

George W. Daniel, being duly sworn, on oath says, that he has made a careful, accurate and exhaustive search and examination of the books and records of the Auditor's Office of the State of Kentucky in regard to taxes on the various tracts of land patented by the State of Virginia to David Ross and James Currie, and subsequently, to-wit, by deed dated September 23d, 1796, conveyed by said Ross and Currie to James Swan.

Affiant says that the said search and examination were made not only by means of references to the alphabetical indices to said books and records, but by going over said books and records leaf by leaf, and page by page. Affiant states that he knows the results of said search and examination as herein stated to be absolutely correct and true. He says that prior to the year 1851 the said books and records do not show any sale of said land to the State or any forfeiture thereof to the State that is not followed, not later than the subsequent year, by a redemption thereof by the payment of the full amount of the tax assessed, with the lawful charges, damages, &c.; and that said books and records show no tax assessed against said land or any part thereof prior to the year 1847 that was not fully paid up and discharged. Affiant says that the said books and records for the year 1851 contain an entry of the forfeiture of certain of said lands, but that said lands so entered as forfeited are returned and entered as being in the County of Estill, and said Ross