State of Texas } County Court
County of Bexar } January Term A.D. 1875.

On this Twenty Eighth of January ~~day~~ ~~of December~~ in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy five, personally appeared before me ~~Geo. T. Smith~~, Clerk of the ~~District~~ County Court of Bexar County in the State of Texas, John C. Howard, a resident of the City of San Antonio State and County aforesaid aged years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, – viz; That he is the identical John C. Howard who served as an Officer in the Military Service of the Republic of Texas, and in the Santa Fe expedition and that he was captured by and held as a prisoner of war by the Mexican forces in the year 1842 as will appear from the records now on file in the Office of the Comptroller of the State in the City of Austin Texas.

He further declares that he is now in indigent circumstances, and that he is unable by reason of bodily infirmities (being completely paralyzed in his upper and lower extremities) to pursue any avocation for his sustenance requiring