Matagorda 7th May 1899

Thomas Bridges do hereby certify that I first came to Texas in Decr 1832 & found Capt. Thomas Wilson acting as Pilot on the Bar at the Pass del Cabeza entrance of Matagorda Bay days. I have ever since constantly been sailing vessels in the Bay & Lower & have up to this date found Capt. Wilson always ready & as a Pilot always attending to his business & always devoted to the cause of his ds & seem [illegible] to be has brought more vessels safely [illegible] in port safely [illegible] under some [illegible]

Thos Bridges
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