The State of Texas }
County of Fayette }

This is to certify that I Thos W. Cox was first Lieutenant in Capt William M. Cartland's company of Fayette Volunteers in the campaign of 1842 and 1843 generally known as the Mier Expedition and that Capt Cartland was dismantled and shot in Mexico, Therefore as the next in command in said company, I do hereby certify that John H. L. Blackburn was in said company that he was in the battle at Mier and was taken a prisoner on the 26th day of December 1842, at the Town of Mier in Mexico after said battle and that he remained a prisoner until the battle generally known as the battle of the rescue, and that he is entitled to all the benefits of an act of the last legislature for the relief of the said prisoners &c.

The State of Texas }
County of Fayette } Personally appeared before me Jno C Crosnoe an acting justice of the peace in & for said county. Thos W. Cox and made in due form of law that the above certificate is true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of August A.D. 1857.

John C. Crosnoe J.P.
F.C.

Thos W. Cox
1st Lieut