The State of Texas
County of Waller }

Before me W. T. Harper Clerk of the County court of Waller County this day come John M. Hensley to me well known who after being by me duly sworn says: that he is well acquainted with Elvira Rankin who at the June term 1877 of the County court of Waller County was awarded a certificate that she was entitled to a pension under the laws of the State of Texas. That he was well acquainted with James M. Rankin in his lifetime (who was the husband of the said Elvira Rankin): that the said James M. Rankin was in the service in the war between Texas and Mexico in the army of the Republic of Texas to wit in Capt John Birds company in the month of March 1836.

Affiant says that he, affiant, was himself a member of said John Birds company and knows of his own knowledge that said James M. Rankin was in said service in said John Birds' company in