Know all men by these presents, that whereas James Erwin James L Erwin and John A Erwin, (both of whom are now deceased) George W. le Erwin and William A Howell served as volunteers in the "Ranging Service" on the frontier of the Republic of Texas in the summer of 1840, for the period of three months in Captain Thomas Green's Company of Mounted riflemen, and whereas by virtue of an act of the Senate and house of Representatives of the Republic of Texas, in Congress assembled, on the 10th day of December 1836, contained in "Hartleys digest of the laws of Texas" page 563 article 1778, Section 1, they were entitled to twenty five Dollars ($25.) per month, as pay for said service and by virtue of an other act or ordinance, passed 5th day of December 1837, contained in said digest page 560. article 1771 Section 10. it is supposed they were entitled to a bounty of 320. acres of land each and whereas, the two first named, above have departed this life leaving the undersigned, Margaret J. widow of the said James L. and the undersigned Priscilla L. widow of the said John A Erwin:-

Now Know ye that we the undersigned, James Erwin Margaret J Erwin Priscilla L. Erwin, and William A. Howell all of the County of Marshall State of Mississippi have made ordained constituted and appointed and do by these presents make ordain constitute and appoint, the above named George W.le Erwin of the said County State, our true and lawful attorney, for us and in our name, and for our own proper use and benefit, to ask demand sue for and recover and receive, from the government of of the State of Texas, or from the Treasurer, or other public officer of said State, and from any and all other persons whatsoever, any and all sums of Money, debts duty claims and demands, whatsoever which are now due owing or accruing, or which may