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STATE OF UTAH,  
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COUNTY OF BOX ELDER. |

I, George Godfrey, being first duly sworn, do  
depose and say:-

During the life of Martin Harris, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, I had ample opportunity to become well acquainted with the said Martin Harris, having met him the first time at Salt Lake City, Utah, near the year 1867, as my memory serves me, and at that time considered it a privilege to shake hands with a man who had had the experiences and the testimony which he bore witness to. Later he moved to Smithfield, Cache County, Utah, and later moved to Clarkston, same County, where he died in the year 1875. Prior to his death and in his last sickness I sat up nights with him upon many an occasion, in connection with my Brothers, John E. Godfrey and Thomas Godfrey, both of whom now reside at Clarkston, aforesaid, and who can make affidavit to the things I am herein stating; that many times I have heard the said Martin Harris, bear witness to the truthfulness and genuineness of the Book of Mormon, at times when he was enjoying good health and spirits and when he was on his death-bed; That his testimony never varied; that I have seen others, and that I myself have tried to entrap him relative to the testimony which he bore, by cross questioning him relative to the scenes and events which are Church history in connection with the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon; that upon all of these questions his mind was as clear as it is possible for the human mind to be, and that his testimonies have left no trace of doubt in my mind that he actually conversed with an angel who bore testimony to him of the truthfulness of the records contained in the Book of Mormon; that he saw and handled the gold plates from which the said records were taken; that a few hours before his death, and when he was so weak and enfeebled that he was unable to recognize me or anyone, and knew not to whom he was speaking, I asked him if he did not feel that there was an element, at least, of fraudulence and deception in the things that were written and told of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and he replied as he had always done, and many, many times in my hearing, and with the same spirit that he always manifested when enjoying health and vigor: "The Book of Mormon is no fake. I know what I know. I have seen what I have seen, and I have heard what I have heard. I have seen and handled the gold plates from which the Book of Mormon is written. An angel appeared to me and others and testified to the truthfulness of the record, and had I been willing to have perjured myself and sworn falsely to the testimony I now bear, I could have been a rich man, but I could not have testified other than I have done and ~~now~~ am now doing, for these things are true." That I prepared the grave and assisted in the burial of the said Martin Harris in the Clarkston graveyard, where the remains now rest.

George Godfrey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1921.

Paul D. Murray

Notary Public.  
Residing at Garland, Utah.

My commission expires May 11, 1925.

W. W. BAKER  
XEROCOPY  
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