

Exhibit 73

in the case of:

**People of the Republic of Texas
and the
Sovereign Nation of the Republic of Texas**

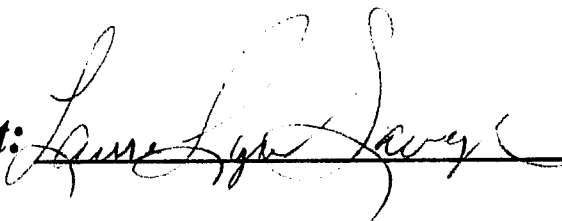
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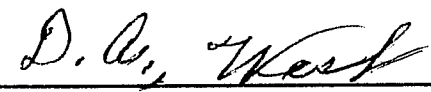
**UNITED NATIONS
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)
and
UNITED STATES
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)**

Under Pains and Penalties of perjury and the laws of the Almighty, and being sworn under a vow and oath, I attest that the attached pages are true and correct representations of:

The Treaty of Annexation, concluded between the United States of America and the Republic of Texas - April 12, 1844, from the Center for Legislative Archives (NWL), National Archives Records Administration website.

This attestation is made on August 17, 1998.

Attest:  _____

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Witness to source and above signature

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Witness to above signatures

~~Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States~~

~~for the annexation of Texas~~
~~and the following~~

Joint Resolution for annexing Texas
to the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of
Representatives, in Congress assembled,
that the ~~provisional~~ ^{of the United States} articles of annexation and
union between the said United States,
and the Republic of Texas, ~~shall~~ take effect
~~as if the said articles of annexation and~~
~~union had been made and ratified~~
~~on the part of the United States~~
~~on the part of the Republic of Texas~~
~~on the 22d day of December last~~
as settled
the twentieth of April last, in the
following words, viz:

Article 1st

"The Republic of Texas, acting in
conformity with the wishes of the
people and ~~any~~ ^{representatives} of its
government, cedes to the United States
all the territory ^{of Texas} held by the United States
in full property and sovereignty, and to

be annexed to the said United States as one of the Territories, subject to the same constitutional provisions with those of the Territories: This cession including all public lots and squares, vacant lands, mines, minerals, salt lakes and Springs, public edifices, fortifications, barracks, forts and harbors, navy and army yards, docks, magazines, arms, accoutrements, and equipments, archives and public documents, public funds, debts, taxes, and duties, supplied at the time of the exchange of the ratification of this Treaty, to wit: a ^{list}

Article III

The Citizens of Texas shall be incorporated into the Union of the United States, maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty and property, and admitted, as soon as may be consistent with the principles of the federal Constitution, to the enjoyment of all the rights, privileges, and immunities, of Citizens of the United States.

Article III.

All titles and claims to real estate, ~~which are valid~~, under the laws of Texas, shall be held ~~to be~~ so by the United States, and measures shall be adopted for the speedy adjudication of all unsettled claims to land, and patents shall be granted to those found to be valid.

Article IV.

"The public lands hereby ceded shall be subject to the laws regulating the public land in the other territories of the United States, as far as they may be applicable, subject, however, to such alterations and changes as Congress may from time to time think proper to make. ~~It is further provided~~
~~that the section of the Act~~ in consequence of the mode in which lands have been surveyed in Texas, or from previous grants or locations, the sixteenth section cannot be applied to the purposes of education. Congress shall make equal provision by grants of land elsewhere. And it is also further unclerated

that hereafter, the books, papers and documents of the General Land Office of Texas shall be deposited and kept at such place in Texas as the Congress of the United States shall direct

Article V.

"The United States approve and agree to pay the public debts and liabilities of Texas, however created, for which the faith or credit of her Government may be bound at the time of ~~the execution of the ratification~~ ^{annexation} ~~of this territory~~ ^{of the territory} ~~shall debts and liabilities~~ ^{are} estimated not to exceed, in the whole ten millions of dollars, to be paid, ascertained and paid in the manner herein after stated:

"The payment of the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be made at the Treasury of the United States, within ninety days ^{after annexation} ~~of the ratification of this treaty~~, as follows: Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Frederick Dawson of Waltham in his execution, on the

on the delivery of that amount of ten per cent, bond of Texas, one hundred thousand dollars if so much be required, in the redemption of the exchequer bills which may be in circulation at the time of ~~the~~ ~~exchange of the outstanding of the~~ ~~trust~~. For the payment of the remainder of the debts and liabilities of Texas, which, together with the amount already specified, shall not exceed ten millions of dollars, the public lands herein ceded, and the net revenues from the same, are hereby pledged.

