The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents
County of Cherokee } That I, John L Williams of said
County and State for and in consideration of the
sum of Twenty dollars to me in hand paid, by
Jesse Duren of the County of Houston State aforesaid
have bargained, sold & released unto the said Jesse
his heirs & assigns all my right, title, claim or demand
in the State of Texas for services rendered as a soldier
in the Republic of Coahuila & Texas as per
the claim audited in my favor at the proper
office or Department of said State. Hereby au-
thorizing the said Duren to receive said amount
as aforesaid & it shall be lawful for the same of the
audited & complyable of said State - any person
legally authorized to pay said claims

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
my name & affixed my seal using in default
for want thereof this 11th day of May A.D. 1854

In presence of
J. M. Copeland

J. L. Williams (Seal)

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The State of Texas } Before me O G Woodall
County of Cherokee } Clerk of the County Court
of Cherokee County, Personally Came - John
L Williams. (Whose signature is signed J L Williams)
to me well known, Who acknowledged that
he signed sealed & delivered the foregoing
instrument of writing, to Jesse Duren for
the purposes and Considerations therein State

Given under my hand and Seal of
office In the town of Rusk this
the 11th day of May AD 1854
O G Woodall Clk Co Court C.C.