To: The Legislature of the
State of Texas.

The undersigned your petitioner, respectfully begs leave to represent that, some time in the winter or spring of the years 1835 or 6 one James M. Rose a citizen of the State of Tennessee with others left, for the purpose of joing David Crocket for the Seat of War, then waging between Mexico and the then Republic of Texas. Since which time said Rose has not been heard from by his relations, and friends. and the presumption is, that he fell with Crocket and his companions at the siege of the "Alamo": and the reason for which belief is that Mrs Dickinson now Mrs Bellows of the City of Houston, testifies that before the time of the difficulties alluded to she was acquainted with David Crocket and a man by the name of Rose who were both frequently inmates of her house, and that when the Mexican Army advanced upon the town of San Antonio De Bexer where she then resided, said Rose Crocket and all the Americans took refuge in the Alamo, and as she believes were all Massacred except her self child and a negro servant: and that she is satisfied the said Rose shared the same fate with the rest; and that he was the only man of the name of Rose known to her; and that he was a man of some 30 years of age, medium heighth, fair skin, disposed to freckle, sandy or light hair; blue or gray eyes, broad shoulders inclined to round or stoop: and would weigh probably 150. to 160 pounds; and that she believes he came to Texas with Crocket as from his intimacy he was his friend and Companion; Her description substantially corresponds with that given by his surviving brothers whose affidavit is hereto attached; and furthermore upon reference to the Records of the ~~Genl Land Office~~ Adjutant Genl's Office, the name of Rose is ~~as~~ reported with those who fell at the Alamo:

And finally your petitioner begs that the affidavits of said Adjutant Genl. Mrs Susannah Bellows. Hugh F Rose Erasmus T Rose and. Saml J Rose (surviving brothers of said James M Rose) hereto affixed be taken as a part of this petition: and that your honorable body will cause the proper officer to issue to the legal representatives of the said James M Rose. the same amount of

of land and other pay heretofore granted and allowed to those who fell at the Alamo at the time referred to, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

John. N. Rose
for the heirs of James M. Rose

C/C 7115

We do hereby Certify that Our Brother James M Rose at the time he left Lake Providence in the winter of 1835-6 by the way of Alexandria Louisiana on his route to Nacogdoches Texas where he joined the Company of David Crocket in the Military service of Texas and was afterwards killed at the fall of the Alamo according to the best of our recollection was a man of Sanguine temper-ament about thirty years of age, about 5 ft 7 or 8 inches high of fair Complexion disposed to freckle, but rendered Sallow by Continued attacks of Chill & fever before he went to Texas, was partially bald on the top of the head, hair Sandy Eyes light Blue or Grey. Broad Shoul-dered inclined to round and would weigh when in flesh about One hundred & Sixty pounds & was apt to Stammer when at all Confused with Eye Brows heavy and light Coloured - and Coarse features -

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals this 24th day of October 1855

Hugh F Rose (Seal)

Erasmus T. Rose (Seal)

Saml. J. Rose (Seal)

State of Tennessee }
Fulton County }

Personally appeared before me William B. Russell an acting justice of the peace in & for Said county Hugh F Rose Erasmus T Rose & Saml J Rose to whom I am personally acquainted and made

oath that the facts set forth in the above Certificate are true to the best of their knowledge and recollection.

W. B. Russell (J.P.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this Oct 24th 1853

State of Tennessee Tipton County.

I Richard H Munford Clerk of the County Court of said County of Tipton do certify that Wm B. Russell Esq before whom the within affidavit was made and whose genuine signature appears above was at the time of the date thereof an Acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Tipton and State aforesaid duly elected commissioned and qualified according to law, and that as such all of his official acts are entitled to have full faith and confidence.

In testimony of which I do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at office in Covington this 31st day of October A.D. 1853.

