The State of Texas.
County of Shelby } Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared R. L. Parker to me well known, who being duely sworn "on his oath states as follows— I am now and have been for a period of more than twenty years intimately acquainted, with Joseph Burns of Shelby County Texas, who is now applying for pension under act of 28th July A D 1876.. I have no doubt in my mind but that the said Joseph Burns serd in the War between Texas and Mexico in years. 1835. and 1836. — I made application to and obtained from the Government of Texas a pension in favour of said Joseph Burns under former acts of the Legislature of said State. thereby satisfying my-self thoroughly that he is entetled under the present act— The said Joseph Burns is now (from all appearances) above the age of Sixty five Years, is decrept and pecuniarly poor, not being able (by manual labor to make for himself a comfortable support. is in indigent circumstances.

R. L Parker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August. 22nd A D 1877.

J. M. Lucky Clk
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