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Personally appeared before me John Shea city Recorder of the city of Houston John Walter who being duly sworn upon his oath says that he is personally acquainted with William W. Bell, and that he knew him to join Capt Joseph Powels Spy Company as a Soldier and that he armed and equipped himself on or about the middle of the month of February and to have served until the 15th day of June, one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven and that he the said Bell then received an honourable discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13th day of April 1839. } John Walter

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Personally appeared before me John Shea a City Recorder of Houston Samuel Powel who being duly sworn deposeth and sayth that he knows Wm W. Bell personally & that he knew him as a Soldier in Captain Joseph Powels Spy Company during the Spring of the year 1837, and that he was honourably discharged from said service. Sworn to before me the day and year here written April 13th 1839. } Saml G. Powell

John Shea, City Recorder