War Gap, Hawkins County
Tennessee May the 29th 1872

To the Comptroller State of Texas

Sir I am a Soldier of the war of 1836 And fought in the Battle of Sanjacinto the 21st April 1836 - And was honorably discharged after three months service Mostly before that Battle — And By a law of Texas Legislature passed 13th August 1870 I became entitled to a pension. I made application for the benefit of said law $250.00 per annum I sent my papers - and application to the comptroller nearly - a year ago - And was advised my papers had been Recieved and approved and certificates would be sent to claimants so soon as the Legislature made appropriation to pay the claims - now - if there is any thing lacking on my part or me know it - I had a land warrant for 640 acres of land and left it to be located for me with the land of Elijah Mercer he died And I dont know whether my warrant was ever located for me this warrant was bring in the battle at Sanjacinto in 1836 Now if my warrant was ever located and can be found on the records of the land office prior to 1852

Elijah Mercer