"that he was a soldier of the Republic in 1836, that John
"Whitley performed the services set forth in the petition
"of Mrs Mary Whitley and that she is now
"applying to be the identical widow of said John Whitley
"deceased and that all the statements set forth in her
"petition are true" Signed "Samuel M Collard"
"Sworn to and subscribed me this the 8th day of October
"A D 1877 To all of which I certify under my hand and
"official seal. H. W. Fisher S. P.

"Branch No 4. N. C.

upon which the Court after hearing evidence both in support of and contradictory to the application, rendered its order or decree as follows

"On this March 7, 1878 came on
"to be heard the application of
"Mary Whitley surviving widow
"of Jno. Whitley a Texas Veteran
"for a Pension and said applicant
"appearing by her attorney
"and the state of Texas
"appearing by L. A. Frazier
"her County attorney of Walker County
"and representing the State of
"Texas - and the parties an-
"nouncing ready for trial - thereupon