The State of Texas
County of Galveston } I, Ebenezer B Nichols of the County of Galveston & State of Texas do hereby certify, that in March 1842, at the time of the Vasquez expedition, I was 1st Lieutenant, in command of the Militia Guards, which left the City of Houston at that time, enroute to San Antonio, that when said company had proceeded about 11 miles on its way, (the baggage wagon having gone on, or taken again, and the soldiers being on foot) found it necessary in order to transport the remainder of the baggage, to take a wagon and team belonging to F. L. Hoffman, which wagon was accordingly taken by my order, as the commanding officer,

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of October 1854

E B Nichols

To certify which I have set my hand & official seal at office in Galveston Nov 11th 1854

James P. Nash
N. P. G. C.