State of Texas }
County of Austin } To whom it may concern: Be it known that I Miranda Matthews do by these presents constitute and appoint J. L. Bell my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive and receipt for the money due Olen Matthews deceased who died unmarried and intestate for military service in the Spring of 1842 against the Vasques expedition, hereby ratifying and confirming the acts of the said attorney in the premises as full and ample manner as I could do were I personally present and acting for myself —

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal for self this the 30th day of January 1854

Miranda Matthews (Seal)

The State of Texas }
County of Austin } Before me, Ernest Kleberg, Notary Public in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared this day Miranda Matthews, a resident of this County and well known to me, and acknowledged the above power of attorney to be her act and deed and that she had signed and sealed the same for the uses therein expressed

In testimony whereof, I sign hereto my name and affix my seal of office this the 30th day January A. D. 1854.

Ernest Kleberg
Notary Public Austin County