We the undersigned do hereby certify that when the western frontier of Texas was invaded by the Mexicans under Genl. Vasquez in the Spring of 1842, John P. Atkinson went from the county of Austin Mounted and armed to assist in repelling the invaders and that we saw the said Atkinson in the army of Texas as far west as the Town of San Antonio

Austin County } B. J. L. Cheek
April the 5th 1853 } Nathaniel Reed

Personally appeared before me John B. Bachman a justice of the peace for in and for said County of Austin Nathaniel Reed and B. L. Cheek whose names are subscribed to the above certificate and being duly sworn by me declared that the facts therein stated are true

Austin County } John B. Bachman J. P. A.
April 5th 1853 }