The State of Texas — In the District Court
County of Cooke — Spring Term 1881

To the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of said County and State,

The petition of Hilam Brown respectfully represents to your Honor, that he served in the army of the Republic of Texas in the war that separated Texas from Mexico during the time from the commencement of the Texas Revolution at Gonzales in 1835 and to the first day of January 1837 and that he drew his pension for said service under the act of the Legislature approved on the 22nd day of April 1879 and that he is in indigent circumstances being old, poor, decrepit infirm in health and needy circumstances and unable to make a living at hard labor; and that he is entitled to a pension under the act of the Legislature of Texas approved July 13th 1876 as one of the surviving veterans of the Texas revolution and therefore prays for notice of this application and that upon proof of this merits in the premises and that he have at your hands such orders and decrees as may be necessary to his receiving the pension and his duty bound will ever pray.

Hilam Brown