The State of Texas }
County of Shelby }

To The Honorable William S. Hotchkiss
Commissioner of claims.

Petitioner Samuel Atkerson who now resides in the county of Christian in the State of Kentucky would respectfully represent unto you that he emigrated to the state of Texas and settled in the County of Shelby on the 17th day of November AD 1837 and that he volunteered as a private in the service of the state of Texas under Capt Richard Haley who commanded the company in which your pettioner volunteered And which ~~[illegible]~~ followed ~~to the Regiment~~ commanded by Col W H Landrum - petitioner says that he served in said Regiment and as a member of said company in a company against the Indians who were at that time ~~in [illegible]~~ making war against the