The State of Texas }
County of Grimes } I James E Cotton do solemnly swear that when the western frontier of Texas was invaded by the Mexicans under Gen Vasquez in the spring of 1842 that I went from Montgomery (now Walker) Co as far west as Columbus on the Colorado as a private in a Company which went from said County under the Command of Capt. S. W. Watkins and that I discharged and performed all the duties of a private mounted armed and equipped as such, to assist in repelling the invaders and that for said services I have as yet received no pay from Government.

James E Cotton

Sworn to and subscribed before me A. S. Richardson a Notary Public in and for said County duly commissioned sworn and bonded

To Certify which I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Seal Notarial at Anderson this July 13th A.D. 1857

A S Richardson
Notary Public
Grimes County