State of Texas }
Harris County }

Personally appeared before me N D Westcote Clerk of the District court of Harris county, Manaen Smith of the county of Leon, who after being duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth that he is personally acquainted with John D. Merchant, Sr of Denton County, state aforesaid and that he served as a soldier of the provisional government of texas, and was one of the band who drove the Mexican Col. Pedras from Macegovches in August 1832

Manaen Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, All of which I do hereby certify under my hand and seal of office at the city of Houston this 22d of May 1874

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