The State of Texas }
Harris County } Know all men by these presents
that I, Hester D. Needham
widow of William Needham deceased, have this
day nominated constituted, and appointed C.
M. Swenson of the City of Houston State afore-
said, my true and lawful agent and attorney,
for me and in my name, place and stead to
ask, demand, and receive of the proper officers of
the Government of the State of Texas, all pay
and dues in land, emolument or money that may
be due and owing my late husband William
Needham dec'd. for services rendered to the late
Republic of Texas. giving and granting unto
said attorney full and ample power
authority to sign my name in receipt for any
demand accruing in order the procurement
of said pay or certificate. Hereby ratifying
and confirming all the legal acts of my
said attorney in the premises.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal by virtue of a special act
Houston this 23rd day of May A.D. 1852

(Seal)

Hester D. Needham

The State of Texas }
Harris County } Before me Duff C. Lawson
a Notary Public in and for
Harris County, duly commissioned and
qualified this day personally appeared
Mrs. Hester D. Needham of sound mind,
to me known, and acknowledged that she