those who were friends & Compatriots in the Early history of Texas. — The Law is not specific as to Manner of applying for the Pension Or as to the amount & Character of the Proof required. I have seen No Instructions or Directions issued from your Office — on the Subject.
believing that the Public archives furnish sufficient Evidence that I am Entitled to the Benefit of the Act of the Legislature I have not thought it necessary to get the affidavit of any of my old Comrades — in Order to Establish my Claim If any thing further is required of me I will without delay forward any Evidence that may be required
On the twenty fifth of this Month I shall be sixty six years of age. I Emigrated to Texas early in the year 1835. and have been a citizen of Texas from that time to the time of Making this application I resided in the City of Galveston to which place I removed in the fall of 1838.

Galveston
4th April 1871

Benjamin L. Franklin