known and who signed the above and foregoing oath or instrument of Writing in my Presence by making his mark. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature and official seal at my office in the town of Carthage Panola County Texas. This 15th of February A.D. 1877.

J M Lawrence
District Clerk.

The State of Texas } Before me the undersigned
County of Shelby } Authority Personally Came
and appeared V.D. Walling
to me well known who being duly Sworn
made oath to the following facts viz.
That he is the oldest child of Nelson D. Walling
and his wife Malinda L. Walling That he was
born in the State of Missouri That in the year
1836. his father the said Nelson D. Walling
left his home and family in the State of
Missouri and Proceeded to the republic
of Texas which was then engaged in a war with
Mexico that the said Nelson D. Walling joined
the Army of the republic of Texas in the
year 1836. That he belonged to the cavalry
Arm of the Service that he participated in
the war of the Revolution which resulted
in the Independence of the Republic of
Texas and that a part of the Service was
Rendered Prior to the first day of January
1837. That the said Nelson D. Walling Settled
in the Republic of Texas in the year 1838 and