State of Nebraska }
County of Richardson } SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for the county aforesaid, Benjamin Downs to me well known and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and says that he is the identical Benjamin Downs who was a member of Captain Charles Coleracks Company of Mount Vernon Ohio. Vols. temporarily attached to the 1st permanent regiment Texas Army in the war of 1836 that separated Texas from Mexico. That he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the law granting pensions to certain persons engaged in said War, and he hereby constitutes and appoints Abel Hart of Mount Vernon Ohio his agent and Attorney to prosecute his said claim hereby authorizing him to do all lawful acts necessary in the prosecution of his said claim

B S Downs

Also personally appeared J H Burbank and J T Gibson of said County