The State of Texas }
County of Rusk }

Know all men by these presents that I Matthew R. Birdwell of the County aforesaid for value received transfer to John T. Shanks Jr. of Nacogdoches County all my right title and interest in, and to a certain claim I have against the late Republic of Texas for services rendered as a private in Robert Barclays Company of Mounted Rangers under the command of major James H. Durst, from the 8th July 1840 till the 8th October 1840 witness my hand this 18th October 1850

M R Birdwell

witnesses

Alvin Birdwell
A. Sterne

The State of Texas }
County of Navarro } Before me personally appeared A Sterne one of the witnesses to the foregoing trans fer (to me well known) and upon his oath declared that he was present and saw M R Birdwell sign & deliver the same, and further he says that he is the identical M R Birdwell who served in said Barclays Company.

Witness my hand & seal October 21st A.D. 1850

H. C. Nelson
Ch. P. N Co