The State of Texas } In County Court
Grimes County } Term May Term AD 1877

To the Honorable the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid.

The petition of Mrs Mary Black a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid joined by M McKennard and W. P. Zuber citizens of the County and State aforesaid respectfully represents that the said Mary Black is the surviving wife of John S. Black late a resident citizen of Grimes County. State of Texas who departed this life in Grimes County, Texas on the 7th day of August AD 1851 and that she remains and has always been unmarried since the death of her said husband John S Black and she is now Eighty three years of age and besides her infirmities of age the said Mary Black is now in indigent circumstances and has no property whatever from which she can get a support in her old age. She further says that the said John S Black was a soldier in the war between Texas and