I certify that I am the identical Barkley M. Ballard who was a private in Capt. Saml. B. Orton's company Texas mounted volunteers in the regiment commanded by Col. N. S. Hamilton in the year 1841 & that I have not rec'd any discharge for said service & that he has not sold the same —

Barkley M. Ballard

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20 Aug. 1857

G. W. Shade J. P. of Kaufman County

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