The State of Texas } This day personally appeared before
County of Rusk } me the undersigned authority Thomas
Jones the signer of the within discharge who states
on oath that the same was made as stated
~~this 18th day of August 1853~~ Thomas Jones
Sworn to and subscribed
before me the 18th
day of August 1853
Ben Smither
Justice of the Peace
of Rusk County

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk } I J. Glasgow clerk of the County Court
of Rusk county, do hereby certify that Ben Smither
whose genuine signature appears to the above &
foregoing affidavit is & was at the time of signing
the same, an acting Justice of the Peace within
& for the County of Rusk duly elected commission-
-ioned and qualified and that all his official
acts as such are entitled to full faith & credit.
Given under my hand and seal
of Office, at Office in Henderson
This the 18th day of August A.D. 1853
J. Glasgow
Clk Rusk Co