R. H. Munford Clerk

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State of Texas
County of Harris

Personly appeared before me Suzannah Bellows heretofore Widow Dickerson who being duly sworn deposeth and sevith: that some time during the years 1835 or 6. I lived with my former husband Almeron Dickerson in the town of San Antonio in the said state of Texas and that I was acquainted with a man by the name of Rose who with David Crocket was frequently an inmate of my house, and that when the Army of Mexico advanced upon the town said Rose Crocket and all the Americans took refuge in the Alamo, and as deponent believes were all massacred; said deponent did not know the Christian name of said Rose. but remembers his personal appearance, that he was a man of some 30 years of age medium height fair skin disposed to freckle sandy or light hair; Blue or gray eyes. broad shoulders and inclined to round or stoop, ~~shoulders~~ and would weigh probably 150. to 160 pounds - and that she know no other man by that name; and furthermore that she believes that he is the man who came to Texas with Crocket as he seemed to be his friend and Companion

Sworn to & Subscribed
Before me this 21st day of
November A. D. 1853 -
J. Castanié
Notary public Harris co -

Suzannah - Bellows
heretofore Widow Dickerson
her mark X

Certificate

Susannah Billons
formerly Mrs Dickerson

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Adjutant Generals Office
Austin December 29th 1853

I Certify that the name of Roe appears on the List returned and now on file in this Office of those who fell at the Alamo March 6th 1836 and that no lands have issued from this Department to his heirs.

James S Hewitt
Adjt Genl

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Petition of the
Heirs of James McRose

Dec. 15-55- Read
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P. L. Claims No. 1-

Palmer

No. 201-

Jas. M. Rose
Headright, Bounty
& Donation

Presented by.
John N. Rose-

Galveston Sept 1st 1857

J. C. Illingworth Esqr
Comptroller
Austin

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of 26th ult is duly at hand and I thank you for your attention to the subject matter referred to therein. In regard to your suggestion I am at a loss to know how to act: the Depositions sent to Tennessee have not been returned and I cannot say when they will be: the parties are scattered and it is probable they cannot be reached readily: All they can do will be to repeat what they have heretofore done: i.e. to testify that their brother James M Rose left Tennessee with Crockett for Texas - his age discription &c - These papers you have in right to hand with the others before you - duly subscribed & sworn to before some proper officer where the parties at the time resided. I am daily looking for letters from the parties but for reasons above stated may be disappointed - I must therefore submit the matter to your better judgement to do what you think best in the premises. The family of J. M. Rose are confident he shared the fate of Crockett; he was a young man of ardent temperament fond of excitement - a neighbor of Crockett a warm friend & admirer of his. a companion in his Bear hunts & other amusements & were inseparable - he certainly left Tennessee with him & has never been heard from since - If you can spare the time I would be glad to hear from again Yours Truly

John A Rose

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Galveston Nov 18th 1856

Hon'ble
James C. Wilson
Austin:

Dear Sir.

Upon the advice of F. H. Merriman Esq I enclose you the within papers pertaining to a claim or claims of James M. Rose on the State. They will speak for them selves; I can only say I have been for the last 4 or 5 years endeavoring to get the Legislature to do something in the premises, but could never get them through both Houses, simply for the want of time as I learn;

The man named, James M. Rose was a Nephew of James Madison Ex Prest of the U. S. — his relatives have never heard from him since he left Tennessee in 1835 with Crockett for Texas & if the enclosed Crude papers do not establish him as having fallen at the Alamo, nothing can —

As to who I am. I refer you to Geo W Paschall & Judge W. E. Jones — of your City —

Please examine these papers & if correct act upon them otherwise advise me

Yours Respectfully
John N. Rose

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Hon I le Wilson
Austin
Texas

No 201

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Office of Commissioner of Claims.

To Any Judge of a Court of record or Commissioner of Deeds for the State of Texas in the State of Tennessee, County:

You are hereby Commissioned to take the depositions of Samuel J. Rose and Erasmus T. Rose — — — — residents of your County, in answer to the accompanying interrogatories, taking care that neither they applicant nor agent shall be present. The answers being read over to the witnesses, he shall sign and swear to the same in your presence, to which you shall certify under your hand and official seal.

