



**Testimony of a member of an anti-Confederate group during the Civil War,  
November 28, 1861 (John Rice Homer Scott Collection, 1836-1895)**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

I - do Solenimnly Swear before the almyty god and these Witnesses That I will well and Truly Keep all the secrets of this society, And that I will earn halo & always council and never reveal any thing in connection Therewith and thus I will on the shortest notice go to the assistance of any Brother at the peril of my life so help me god (...) As it is a matter of Life and death with in who shall betray to our enemies the existence of the society he shall forfeit his life and it shall be the duty of this society having secured knowledge of or Any such Traitor forthwith to inform the Brethren each of whose duty it shall be to procure such trator and Take his life at the peril of his own [unknown symbol]

Lexington Ark., Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1861

I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing in a true copy of the original now in my possession and obtained from Ananias Stobaugh one of the members of the society who is now a prisoner at Little Rock said Stobaugh acknowledged that all persons entering into said Society had to Take the Oath

(Signed) I B Lewis Col Comdt LT, Regmt Am