The State of Texas } In Police Court
County of Denton } Denton County Regular
July Term A D 1874

We the undersigned members of the Police or County Court of Denton County do hereby certify that John D Merchant Sr ... has proven to the Satisfaction of the Court by two Credible resident citizens that he has not Sufficient property for his Support outside of the pension which he is entitled to as one of the Surviving veterans of the revolution which Separated Texas from Mexico and that he is permanent disabled by the loss of the use of one arm and the almost entire loss of his eye Sight

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In Testimony whereof we hereto set our hands and Seal of Said Court this the 28th day of July A D 1874

Wm M Carmichael J.P.
John Shipley J.P.
T. M. Smith J.P.
Sim. B. McGuim J.P. D.C.C.