The State of Texas } On this day personally
Rio Grande County } appeared before the under
signed authority James Hellum with whom
I am well acquainted and after being by
me duly sworn says upon oath that he
enlisted the service of the Republic of Texas
as a Soldier in 1836 as a member of Capt
Ratcliffs Company that said Ratcliff
resigned or left the company & I do not now
remember for what purpose I then quit
Ratcliffs Company and became a member
of Smiths Company and served out my
term of and was honorably discharged
from the service James Hellum
Sworn to and subscribed before
me this the 25 day of January 1875
John A Bagby
Clerk D C B R C