The State of Texas }
County of Rusk } Know all men by these presents that I. Ben A Vansickle of the county of Rusk & state of Texas, do hereby make constitute and appoint J. W. Flanagan my true & lawful attorney for me & in my name & for my benefit to demand & receive from the Government of the state of Texas, through the proper Officer, any money, bounty land, bounty land warrant, or land certificate, to which I may be entitled for my military services as set forth in my above accompanying declaration, for the above specified purpose - And also to sign my name to any receipt or other instrument necessary to procure the same & to do & perform all acts in the premises as fully as I could do were I personally present.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixing a seal by way of seal, this 1st day of ~~Oct~~ December A.D. 1857.

Ben A Van Sickle (seal)

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk } On this the 1st day of December A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me James R. Armstrong a notary public in & for the county & state aforesaid, duly authorized by law to take acknowledgements in & for the county & state aforesaid Ben. A Vansickle & acknowledged the above power of Attorney to be his free act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned

Given under my hand & seal of Office at Henderson Dec. 1st A.D. 1857

James R. Armstrong
Notary Public