of his service, he is justly entitled to the military pension given by the State to the surviving veterans of the revolutionary war, — Affiant is at present, 76 years of age, and attests that he has never aided or assisted the enemy during the struggle for independence; He further declares that he has constituted David V. Whiting, Esqre of Austin City, his Attorney in fact, in order to prosecute his claim, for the pension herein alluded to. —

~~Miguel Benites~~ his Mark

Miguel Benites

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State of Texas }
County of Bexar }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December AD 1874 Witness my hand and seal.

Geo. Rosenheimer
Notary Public B.C.

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Before me John Rosenheimer a Notary Public in and for said County & State Personally appeared Antonio Menchaca Ignacio Espinosa — Juan Ximenes to me well known who having been sworn by me, upon their respective Oaths declare that after the taking of Bey Dec 1835, Ammunition and all kind of stores being very scarce the Military Col. Travis & Bowie asked for volunteers who would go to Port Lavacca with their own teams to fetch up arms and stores sent from New Orleans several good Citizens that was very much in favor of the Cause of Independence offered their drivers and a train of 20 odd carts were sent down and placed under the order of Sr. Fco Ruiz Mexicans alone could be employed for said service since the others was all strangers to that Section of the Country — Miguel Benites the foregoing affiant was among those who went down, the train having reached ~~Port Lavaca~~ Camp Preston near by La Vaca Gl. J Rusk who was in command retained the train for about two months and the men rendered good service during that time to the troops hauling to Camp whatever was needed by the troops but for the said train arriving in time the Camp would have been obliged to — disband for they were in great need, Deponents never heard and truly believes that the men who rendered the said Military service to the Texian Troops never recieved any compensation whatever. On their return to San Antonio about the middle of Feb 1836 men & train was dismissed — Miguel Benites who now applies for a Military Pension is now about 54 years of age & very poor and he is the same and Identical man who rendered the Military service hereinabove stated. He never aided or assisted the Enemy and has always shown himself a good and faithful Texian. Deponents declare they have no interest in this claim

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Antonio Menchaca
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