State of Texas } Be it Known to all
County of Harris } whom it may con-
cern that I John Steel a resident citizen
of Harris County. do by these presents
appoint and constitute Samuel S. Ashe
of Said County my attorney in fact
for me and in my stead to take charge
of all matters appertaining to my
pension claim upon the State of Texas
and for me and in my stead
to collect any moneys due me
on account of said claim and
to receipt for me to the Comptroller
of Public accounts for such money
and hereby confirm and ratify
any act of my said attorney in
fact as fully as if I were present
and acting for myself

In testimony whereof
I have hereunto attached my
signature this the 13th day
of December A.D. 1899

John Steel

Witness.
D D Morton
R. P. Boyce