The State of Texas }
County of Gonzales } Before me Thomas J. Pilgrim an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid. Came personally David Hodges a Citizen of said County to me Well Known and after being duly sworn according to Law, deposeth & saith that he was a Private in Captain James Byrd's Company on the Wall Campaign (at the Battle of [illegible]) in the year 1842 That he was mustered into the service of the Republic of Texas on or about the day of September 1842 and Continued in actural service for the term of Two [illegible]ks & some days, that the Company was disbanded or discharged on or about the day of September - 1842 - That he never received a Discharge for said service, or any pay from the Government for the same - that said Claim is just and that he now applies for the same -

David Hodges

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 25 day of August A.D. 1853

Thos J. Pilgrim - - - Justice Peace Ptc