years, was a resident of near Cameron, Texas, when the Court house was burned; that he too knows the facts and incidents relating thereto and can make oath also concerning the same.

Witness our hands this the 29th day of March A.D. 1924.

T.G. Sampson.

J.M. Tucker.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29th day of March 1924,

L.E. Laurence Jr.,
(seal) Notary Public, Milam County, Texas.

Filed for record this the 29th day of March A.D. 1924 at 2 O'clock P.M.

H.M. Roark, Clerk County Court, MilamCounty, Texas.

W.T. Hefley

To: Affidavit: Burning of the Court House The State of Texas)
The Public County of Milam) Before me, L.E. Laurence, Jr., aNotary Public, in and for Milam County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Hon. W.T. Hefley, known to me to be a credible citizen of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, also known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed hereto, and after being duly sworn by me, upon his oath deposes and says.

That my name is W.T. Hefley, that by profession I am an Attorney-at-law; that I have been in the active practice of the law in Cameron, In MilamCounty, Texas, since April 1877 that I have resided continuously in Cameron, Texas, since, 1877 and have practiced law there continually since then until a few years ago when I retired from the practice of law except in special cases.

During the year of 1874 I lived within two miles of Cameron, Milam County, Texas; that I was living within Two miles of Cameron onApril 9th, 1874, that I am well aware of the events that transpired during that year and practically during the early months of said year of 1874.

On April 9th, 1874 the County Court House was destroyed by fire; the fire was at night on the night of April 9th, 1874 and completely burned the court house and the records there of. It has been common knowledge among the people that were living here at that time and since; that all of the records that were in the Court House, together with all papers, books records, etc. were all destroyed by fire on the night of April 9th, 1874. If there were any records, papers or other matter saved or taken out of the Court House before, during, or after the fire, I never did hear of it and I have been living here and within two miles of Cameron, Texas, since and before the year 1874.

Owing to the fact that the records were destroyed by fire, and the further fact that many questions arise concerning the burning of the court house as aforesaid and the further fact that those who can make positive oath of the burning of the court house as aforesaid will soon be gone from this earth, I now here make this affidavit in order to establish a monument of title to the lands in Milam County, and to place proof of record so that the

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