made a prisoner of war as aforesaid and affiant says that he was a Mier prisoner and remained as prisoner in Mexico as aforesaid from date 26th day of December 1842 up to the 4th day of September 1844

Thos W Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me November 22d 1870.

John Somers

Chancellor of 11th Chancery Division of Tennessee in which Dyer County is included

State of Tennessee
Dyer County

We Isaac Sampson aged 71 years and Henderson Clark aged 73 years, citizens of Dyer County swear that we were acquainted with William A. Bell (father of Thomas W. Bell) and with Thomas W. Bell in his boyhood – and were acquainted with Thomas W. Bell (the above affiant who is now present, and is now about fifty-five years old) immediately after his return from the unfortunate Mier Expedition & saw the history of the expedition published by said Thomas W. Bell soon afterwards and we have no earthly doubt he is the man he swears he is above.

Isaac Sampson

H Clark

Sworn to & subscribed November 22d 1870, before

John Somers

Chancellor &c.