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United States of America
State of California County of Merced
S. S.

I James E. Hicks County Clerk of Merced County State of California and Ex officio Clerk of the District Court (a court of record) held in and for said County - do hereby Certify - that I now am and have been for more than twelve years last past acquainted, personally, with Elbridge Gerry Rector.

That said Elbridge Gerry Rector is now living - and a resident of this State.

That he is the identical person who did heretofore apply to the Authorities of the State of Texas for a pension as one of the Soldiers in the War waged for the Seperation of Texas from Mexico

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said District Court on this Seventh day of January A.D. 1874

Jas E Hicks
Clerk