State of Texas }
County of Austin } We the undersigned do hereby Certify that upon the invasion of the western frontier of Texas by the mexicans under Vasquez in the Springs of 1842 J Wells Matthews, mounted, armed and equipped, went from the County of Austin to assist in repelling the invasion and that we saw him west of the Colorado River on his way to the Scene of action —

Isaac L Hill
Leon Matthews

6 miles @ 22½¢ $1.35

Sworn to & Subscribed before me Isd L Cole a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Austin, State of Texas. This the 20th day of Dec AD 1853.

Isd L Cole
J. P. A. C

The State of Texas } Personally came before the undersigned
County of Travis } a notary in said County, Isaac L Hill who in my presence Subscribed and Swore to to the above written Affidavit and further Says that of his own Personally Knowledge that the Above named J. W. Matthews was the Identical Matthews who was in the Service at the time Specified in the Affidavit

Witness my hand and Seal of Office at Austin this 30 day Dec 1853

Thomas J Humphrey
Notary Public Travis