the day. the Jenaral ordered us to be in Readanis to march at 5 Aclock to take the Town of Tampeco which woul be dun with out much troble we Set of with 150 of our men Joind By about 50 Spanuardes - we traveled about fore milds then entored the woods crosed the mountains with Sana men of the Cuntorey for our gides, Eighteen or twenty miles before we Reached the town tiard down nearley chacked to death for wattor and hunger with fotig we entored the town as Stil as mise, wen all was fast a Sleep and as Stil as death Save that of the trampoling of our feet, the town is about 2 milds in Senth, we marced on til we came down with in Sight of the Custom hous and fort which we could discern by the Lights wen we ware hailed by the Centonal in Spanish (Fingrere) which is no Cams their 3 times wen of went the Canon and kild two of our men - we war in open ardor So we faired bettor we Rushed on the Cannon took it kild 3 Spanuards they then fiered 2 more Canons - and then the actions Commenced on boath Sides ~~[illegible]~~ with mukettorey we Shot all the men from the Guns they then Retreted in the fort and Commenced fiering down on us in the Street the action Lasted about 2 houres wen we found our amonetian Runing Short - we Seased firing on boath Sides for they ware as Glad as we ware - after Consulting with our Selves we Conclude to Retreet before dalight for feare all the Solgers would turn out and Cut us of - we got all the wonded that was able to walk and about 5 in the morning we made the

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Referred to in foregoing Affidavits
J. Gordon Brinckle
Commissioner for Texas

Goliad Texes February 22th 1836

Dear wife I atlast have came to an appertunitey to Right a few Lines to you - nearley fore months has in laspt Sinc I Roate to you - It would take Several Sheats of paper to inform you the ups - and downs I have Seen Sence I Last Roate to you - the morning af I Roate to on the 6th of november - I Loft N Orleans on Board of the Mary Jane a fine Shoner for Texes as I Soposed with one hundred and fifteymen - My obgect of goin was to Build forts - the obgect of the men on Board was to Go to Texes to Volenteer in ade of the Caus of Libertey So we proseeded down the River to the mout and came to anker - Jenoral Mehear came forwed and we Reveved him there ware one hundred and three americans and 47 French - the mericans were devided in to two Componeys, one Cauld the Granadeers - of which Mr Allen was Elected Capton - the other was Cauld the Sharp Shoters which I must blush wen I tel you I was Elected Capton - You must think how My vanotey was Raised to find my Self at the head of fiftey one men as thare Commandor with the title of Capton Dedwick - we put to See all in Good Sperits - we ware at See about five days wen a Storme came on and Blew us to See Som distants out of our Cors - the men began to Groaneasey ware we ware goin - we was Bound to Brasorah wen we Started in texes - but we was informed that we ware a goin to Tampico in Mexico - we would have to fite Som -

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2 But we Should Shurley take the tower with out much trouble
wen we would get plentey of Gold - with theas and morney
more fair promises - we at Last consented to go for thare
No other alternitive for us, on the 14th of Said month 8 days
from N Orleans - the Land have in Site about fore a clock
the Steme Boate have in Sight to toe us in to the mouth
of the River - we had all our arms in ardor and Readey
for action the Steme Boate came Long Side we thew
open our ports and Shew hur we were a man of wore in
Stid of a trader, thay were all fiented to death
to See no we were - the Capton of the Steamboate was
a Merican he was ordered on Board and Bribed to take us
over the Bar - in about one hour af things were arranged
thare came on a tremendus Storme the Schuner was drove
on the Brakers and Soon a Ground on one of the most dangers
places on the Gulf of Mexico - Night coming on and tremendous
darke, the See Running over us every swell the Schuner
fast filing and nothing but death Before us - wat was
to be dun was the enquirey of everey one on Board - we Shal
all be drowned. but Kind providence caused it to be
other wise for us - the Storme continued to a tremendious
Rate and Blew us on to the Shore forther until we was
fas a ground, about 4 feet of wattor in the Caben and
everey man nearley drounde - I will not hear paint
my felings my dear wen the thaughts of never Seeing
you nor my dear Son I Stop Judge that for your Self
we Soon found our Self under the guns of the fort ~~mount~~
which mounted 3 Long 24 pounders cannons - with 24
men to mand them, the Cpton of the Cuner with Capton

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3 allen Jumpet in to the Long Boate which was Larched
and manded with Six Sailors and was deturment
to make the Shore or die in the attempt, thay Larched
in to the Sea and was Soon out of Sight we was then
orded to thow all our Cannon over Board and wattor
and all other articals that could be moved from the
Schuner to Lighten hur So that She mout drive farther
on Shore aftor a Space of one hour the boate Returned
with all hands and 4 Spaniards - the fort Serended
with out fiering a Single gun - tha braught Glad
tidings to the unforchanet thay tolded us of their Succes
and informed us with in two hundred yards we
could wade and that thay would Run out a Rope
to the Shore which would be our gide to the beach
which was Soon dun with our armstrong on our Back
we Commenced Landing By Jumping in to the Sea
and taken holt of the Rope and So we made the Shore
all the men got Landed about 12 oclock at night
wet and perished with out enney Clothing to Change
we marched in to the barickes where we built up a
Large fier and dried our Self as well as we Could
Morning Soon arrived we found our Self Sorounded
By Spaniards but frendoley on a purfick barren
Shore in the hart of a inomeys Cuntorey with out
out one mouthful to Eight with out Clothing —
Except what Little we baught from the Schbalders
which was not much - Tampeco Lays about 9 miles
from the mouth of the River we remaind thare during
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woods our Retreet was Speedy Leaving the deade in
the Streets with the wounded that could not go with
us on our Retreet a number made an attempt to
cros the River and go down on the other Side which
was but a Short distance to whare we Started from
we made our way on to the fort by the Same way
we came as fast as we could with our wounde and
the Situation we ware in about 12 o'clock in the day
we arrived at the fort whare we Started from with
But the Existance of Life - in fact thay did not all
get in for two days wen the Role was Caulled we
found out of 150 men we had Lost 40 men the forth
day a Spanward Left the town and Stated that
there were 28 men in prison Six murded in the wood
by the Spanwards - So we Lost 6 men Kild in the action
those ho was taken prisoners has bin Since Shot or
murdred in a most Shamful manner I must but
my narrative Short) we Remaind at the fort about 10
days procured Som provishen from vesels trading
on that Coast imployed a Chuner Caulld the hasan
to Bring us to the mout of the brases River in Texes
how other Schuner was in tiarley Lost we got Som
Lit provishen from on board of hur we put to See on
the 25 of November - we Carolated to make the River in 3
days we whare blowen to See and Reached it in 9
days 5 days we Lived on ½ pint of Rice we Landed
Safe in Texis —

