The State of Texas
Cherokee County } On this the seventeenth day of December in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Before me S P Donley a Notary Public of Cherokee County personally Comes Samuel J Sleyer a resident of the County of Cherokee aforesaid Ages twenty Eight years and being duly Sworn on his Oath Says that he is the identical Samuel J Sleyer who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain Mathew Caldwell in the expedition against Santa Fe that he volunteered about the first of May in the year 1841. And was Mustered into Service on the day of of the same year As will appear by the Muster Rolls of said Company that he furnished his own horse arms and equipt himself for said Service And that he was taken prisoner by the Mexican forces On the fifth day of October in the year 1841, and lost his horse Arms and Accoutrements And that he was held and kept a prisoner by the Mexicans from the time of his Capture until the day of 1842, And was discharged from the Service At Houston On the day of August in the year 1842 He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pay