State of Texas
County of Bexar } Know all men by these presents that I Matilda Hill, Widow, relict of Benjamin Arnold deceased of said State and County, have made nominated constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make nominate constitute and appoint Ben E. Edwards my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to apply for and receive from the proper officer of the State of Texas, all moneys to which I may be entitled as widow and heir of the said Benjamin Arnold for services rendered by him as a soldier, to the ~~late~~ Republic of Texas — And I hereby authorize my said attorney to sign any and all papers and receipts and generally to do all acts in the premises which I myself might or could do if personally present. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said attorney may lawfully do by virtue hereof —

Witness my hand and seal for seal this 1st day of October A.D. 1853

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of

James Corner
Eliza Corner
John R. Burleson

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Matilda X Hill
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