State of Texas }
Walker County } Personally came Jackson Wells before the undersigned Authority and made oath in due form of law that in the Summerville Campaign in 1842, conducted by the late Republic of Texas against Mexico, that he employed Joseph Payton, or Joseph E. Payton, as a Substitute to perform said Service, and furnished him one horse which cost affiant the Sum of One hundred and twenty dollars, that said Payton must have performed said Service to the Satisfaction of the Military authority from the fact that the said Payton procured a discharge, as the Substitute of affiant from Capt. Wm. M. Burrell in whose Company the Service was performed — that affiant has since had his dwelling house burnt togather with all his household effects, and as he believes, in that way lost said discharge, which stated that said Payton, was honorably discharged. — Affiant farther states that the said Payton was a single man, having no relations or connections in Texas, that he is apprised of. — that he resided in Walker County, Texas, or what is now Walker county when he performed the Service — that he returned here and departed this life at the house of Col. John Greene's as affiant is apprised and believes to be true. — Affiant farther states that if said Payton was living that from his character for honor he would be the first man he would apply to in order to establish his right to this claim

Jackson Wells

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me 28. May 1855.

M. C. Rogers, Notary Public
W. C. S. T.