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To the Comd of the court of Claims

Sir.

Will you inform me what proof I must make and how it must be done to obtain my donation land for the San Jacinto campaigne. I Volenteered in the Liberty Company, Capt Wm McLagan on the 12 of March 1836 joined Genl Houston on the Colorado. There Capt Karnes raised the company of Cavalry, and I joined it and acted as a scout. When the army were opposite Harrisburg, Mr Red Winfield was sent with despatches to galveston for reinforcements to be brought up in the yellowstone Steam boat. The enemy had gone down and it was supposed crossed over at Lynchburg. I was sent at the request of Mr Winfield, by Capt Karnes to pilot him through the enemies lines, to some point on the bay where he could go safely to galveston Island. I got Mr James Spellman of Capt Sphams company to convey him over the bay and after reconnoitering the enemy and learn their rout I was to make my way back and report, but if the enemy had not crossed the San Jacinto, to go on and return with those on the boat. I was reconnoitering and examinging the roads East on the day the battle was fought. I remained with the army, and followed the enemy to Goliad, we were discharged, on the 12 of June 1836. I got my 320 acres when the government was at Houston and now for my childrens sake I want my Donation. If you can inform me where Mr Winfield is, or can see him he will be a witness for me, Our first Lieut Col. F Hardin of Liberty and many privates are live who I can