The State of Tennessee
Shelby County City of Memphis } Set

On this 9th day of August AD 1858 personally appeared before me Henry F Hall a Commissioner of the State of Texas in and for the State of Tennessee resident at the City of Memphis aforesaid duly appointed commissioned and qualified according to the laws of said State of Texas as such Mrs Mary Bostwick about sixty four years of age who is personally known to me, resident in said Shelby County and who being by me first duly sworn according to law declares that she is the mother of the late William Bostwick and the widow of John Bostwick deceased both of whom were also residents of said Shelby County Tennessee during their life time. That some time in the Spring of the year 1836 as well as she can now remember the said William Bostwick left his home in the State of Tennessee being then about the age of Eighteen or nineteen years and shortly thereafter as she is informed and believes enlisted in the services of the Texan forces there and for some time thereafter engaged with the Republic of Mexico in the revolutionary struggle for the independence of the Department of Texas. That she is informed and believes that her said Son William Bostwick among other expeditions and engagements was in and served through what is called the "Mier Expedition", and was in the service of the Republic of Texas serving as one of her soldiers until about the year 18 when she is informed and believes that he with many others was captured and taken prisoner at the Town of San Antonio de Bexar in the said Republic of Texas by the Mexican forces and confined for a time in the Castle of Perote from whence he was removed to the City of Mexico as a prisoner where he was finally discharged on parole – That from thence the said William travelled via the City of New York in