State of Texas }
Gonzales County } This is to certify that I am personally well acquainted with James F. Foster a citizen of the County aforesaid that I saw him during the wall Company in Capt Birds Company, and know that he was in the battle of the Salado in 1842, believe that he remained with his Company until it was disbanded and consider him justly entitled to the same pay that others received for like service

Given under my hand on this the 23rd day of June AD 1855

H. E. McCulloch
Late Lieut Capt Hays
Spy Company