The State of Texas }
Nacogdoches County } Personally appeared before the undersigned authority Bennett Blake a credible citizen of said State and County, to me well known, who after being by me duly sworn, on his oath says, that he knows of his own knowledge that said Osborn W. Randall was a Soldier in the army of Texas in the year A.D. 1836 _ affiant knows that said Randall joined the Military Company of Capt James Smith about the middle of March AD 1836, at which time and a short period before, an attack upon the American population of Nacogdoches was daily and constantly expected from a division of Santa Anna's Army by way of the Brassos, thence to be joined by Indians West and North of Nacogdoches, and by the Numerous Mexicans inhabiting said County of Nacogdoches _ a great panic existed here & throughout the Country in consequence of said rumored attacks, producing a stampede of the population throughout the Country towards and across the Sabine River, known historically as the "Run away Scrape" _ At this juncture