"Statement"

San Diego, Cal, July 10th 1874

Comptroller of State—Texas

Sir

I have received a communication from the Com'r of Public Accounts stating that proof will be furnished by the Department that I am entitled to a Pension—

There is no one here, or on this Coast, to my knowledge, who knows that I served in the Texas Army in Eighteen hundred & thirty six, I therefore make the following Statement, hoping that in it, may be found sufficient evidence that I am the same William Beardslee who served in the Army of Texas in 1836

I landed from the Sloop Only Son, Capt. Ellerson, at the mouth of the Colorado River (now Matagorda) on the 6th day of June 1822, one of Austins Colonists, became sick and went to N. Orleans where I arrived in January 1823— remained till 1836, when I resigned a position in the Custom House, and hastened, by the way Red River to join Houston, then in full Retreat