The answers, together with this Commission and the accompanying interrogatories, you will please enclose in an envelope, and direct the same to "The Commissioner of Claims, Austin, Texas," and write your name and official designation across the Seal. The applicant first paying your fees.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Office, this The 30th day of June A. D., 1857.

Jas. O. Illingworth

Commissioner of Claims.

The commissioner will please certify to the identity and credibility of the witness if known to him. If the witness is unknown, he will require his identity and credibility to be established by the testimony of at least one credible witness, whom he does know and certify accordingly

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c/c 7115

No 2001

The State of Texas } In the Court of Claims
County of Travis } Austin, Texas

The following interrogatories are propounded to Samuel J Rose and Erasmus T Rose of the County of Fipton, State of Tennessee, on behalf of the Heirs of James M Rose, who have petitioned the Commissioner of the Court of Claims for the issuance of a Certificate for a Headright, Bounty and Donation claim of Land.

Interrogatory 1st. Were you acquainted with James M Rose, deceased?

Int'y 2d. Where did he reside?

Int'y 3d. How long did you know the said James M Rose. Was he a single or a married man?

Int'y 4th. Did the said James M Rose emigrate to Texas. If so. In what year did he emigrate and for what special purpose?

Int'y 5. Did he join any individual or party to engage in the war between Mexico and Texas? What was his age and personal appearance? State all the circumstances within your recollection, connected with his emigrating to Texas, and to the best of your knowledge and belief the manner by which he came to his death?

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On this 3rd day of October 1857 Personally came before Erasmus L. Rose a citizen of the County of Lipton in the State of Louisiana and answered the accompanying interroga-tories as follows.

Answer of E. L. Rose to Int. 1st

I was acquainted with James M. Rose

Answer to Int. 2d

He resided near Lake Providence in the State of Louisiana.

Answer to 3d Int.

I knew him from Boyhood till he was about twenty one years old.

He was a single man.

Answer to 4th Int.

He did emigrate to Texas in the last days of the year 1835 or in the Beginning of 1836. for the purpose of Volunteering in the Army of Texas then at war with Mexico.

Answer to 5th Int.

I Cannot say to what individual or party he attached himself but believe and have been informed that he joined Travis' Command. He was about 30 or 31 years of age. He stood about five feet seven or eight inches with light Auburn hair, fair skin inclined to freckles, Blue Eyes, Bald head, Heavy set and a little round shouldered. From the Best of My recollection and information He left Lake Providence La at the time above stated and for the purpose of joining the army of Texas in the war with Mexico in Company with Some few [illegible] and to the best of my knowledge

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and belief He was Killed in the Alamo.
And further this Deponent Sayeth
Not.

Erasmus T Rose

Saml J Rose adopts the foregoing answer of Erasmus T Rose to the accompanying Interrogatories as his own.

Saml. J. Rose

The foregoing depositions of E T Rose and S J Rose were this day taken by me in strict conformity with the Commission which accompanies the interrogatories, I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with them & have been for upwards of Twenty years & that they are both Gentlemen of high Standing and that their testimony is entitled to full faith and credit

Given under my hand and Seal of office. this 3rd day of October A D 1857

A.W. Smith County
Judge
Sipton County
Tenn

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Austin May 11th 1859.

John. N. Rose Esqr.
Galveston

Dr. Sir

Yrs recd. of the 3d inst. but I have been unable to send you a complete satisfactory answer until the present as there was another James Rose (without the "M") who had died in service and received Bounty &c. This is all now satisfactorily explained and you can on application either by letter addressed to Col. Clark the present Comissr. or by some friend here unconnected with the Office obtain 1/3 League Headright - 960 acres Bty & 640 acres Donation -

The amount formerly granted to Fannin men was 1920 acres Bty &c but the last Legislature reduced not only the issuance to 960 acres for the future but refused the approval of p. certificates issued of this denomination by former Adjt Generals - There will be a number of this class submitted to the next Legislature which will fully decide the question. There is no fee for Bty or Donation but the Headright will be $3 & Comp. of Genl. Ld. Office Cert 50¢

Yrs truly
Jas. O. Illingworth -

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No 201

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Office of Commissioner of Claims.

