Exhibit A.

State of Texas }
Travis County } This day personally appeared J P Ferrell of Bastrop County who being duly sworn says. He is well acquainted with N T Byars of Cooke County Now present with him in the Comptrollers Office has known the said Byars since March 1836, knows he was a Soldier in the Army of the Republic in the year 1836, as a member of Sherman's Company, afterwards Wm Woods's Company I was with him when he assisted to spike the Cannon at Gonzales in March 1836, we were both in service as Soldiers of the Texan Army at that time. The N T Byars now present is the same identical man I knew in 1836, and I make this affidavit to enable him to obtain the pension due him,

Age 66 years

John P Ferrell

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 13th day of Jany 1875

Seph. H. Hardy
Comptroller