The State of Texas }
County of Travis } Know all men by these presents that I William Mills of the State of Alabama but now in the City of Austin and State of Texas have this day nominated Constituted and appointed and by these presents nominate Constitute and appoint James S Pillett my true and lawful Attorney in fact for me and in my name place and stead, as Father and heir of John & Lawson Mills deceased, to ask, demand sue for, receive and receipt for, any and all money, personal property, real estate, debts, or anything else which may be due the estates of my said deceased sons, viz John & Lawson Mills And my said Attorney is hereby authorized to settle any matter by compromise or otherwise pertaining to the estates of my deceased sons, don supposed to, and to do and perform any and all acts which would be necessary, proper or lawful for me to do, in the premises were I personally present and acting for myself –

To ratify which I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this day 19th 1853

William Mills (Seal)