Santa Expedition the same year that I was in Dawsons company in the Vasques Expedition in 1842 and at the time of his death I belonged to his company I lived with Old Lafferty some ten miles from Bragrange and as I rode I got the news I started when I got to Bragrange I learned that Dawson had left with all the men he could get and had left orders for the rest to follow as fast as possible I there fell in with Capt Eastland and a good many men they appeared to be organised un-der Mercusson and all was hurry and bustle as we road along I spoke to Eastland and he asked me what company I was going to join I told him that I belonged to Dawsons company he told me that he had no company but they all wanted him to be their captain and on the road the company that is Mercusons company we all proclaimed them captain and as I afterwards learned that Mercusen was a Gentleman as we were traveling on the train we met an express that they were fighting and every thing was excited to the highest pitch a little after dark we met another express that Dawson and all his men were killed we travel all night and in the night Capt came back to me and told me I had better join his company I told him I would and we left as some 60 of Eastlands company from there until it broke up when we got back to San Antonio Think Eastlands Muster Roll was not made out till we got back to San Antonio and that is why I presume James Gaither proved me to belong to Eastlands company I am acquainted with the comptroller Don't know his given name therefore I wish you to present this to him as you know most of the facts adverse to me and any explanation that they want I will freely give your friend A J Blackburn Brenham Washington county Texas