We the undersigned practicing Physicians of the parish of East Feliciana State of Louisiana have this day examined carefully the scalp wound of Col Sam McDowell and believe him to be a fit person to receive a pension from the State of Texas for services rendered during her struggle for independence. The effects of said wound materially might seriously injure his health, unless his occupation was such as to protect him from the rays of the sun

Clinton La Aug 6th 1874

W. W. Dunn M.D
J. N. Phares M.D

The State of Louisiana
Parish of East Feliciana

I John S. Lanier Clerk of Court in and for the above state and Parish do hereby certify that W. W. Dunn & J. N. Phares whose genuine signatures appears attached to the above are practicing Physicians