The State of Texas } Jany 6 1854
Polk County }

Know all men to whom it may Concern
That I William Lane and not Sam Lane Commanded
a Company of Rangers known as the Sabine Rangers
in the years 1839 & 40 and that the Identical Roll found
Returned by Brig. Gen Douglass in the Adjutants Gen
office with Some in accuring as to christian names
and Surnames are the Identical Same
men who performed the Services as specified
as having Served under Sam Lane which
is not the fact as the affidavits of the
Members of the Company now living
will Testify. that they Served under not under
William Lane and not Sam Lane and
that Brig. Gen Douglas in his Return
to the Adjutants Gen. office Made a
Mistake in Relation to my Christian
Name my Name is William and
not Samuel. I am known from
Red River to the Rio Grande as
William Lane not Sam Lane

Respectfully Yours
William Lane
late Sabine
Ranger

N.B.
Look to my original Return
among Gen. Douglass
Private papers