The State of Texas
County of Grimes } We B. B. Goodrich and W. C. Roe both citizens of Said Grimes County do hereby certify under oath, that when the Western frontier of Texas was invaded by the Mexicans under Gen Vasquez in the Spring of 1842, that James E Cotton went from Montgomery (now Walker) County as far west as Columbus on the Colorado, as a private in a Company which went from Said County under the Command of Captain H. M. Gradkins. and that he the Said Cotton discharged and performed all the duties of a private mounted, armed and equipped as Such, to assist in repelling the invaders.

B B Goodrich

Wm C. Roe

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 15th A.D. 1854

A S Richardson
Notary Public
Grimes Co.

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