The State of Texas
County of Bastrop

Before me J. M. Finney Clk of the County Court in & for Bastrop County said State this day personally appeared J. C. Higgins and John Hearn who being by me duly sworn on oath depose & say that Benjamin F. Highsmith, who has filed his petition in the Hon. County Court of Bastrop County said State for a pension under & by virtue of an act entitled „an Act to provide annual pensions for the surviving soldiers of the Texan revolution, & the surviving signers of the Declaration of Texan Independence & the surviving widows of such soldiers & signers" approved July 28. 1876. – is in indigent circumstances & that they verily believe that the said Benjamin F. Highsmith is entitled to such pension aforesaid. ——

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this the 7th day of August A.D. 1877

J. C. Higgins.
John Hearn.

J. M. Finney Clk C. C. B. Co.
By F. A. Coryain Depy Clk.

Ex Parte
Benj. F. Highsmith.

6. Now comes R. C. Stafford acting County