

The State of Texas,  
Austin

COUNTY.

I Samuel, A. Shelburne

do hereby certify under oath, that when the Western frontier of Texas was invaded by the Mexicans, under

Gen. *Reasques* in the *Spring* of 1842, that *Joseph, S. Bell*

went from *the County of Austin in said Campaign, West of the Lavaca River* and discharged and performed all the duties of a *private soldier* mounted, armed and equipped as such, to assist in repelling the invaders.

*Samuel, A. Shelburne*

SWORN TO and subscribed, before me:

*J. Henry A. Motary Public*

for said county, duly commissioned and sworn,

To certify which I hereunto set my hand. *and official seal*

This *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*

A. D. 1854.

*J. Henry  
M. P. U.S.*