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State of Texas } Personally appeared before the
County of Galveston } undersigned Authority
William T Austin

Credible Citizens of said State, to me well known, who after being by me duly sworn, on their Oath, say that they know of their own knowledge that the said William J Ruffell was a Soldier in the Army of Texas in the year 1835 and 1836 = And that we believe his own declaration accompanying hereon the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ residence, Lagrange in Fayette County Texas and that he is about Seventy nine years Old: The undersigned Wm T. Austin knows of his own knowledge the important and efficient services rendered by the applicant while commanding the Schooner Mazeppa in the Battle of Velasco in 1832 which service contributed largely to the success of our Texan arms. He was in early life a Sea Captain by profession and was always patriotic and ready for duty when necessary: We believe him to be justly entitled to a pension for services performed under the act granting pensions of Stephens August 13 1850

Wm T. Austin

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of October 1850: at Office in the City of Galveston in Galveston County State of Texas

Hugo Dossig.
Notary Public, Galveston Co.
Texas.