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

Before me the undersigned Notary public in and for the said county and state personally appeared on this 9th. day of June 1891 T.T.Teel to me well known, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says as follows:-

My name is Trevanion T.Teel, my age 67, my residence is in Bexar county, Texas, bot am temporarily living in El Faso, Texas. I have been in Texas since the year 1846. Lived in Western Texas, In Caldwell county, ultim 1856 when I moved to San Antonio, Texas. I first came to El Paso in June 1861 with the command of Maj. E.Waller, Col. Ford's regiment Texas Rangers. I was in command of a company of horse artillery. After we had been in El Paso a few weeks, Nicolas, an Apache Chief of the Mescalera Apaches visited El Paso to make some kind of treaty with our people. Nicolas was the head chief of his tribe and was a man of remarkable intelligence and judgment for an indian. Nicolas and nearly allo of his warriors that were with him on his visit to us spoke the Mexican language, which I understood, although we had an interpreter. Nicolas was about fifty years old and had always lived in and near the Apache mountainsg Before the building of Fort Davis he lived on the Limpio near that post. Farmed some on that stream, but left on the U. S. troops coming to Fort Davis. I first met Nicolas at Fort Davis and he was my guest there. While in El Paso he was my guest and I endeavoired to find out all I could from him relative to the different watering places between El Paso and Fort Davis and the Pecos river. We had great diffoculty in getting sufficient water from Fort Davis to the Rio Grande for our troops and stock, not knowing how soon we might have to retreat from here. I desired to know and find out all I could. Nicolas in his conversation told me in reply to my questions about the water, that just up in the mountains above and near the "Muerto" [or dead Mah's hole? there was a good spring. That it was up high in the mountains. That he could camp there and see

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trains or persons passing in the road at the Muerto from the direction of Van Horn's Well and Fort Davis. That the next water above this spring was a spring in the upper part of the Apache mountains called "San Martin Spring" some half dayt travel. That above the "San Martin" was the Pino Springs, also abother spring called Alamo from the cottonwood trees. This was on a plain still farther up. There was also a spring called "Martin" at which there was a stage station on the upper route from El Paso passing out by the "Huico Tanks" to the Pecos river. I was at the Eagle Springs, the Muerto, Van Horn's Wells, and at a water hole to the left of the old road the Earrel Springs, and also a water hole at a yellon bank along the road from the Earrel Springs to the Muerto. I was not at the spring above the Muerto, but: Col. E.R.Lahs told me some four years ago that he found the spring up in the mountains, and had piped the water down to the valley.

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Nicolas also stated that there were large springs of water on the Northeast side of the Apache mountains between there and the Pecos river. There was much talk with him about the matter but I have forgotton it. At the time the information was valuable to us and for that reason I recollect the above statement.

On our retreat from here ne took the direct road to Fort Davis. My command brought up the rear of oor retreat. Had it not been for the rains at the time I should have attempted to go out by the Sierra Elanca, "San Martin" springs to Fort Davis. I had beside my command all of the sick, wounded, paroled, priseners and camp followers and many citizens leaving this country for San Antonic! Texas. We were badly equiped armed. The "San Martin" ordinarily [if the water was scarce on the old Fort Davis route] would have been the safest and best route for us. I heard Capt. Harry willman, an old frontiersman also speak of the "San Martin" springs route in case of deficiency of water, on the old or forw route. I thank he knew all of the water holes and springs in the country. He was engaged with the mail route at and before our arrival in El Paso and had examined the country

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for water in installing the mail route. If Shad he healed by the by upper mail route the Bullinguis routed under the gove by Capt. Skallman made several trips up here to the Rio Grande during the war from San Antonio and was killed on the Ric Grande or near it during the war, while on one of his excursions or raids up here by the enemy.

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In consoltation with Judge Lujah, county Judge, Tom Collins, Carcia, Stevenson and others, relidents of El Paso county while retreating through the country as to the best route to get out of the country they all knew of the "San Martin Springs" in the upper end of the Apache mountains, and of Martin Springs at the lower end of the Guadalupe mountains on the upper Overland Mail Route, named after a station man. The distance from the two underford at the Time springs is near a days ride as I traveled. The San Martin Springs are East of South from the Martin springs. I also know of the Saldito Spring and Ojo Independencial having heard them spoken of. What I have stated is a matter of information or history from persons who professed to know. I have not: been at the Sah Martin Springs and only know of it in the manner stated.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this // day of June A.D. 1891.

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