The State of Texas
County of Bexar, } On this Thirteenth Day of October One Thousand eight hundred and Seventy Four, Before me Saml. E. Smith Clerk of the District Court in and for said County and State, personally appeared Luis Castañon, to me well known who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says, That he is over Sixty one years of age, and was born in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, That he is the identical Luis Castañon who participated in the struggle in aid of Texas for Independence against the Republic of Mexico, that he was one of a Company of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Capt Juan N. Seguin in the storming of Bexar, that he entered San Antonio de Bexar between the 5th day of December and the morning of the 10th of December 1835. under the Command of Genl. Ed. Burleson, and that he remained therein until after the surrender of Genl. Cos. that he entered the Texan service in Nov. 1835. and served for over one year. That was under Lieut Salvador Flores when he was sent back from Gonzales in the Spring of 1836. to protect the fleeing families of the Texans. That he was subsequently a soldier under "Deaf Smith" (Capt. Erastus Smith) in his Spy company when he made the Campaign to Laredo, and afterwards was with Col. Harris and Col. Hays -