The State of Texas

Fort Bend County: Before me Mills M Batte clerk of Fort Bend County court appeared James R Shipman to me well known and J L Cole. W W Schrier who being duly sworn says that in the Spring of the year 1842 when the Republic of Texas was invaded by an armed body of Mexicans under the command of Gent Vasquez, that the said Shipman armed provisioned mounted and equipped themselves from Fort Bend County East of the Brazos River and as a lieutenant of Capt Shipmans company crossed the Colorado River and went within the neighbourhood of Victoria on the Guadaloupe River to repel the invaders and done and performed all service required as such officer.

Sworn & subscribed to before me at my office, which I certify under my hand and seal of office this 19th day of January 1854

Mills M Batte clk.

Jas R Shipman
Jas L Cole
Wm W Schrier