think the amount of Cattle was 2700 head they went to N Orleans by the Bark C. P. Williams a vessel that was owned by Genl. Rusk for that purpose Witness and signed in Victoria this 17 day of October 1849

John S. Sims

NB I also have seen the accounts presented by the Delcon family and think the different amounts within the limits of those losses

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 17th day of Oct 1849.

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Signed as above

John S. Sims