who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the identical William S Kellett who was a private in Captain Radcliff Hudson's company and ~~that he enlisted in May 1841. and was engaged in~~ the Santa Fe Expedition. and was taken prisoner by the Mexicans and carried to the City of Mexico. and after being detained in captivity. for several months was released by them and permitted to return to the State of Texas which he did on board the vessel which brought the prisoners and landed at Galveston on the day of August 1842. he further deposes and says that he obtained a written discharge signed by Ephraim Kayes who was an officer of said company. which discharge was countersigned by Genl Hugh McLeod. and that said discharge was in his possession for several years. until accidentally destroyed by fire in the City of Columbus State of Georgia. after the following manner. deponent was ~~sleeping~~ living or sporting in the warehouse of Edwd S Hardin and his trunk was in his room attached to said warehouse and the said warehouse Office and Room occupied by deponent were destroyed by fire he not being able to rescue them the house being full of Cotton. and in a bright flame when first discovered. deponent further saith upon oath that he knows of no one to whom he can apply to establish his identity. he does not know where his officers are whom he served. nor does he know where to find any of the men who served with him. further than the evidence herewith submitted. but believing all these facts of his service. Captain and discharge will or may be found among the muster and other Rolls pertaining to said service

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th day of April 1852
Michael Hilarke
Commissioner &c.

W. S. Kellett