Article VI.

In order to ascertain the full amount of the debts and liabilities herein assumed, and the legality and validity thereof, four commissioners shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall meet at Washington, in Texas, within the period of six months after ~~the~~ ~~exchange of the~~ ~~annexation~~

~~at the expiration of the treaty~~, and may continue in session not exceeding twelve months, unless the Congress of the United States should prolong the time. They shall take an oath for the faithful discharge of their duties, and that they are not directly or indirectly interested in said claims at the time, and will not be during their continuance in office, and the said oath, shall be recorded with their proceedings. In case of the death, sickness or resignation of any of the commissioners, his or their place or places may be supplied by the appointments as aforesaid, or by the President of the United States during the recess of the Senate. They or a majority of them, shall be authorized, under such regulations as the Congress of the United States may prescribe, to hear, examine, and decide on all questions touching the legality and validity of said claims, and shall, when a claim is allowed, issue a certificate to the claimant,

stating the amount, distinguishing principal from interest. The certificates so issued shall be numbered, and entry made of the number, the name of the person to whom issued, and the amount, in a book to be kept for that purpose. They shall transmit the records of their proceedings and the book in which the certificates are entered, with the vouchers and documents produced before them, relative to the claims allowed or rejected, to the Treasury Department of the United States, to be deposited therein; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall as soon as practicable after the receipt of the same, ascertain the aggregate amount of the debts and liabilities allowed; and if the same, when added to the amounts to be paid to Frederick Pearson, and the same which may be paid in the redemption of the exchange bills, shall not exceed the estimated sum of ten millions of dollars, he shall on the presentation of a certificate

of the Commissioner, issues, at the
 option of the holder, a new certificate
 for the amount, distinguishing principal
 from interest, and payable to him or
 order, out of the net proceeds of the
 public lands hereby ceded, a stock of
 the United States, for the amount allowed,
 including principal and interest,
 and bearing an interest of three per
 cent per annum from the date thereof;
 which stock in addition to being made
 payable out of the net proceeds of the
 public lands hereby ceded, shall also
 be receivable in payment for the same.
 In case the amount of the debts and
 liabilities allowed, added with the
 sums proposed to be paid to Frederick
 Dawson, and which may be paid in
 the redemption of the exchange bills,
 shall exceed the sum of ten millions
 of dollars, the said Secretary, before
 issuing a new certificate, or stock as
 the case may be, shall make in
 each case such proportionable and
 notable deduction in its amount as
 to reduce the aggregate to the said
 sum of ten millions of dollars; and
 he shall

he shall have power to make all
 needful rules and regulations, neces-
 sary to carry into effect the powers
 hereby vested in him.

" Article VII.

" Until further provision shall be
 made, the laws of Texas as now
 existing, shall remain in force, and
 all executive and judicial officers
 of Texas, except the President, Vice
 President, and heads of Departments,
 shall retain their offices, with all
 power and authority appertaining thereto,
 and the courts of justice shall remain
 in all respects as now established and
 organized.

" Article VIII.

" Immediately after the ~~ratification~~ annexation
~~of the territory~~ The President of
 the United States, by and with the
 advice and consent of the Senate,
 shall appoint a Commissioner, who
 shall proceed to Texas and receive the
 transfer thereof of the Territory thereof,
 and all the archives and public property,

and other things herein conveyed, in the name of the United States. He shall exercise all executive authority in said territory necessary to the proper execution of the laws, until otherwise provided.

Resolved that ^{articles are} and the ~~rights~~ hereby declared to be the fundamental laws of union between the said United States and Texas, so soon as the supreme authority of Texas the said Republic of Texas shall agree to the same. And it shall be the duty of the President of the United States; so soon as he shall be officially notified of such agreement on the part of Texas to announce the same by proclamation.

Resolved further, by the authority aforesaid, that it is understood and intended that whatever was stipulated to be done immediately or at a fixed period after the exchange said ~~of the ratification of the proposed~~ compact, shall be done immediately or in a like period after the supreme authority of Texas shall have formally agreed to these resolutions