To The Clerk of the County Court of ~~Harris~~ Caldwell County:

You are hereby Commissioned to take the depositions of Susannah Bellows resident of your County, in answer to the accompanying interrogatories, taking care that neither the applicant nor agent shall be present. The answers being read over to the witness, he shall sign and swear to the same in your presence, to which you shall certify under your hand and official seal.

The answers, together with this Commission and the accompanying interrogatories, you will please enclose in an envelope, and direct the same to "The Commissioner of Claims, Austin, Texas," and write your name and official designation across the Seal. The applicant first paying your fees.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Office, this The 30th day of June A. D., 1857.

Jas. O. Ellingsworth

Commissioner of Claims.

The commissioner will please certify to the identity and credibility of the witness if known to him. If the witness is unknown he will require his identity and credibility to be established by the testimony of at least one credible witness, whom he does know, and certify accordingly.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Office of Commissioner of Claims.

To the Clerk of the County Court of _____ County:

You are hereby Commissioned to take the depositions of _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ resident of your County, in answer to the accompanying interrogatories, taking care that neither the applicant nor agent shall be present. The answers being read over to the witness, he shall sign and swear to the same in your presence, to which you shall certify under your hand and official seal.

The answers, together with this Commission and the accompanying interrogatories, you will please enclose in an envelope, and direct the same to "The Commissioner of Claims, Austin, Texas," and write your name and official designation over the Seal. The applicant will pay your fee.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Office, this _____ day of _____ A. D., 185_.

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Commissioner of Claims.

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State of Texas }
County of Travis }

In the Court of Claims
Austin, Texas.

The following interrogatories are propounded to Susannah Bellows of the County of Caldwell, in said State, on behalf of the Heirs of James M Rose, who have petitioned the Commissioner of the Court of Claims for issuance of a Certificate for a Headright, Bounty and Donation claim of land.

Interrogatory 1st When did you emigrate to Texas?

Inty 2d Did you reside in the City of San Antonio De Bexar in the years 1835 & 1836? If yes were you residing there when the Mexican Army advanced upon that City in 1836?

Inty 3d During your residence in San Antonio De Bexar did you know a person of the name of Rose at that time in the Texas Army? If yes did the said Rose join the late David Crockett to engage in the War between Mexico and Texas? Do you remember his christian name?

Inty 4. At the time the Mexican Army advanced upon San Antonio De Bexar did the said Rose with David Crockett & the other Americans take refuge in the Alamo and at that time was he the only person of the name of Rose in the Texas Army?

Inty 5. During your residence in San Antonio De Bexar was the late David Crockett and the said Rose inmates of your house? If yes were they on friendly terms?

Inty 6th State the age and personal appearance of the said Rose the manner by which he came to his death and all the facts you know in regard to that person.

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The State of Texas
Caldwell County. } I. Saml. J. P. McDowell clerk of the County Court of said Co. certify that Susannah Bellards personally appeared this day before me, and made the answers contained on page 4. to the Interrogatories propounded to her, which said Interrogatories and answers are hereto prefixed, and the said answers being read to her, she signed the same in my presence. and upon oath declared the same to be correct & true to the best of her knowledge and belief. - I further certify that the said Susannah Bellis is the identical person referred to in this commission, that I am personally acquainted with her and believe the statements she has made, are entitled to full credence.

Given under my hand, and Official seal, at office, in Lockhart, July 16th AD 1857.

Saml. J. P. McDowell.
Clk, Cty, Ct, C.C.

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The State of Texas in Caldwell County.

Answers to the Interrogatories, hereto prefixed - propounded to Susannah Bellows. in behalf of the Heirs of James M Rose.

To Inter. 1st. In the year 1833.

" " 2nd. Yes - Yes.

" " 3d. Yes - he did - James.

" " 4th. Hee dis - was the Only man in the army by the name of Rose that I Knew of.

" " 5th. Yes - So far as I Knew they were.

