

The State of Texas \*  
County of El Paso. \*

Before me this day personally appeared Maximo Duran who upon oath says that he is 58 years ~~old~~ of age and was born in El Paso county, Texas. That from 1859 to 1868 I worked some for the government at Ft. Davis and much of the time was U.S. Gov. wagon master, in charge of a train of wagons. We were engaged much of the time in hauling lumber from the saw mills in the mountains to Ft. Davis. We first brought the logs from the mountains to Ft. Davis to the saw mill and afterwards we located the saw mill in the mountains and brought lumber therefrom. There were about Ft. Davis at that time Simon Olguin, Bernardo Olguin his brother who came from Ysleta, Texas. These men acted as Government guides and one was killed about 1878. During that time I frequently accompanied these men and others over the country above Ft. Davis, and we were all familiar with the rivers, creeks and springs throughout the territory of Pecos, Presidio and El Paso counties and especially throughout the upper portions of these counties.

I have known since 1860 the San Martin Spring North of Gomez Peak and now recognized as the corner of El Paso and other counties. I was at that Spring as often as twelve times from 1860 to 1868. I think in August 1868 I was there the last time and was in company with Bernardo Olguin and Simon Olguin. We all knew the Spring then by the name of San Martin Springs and by no other name. This Spring was generally known from ~~1860~~ 1860 to 1868 by all the old scouts and guides as San Martin Spring. It is situated adjacent to the Apache mountains and is commonly said to be in the Apache mountains. There is another Spring adjacent to the Guadalupe mountains which was known as San Martin Springs in the Guadalupe mountains. I also knew well Saladito creek and Saladito Spring or Salt Springs. These Springs were situated probably 25 miles North ~~and~~ of San Martin Springs in the Apache mountains.

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I know that in 1868 these Springs were all well known and San Martin Spring in the Apache mountains could not be mistaken by any one knowing the country with any other Spring.

I knew Mr. A. G. Fountain who went to the Legislature from El Paso. Every one at that time familiar with the country knew but one San Martin Spring in the Apache mountains, and that was the Spring I have named. This is a bold Spring and runs a good stream of water at that time. I understand that the Texas & Pacific railroad now runs a short distance North of this Spring. No one need say now that any other Spring was known as San Martin Springs in the Apache mountains than this one I have named. It wont work. The Springs then known near the Guadalupe mountains were not Martin but San Martin Springs.

*Maximo Duran*

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 28th. day of May, 1891.

*A. Blacker*

County Judge. of

*El Paso County Texas.*

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