State of Texas
County of Harris } This is to Certify that I Ellis Benson was aquntid with George Copeland and have seen a coppy of his affadavit which Corisponds with what he has told me about his being taken prisoner by Gen. Ureas Divison in Febuary one thousand Eight hundred and thirty six I also know Jinks Mahan and Wm. Benson who ware taken Prisoners at the same time I do not know of my own persional knowlage onley what I have herd from Coepland and Mahons Conversation while in their Company to the ~~best~~ best of my beief and knowlage he is the identical person that he represents himself to be. I further know that Jinks Mahan resieved a pension for the same servis that the said Copland Claims it for.

the above affadavit I referd to was made before J.J. McNulty a Notry public for Contra Costa County Californ dated the 2 day of January 1871

Sworn to and subscribed before Ellis Benson me this 11th day of January A.D. 1878 —

R. O. Westcott
C.C.C.H.C.
By G.M. Beauchamp
Deputy