State of Arkansas
County of Washington } ss.

On this 16th day of March, AD One thousand eight hundred and Seventy four. personally appeared before me. Pinkey S. Smith, Clerk of County Court, the same being a Court of Record, within and for the County and State aforesaid. James Young. aged 69 years a resident of Washington County Arkansas. Who being duly sworn. according to law declare and say that he is the identical James Young of Capt. Mitchell's Company, and first Lieutenant Bustis of same Company.- General Fisher Commanding While we were in Texas at first we were ordered by Sam Houston to move.- and we went to the Rio Grande. Stopped there and split up part went home. and our Crowd went on to Mier. aiming for Matamoras but did not get to the latter place. there we had a fight with Gen Ampuda, on Mexican side. we were taken prisoners by our Ammunition giving out, and nothing to fight with.- And we were in prison at Mier as near as I can remember about twenty months before Wilson Shannon Minister to Mexico from the United States visited us. He stopped at the Castle Perada. on his way up to Mexico (City) at the time he stopped. we were about ready to get out, having removed one rock in one room and in the other had dug about twelve feet down under the wall. and at request of Wilson Shannon we held on untill he went to the City of Mexico and see what could he done, for us.