The State of Texas }
County of Denton }

I John D. Merchant do a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid upon oath do say that I have had my right arm broken at the wrist three different times and once above the wrist and below the elbow. The first time my arm was broken was in the year A.D. 1842 and since then it has perished away and I have not been able to perform any labor with it up to the present time nor am I now able to use it to any purpose whatever. I further state that I have been afflicted with Chronic Sore eyes since the year A.D. 1844 up to the present time and that my eyesight is almost entirely destroyed rendering me entirely unfit for any kind of business whereby I can gain a support. From these afflictions I have been and am now compelled to rely upon the charity of others for a support in my declining years. Given under my hand at Pilot Point Denton County Texas July 27th A.D. 1874

John D. his X mark Merchant