

STATE OF FLORIDA ##
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COUNTY OF LEE. ##

Before me the Undersigned Authority, personally appeared Thomas Weeks, who being first duly sworn according to Law, deposes and says that I have practically lived in Lee County, State of Florida all my life, and that I was working on the Tamiami Trail about six miles of the town of Everglades and knew of the time that a certain petition was taken to people to sign for the purpose of using in the Legislature to secure the forming of a new County out of the Southern Portion of Lee County, and that said petition asked that the County be called "Collier" and that the County Seat be the town of Everglades, and that this day I have personally interviewed some ten Negroes, now in the City of Fort Myers, and said Negroes, said that they signed said petition while working for the Deep Lake Co. and that they were not at the time of signing same citizens of said town, and were there only for the work they could get to do and when their ~~time~~ ~~xxx~~ work was finished that the Company discharged them and that they have returned to their former homes and those that have not returned to their home are on their way, and that this affiant verly believes that said Negroes have given him the true state of the facts.

Thomas Weeks
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April-14-1923.

L. G. Pope
Notary Public State of Florida at Large.
My Commission Expires January-30-1927.

