of these facts would not avail him - He has long since received from Texas a recognition of his services by the usual grant of land in such cases, as I presume the records of the General Land Office show - If the rolls of the War Department are in existence, his name there doubtless appears.
All of his comrades who left School with him for Texas - three in number - Frazer, O'Neal, & Henry Ripley (the son of Gen Ripley the hero of Lundy's Lane in the war of 1812) all fell in the struggle - I think at Goliad - were massacred - It seems, from the result of my efforts thus far, that there may be no one living, known at this time to Col McKneely, by whom he can establish the facts entitling him to pension for services & wounds, unless circumstantially or by hearsay. As he returned immediately after the struggle to his home in Louisiana he has had no means of preserving the evidence of his services through the testimony of eye witnesses acquainted with them - Such being the state of this meritorious case, I would be glad to know whether any other than direct testimony will satisfy you to issue to him a certificate - & if so, to indicate the same - Please file his papers, & I will continue to try to add to the testimony in his favor.

Yours very respectfully
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