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We a committee appointed by ~~W.F. Armstrong~~ of the R.E.L. Camp U.C.V. 158, beg leaf to submit the following:

W.R. Matthews born Muscatine Co. Iowa., April 2, 1841, came to Texas, at age of 7 yrs. on Sabine River at Burrs Ferry in Newton Co., Texas & part of time in Rapids Parish, La., until 17 yrs. of age, then moved to Colorado Co. where he volunteered in Company C, (Captain Harrison's Co., Joe Bates, Regiment, Infantry, Sept. 1, 1861, was sent to Velasco on the coast & was at the bombardment of Velasco, after long spell of sickness, was discharged to send back home to die, but recovered & later joined Co. A, Tom Green's Reg. (Cavalry) after their return from New Mexico, Sibley's Brigade, under Dick Taylor, commanding Trans Mississippi department, Engaged in battles along Bayou Tech, New Iberia, few days at Camp Bisland Vermillionville, Franklin, & other places, responding cheerfully to every military command, was at the taking of Brashear City, Burwicks Bay. Then captured at Donaldsonville on the Miss. River, & carried to Fortress Monroe, via New Orleans, & on to Richmond, Va., & Camp Lee, where remained until exchanged.

Joined Walls Legion, went as far as Holly Springs Miss. got sick & sent to Hospital, at Lauderdale Springs, with pneumonia & after recovery sent to Cahaba, Ala., to guard Yankee prisoners. Afterwards joined Capt. Holmes Battery (Field Artillery), operated up & down Miss. River, fighting Yankee gun boats. Later went hom on Furlough & got a horse & later joined his command at Monticello, Ark., under Gen. Price, Serving latter part of war as Sargent Major of his regiment. Then back to Texas & to Houston, when he was honorably discharged, June 1864, married Catherine Holman, June 27, 1864, Living in parts of Texas, Waco, Waxahachie, Ft. Worth for past 20 years or more, of the 7 children born to them only one living, Mrs. B.C. McCarty, of Ft. Worth, was member of Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows, & K of P. was life long member of Methodist Church, was Mason & Odd Fellow for half century.

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