" " 6th. Hee was about 35 or 40 years of age - Hee was of medium height, heavy set, rather full Square face, very quick spoken — he fell with the rest of the defenders of the Alamo - during the siege I saw Rose often, and upon one occasion heard my husband Capt Dickinson speak to Rose of a narrow escape he (Rose) had made from a Mexican officer upon their first attack.

July 16. 1857.

Susannah her × mark Bellis

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Hers. of

James M. Rose

1/3 Lea. Headrigh

960 acres Bounty &

640 Donation

Issued under special

Act. May 21/59

Certificated Deld. to

J. M. Swisher

see letter within

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No. 22

James M. Rose

Application for Bounty & Donation

Don't issue

See other side

Recommended to the Legislature

Recommended by the Committee for 1/3 League headright - 9611 acres Bounty & 640 acres Donation

Randolph
Clk

Filed Bx.

John N. Rose

Find that the Legislature granted to "James Rose" 1/3 Lea see Page 240 Call session. 1856. And see 367 S. for 1420 Bk. to "Jas. Rose".

One Witness testifies that Rose's Christian name was "James" -

J. B.

SIGHT OR TIME EXCHANGE
ON NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK,
OR BOSTON. BOUGHT & SOLD

EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE
OF
George Butler.

Galveston, May 3rd 1853

Mr J. O. Illingsworth
Austin

Dear Sir

I made application some years ago for relief for the heirs of James M Rose who fell in the Alamo. and I learn The Count of Claims awards 1920 acres of Land to them: (which by the way is not as much as other single men who were killed at the same time & place received)

May I trouble you to inform me what I will now have to do in order to receive their Certificate? Can I have them divided up into three 640 acre Certificats or less?

I am the attorney & representative of the parties interested and placed my power of Attorney with the Application testimony &c which I presume is on file in your office. advise me by return mail. & say whether I can receive the Certificats under protest. what will be the amt to be paid &c

Yrs Truly
John C. N. Rose
Rose

Exchange & Commission Bureau

George Butler.

SIGHT OR TIME EXCHANGE
ON NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK,
OR BOSTON. BOUGHT & SOLD

Washington, May 3rd 1853

Mr. C. O. Muzzarelli
Boston

Dear Sir,

Yours ago for relief for the heirs of James McCrea who fell in the Alamo, and I learn the Court of Claims awards 1920 Acres of Land to them: (which by the way is not so much as other single men who were killed at the same time & place received)

May I trouble you to inform me what I will have to do in order to receive their Certificate? Can I have them divided up into three Land Certificates or by?

I am the Attorney & Representative of the parties entered and placed my power of Attorney with the Application testimony which I presented as on file in your office. Advise me by return mail. I day whether I can receive the Certificate under protest, what will be the cost to be paid &c

Yrs. Truly

John C. K. Rae

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SIGHT OR TIME EXCHANGE
ON NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK.
OR BOSTON. BOUGHT & SOLD.

EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE
OF
George Butler.

Galveston, May 16 1859

Messrs Swinson & Swisher
Austin

Dear Sirs

I am in receipt of your favor of 11th with stated enclosure drft on E B Nichols & Co $50.55

Yrs Truly
G Butler
Rose

P.S. (Private)

The enclosed letter from J O Illingsworth shews that the heirs of James. M. Rose who fell in the Alamo is entitled to the quantity of Land heretofore given to the decendants of those who shared the same fate as himself. I have been applying for this: for the last 6 or 7 years before the legislature & the Court of Claims and some how or an other the matters has been confounded with an other James Rose no ways connected with my relative James. M. Rose it is now settled and I will take it as a personal favor if you will go to the proper office and get me the Certificats in the smallest possible sizes. that custom & law will allow & remit me - with statement of charges & I will give yr a/c Cr on our Books for the same Yrs Tr

John. N. Rose

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Gen. Butler
Dec 16 1864

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Austin Committee Room
Jany 25 1856

To Hon H R Runnels
President of the Senate

The Committee on Private Land Claims to which was referred the Petition of the Heirs of James M Rose have had the same under consideration and direct me to report the accompanying Bill & recommend its passage

P H Taylor Chm

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Report of Com
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Mr Rose

Incorporated