The State of Texas }
County of Jefferson } Before me Lafayette B. Bundy, Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally came Melton Kirkham, who is to me known, and being by me duly Sworn deposes and says upon his oath, that he has been personally acquainted with Simon P. Ford, who is an applicant for pension for Services in the war which liberated Texas from Mexico, for many years to wit: for the period of seventeen or eighteen years; that during said period affiant has always understood that he was a soldier in the Texas Army, in the battle of San Jacinto; and that he verily believes he was such, and knows that said Ford heretofore obtained a bounty of land from the State or Republic of Texas for such service, and has been on land granted to the said identi Ford, for said service, & know him to be the same,

Melton his x mark Kirkham

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial Seal this 20th day of February A.D. 1887

L. B. Bundy
Notary Public
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