for the military services rendered the Government of the then Republic of Texas now state of Texas, under several acts of Congress, & an Ordinance act passed Dec. 4th A.D. 1837. Alston Ferguson

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and date above written - And I hereby certify that I believe the said Alston Ferguson to be the identical man who served as aforesaid = W H Estill
Justice of the Peace

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk } On this the 1 day of ~~October~~ December A.D. One thousand Eight hundred & fifty one, personally appeared before me W. C. Kelly - an acting justice of the Peace within and for the county aforesaid, Ben A Vanickle a resident citizen of the county of Rusk & state of Texas. who being duly sworn according to Law declares that the said Alston Ferguson is the identical man who served as a private for the term of three months in Captain Michael Cotty Company of Mounted Volunteers in the Ranging service of 1836 - in the then Republic of Texas - & that he is disinterested witness.

Ben A Van Sickle

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above written.

W C Kelly J.P.