Application of Peter Bell for Pension of Veteran

No 101

Filed Nov 20 1885
John G McNeel
Clerk C C B C

The State of Texas I H. Masterson, County Judge
County of Brazoria of said County and State, do hereby
certify that at a regular term of the County Court
of said County, in open Court, the case of the above named
applicant was heard; that from the evidence I believe
as follows - The applicant really performed the services as
stated though as his Master's slave - That he is now and
was at the time of the passage of the pension act passed
in 1885, and for ten years previous thereto, a bona fide
resident of the State of Texas. That he is in indigent circumstances
and is dependent on his own labor or the charity of
others for a support; and that he has not at any time
transferred any property for the purpose of becoming a benefi-
ciary under said act

Witness my hand and official seal this the
22nd day of Feby 1886 - H. Masterson
County Judge Brazoria County Tex

Test
John G McNeel
County Clerk Brazoria County - Texas

Upon the hearing of this application
it was proven that the applicant
was a slave at the date of the rendition
of the alleged service - I do not deem
it necessary to state more than this.

M. J. Hickey.
Co. Atty. B.C.

Feb 22nd 1886

I approve the above statement of the County Attorney
with this addition, the service was proven up.
H. Masterson
Co Judge B Co