The State of Texas
County of Hannin } This is to certify that I was well acquainted with Daniel Slack late of Hannin County deceased: That I was present when a contract was made between said Slack and Captain Bird in the fall of 1841: whereupon said Bird agreed to take four hundred Bushels of Corn to be paid for in par funds: the customary price of Corn at that time, was about one dollar per Bushel the Corn was to be delivered to the order of said Bird: and was purchased for the supply of the Troops stationed at Birds Fort on the waters of the Trinity in the year 1841 & 1842 - I do not know what amount of Corn was delivered to the Waggons: but I recollect two waggon loads were hauled from Richd R Beaty on Red River in Hannin County, of Corn which was purchased by said Slack, to fill that Contract: and there were two trips made to said Slack's farm near Red River, by a train of Waggons, three in number, hauling Corn to Birds fort, to fill that Contract: amounting in all to at least eight waggon loads: Given under my hand this 21st day of August AD 1858

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