during the Mexican war; [redacted] they recognize the above subscribed Lizzy Ann Elston, wife of A M Elston, & Martha E Davis, widow of J D Davis deceased, as the surviving daughters of said Matthew Caldwell, as aforesaid; & that they have just reason to believe all the facts stated in the above affidavit to be correct & true.

Witness my hand & seal of office, at this day of February, A D 1879.