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we Remaind thar a few days and then commenced our
March to where we ar a distance of a bout two hundred
miles on foot and thew a wilderness - in my next I
giv you a ful detaile of my travels thew Texes —
as I must fil up my Blank with other affars —
my dear wife) - my object of Goin on this Expedishen was
for you my Self and Son and all my famoly hearaftor
in the first place as Soon as took arms in defence of
of Texes I became a Sitison which by the Laws in titeled
me as a man of famoly to one Leage of Land Square
which is three miles or fore thousen fore hundred
acers of Land which wen things are Seteled will
be worth Six thousen Dollars - indopendant of this
my head Right for my Survis I Shal Receive 800 acers
of Land - of the Shoises Kind - which we be worth
at Least two thosen - which will make us in dopend
for Lif - which will be Seteled in the Cors of a few
years be Sides a Surton Salaray which I will get
per year - I forgot to mention that wen we came
to Texes I Resind my Commetian to Capton Allen
as we thew boath Componeys in to one and I
So I was opointed Quartor mastor of the Compony
until I arrived at this place - and am Since bin
promoted to quartor mas of the army - the quarto
mastor Jenoral is hear at presant and Sais
he has a Situation of Mor importance for me
my pay at present is 30 Dollars per month and
found evorey thing - My Dear) fear nothing for me
my object is to Sho them that we will Soon be able
to hown on them

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I wish you woul Send word to Joseph Leeds the
Talor that his Cusen Isaac Leeds was Kild at
the battle of Tampico he belong to my Componey
he fought bravoley and met death Like a man
and a Solder - it will be much Satisfaction to his
mother to [illegible] fate) My Love one word to you
and my Son - you must do the best you possible
can wen I Receive my half yearley pay from the
Guvernment I will Send You Som money Should
eney thing befol me you can Sell your Clame
to Reckoley - but I Shall Live I trust to ingoy the
frutes of my Laber with my beloved famoly
keep up your Spirits alls well bring up Charls
in obedance to your Comands I Shal be home
in time to See him go to Chool - and Lurn him to
Repeate what his father has don for him —
I Shal Right to Norleans in a fiew days to
See about Pandeleys affare I Left a power of
turney in Norleans for it to be attended to —
My Love) to yo my Love I neade Say but Little
of you no my worm hart, my Respects to all
To you and my Son Receive my Lasting affection
Right wen you Receive this Lettor Right to
me Direct Goliad Texes in the Care of
Leftenant Thornton I Remane Your affection
Husbant
George Dewick

N.B By the next Express
I Shal Right you a
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Mrs H Dedick

Philadelphia

No 345 North Third Street

Pennsylvania

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Commissioner for Tru

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No ~~4~~ 3/31

Hrs. of

Geo. Dedrick

1/3 L. 960 B & 640 d.

960 acres add'l Bounty
issued October 30th 1860.

Issued by special Act
2/3 L & 1 L. add'l issued by
Special act. of 13 Feby 60

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F. Moore

Rec'd. Cert.'s
Francis Moore

General Land Office
Austin Decr 19th 1857

I S Crosby Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas hereby certify that I find no Evidence on file in this Office of any Headright having been titled to George Deadrick by the Authorities of Spain or Mexico, nor do I find any of the 1st or 2nd Class reported as recommended by the traveling board Confirmed by the District Court, issued under Special Act of the Legislature or Countersigned under Act of 9th Feby 1854. nor does his name appear on the "Lost Book of Harris County."

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Set my hand and affix the impress of the Seal of said Office the date first above written.

J S Crosby
Com

Mr Moore
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Cert from G.S.O

United States of America:
State of Pennsylvania:
City of Philadelphia ss:

Be it remembered that on the sixteenth day of September Anno Domini Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven (1857) before me the Undersigned, a Commissioner resident in the City of Philadelphia, duly Commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority and under the Laws of the State of Texas to take the Depositions of Witnesses and other instruments of writing to be used in the State of Texas, personally appeared John B. Pearce of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, who being duly affirmed according to law doth depose and say, that he is acquainted with Mrs. Hannah Dedrick of the City of Philadelphia, widow; and that Deponent has been acquainted with her since the year A.D. 1834 and knows that the said Mrs. Hannah Dedrick is the widow of George Dedrick who emigrated to Texas in the year A.D. 1835, and who, according to the reports received from Texas, was killed by the Mexicans at Goliad in the Spring of the year A.D. 1836. Deponent further says that he knows the handwriting of the said George Dedrick deceased, and that the

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letters hereto annexed and marked respectively "A". "B". & "C". are in the handwriting of the said George Dedrick deceased.

Affirmed to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid before me, the said Commissioner in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Joshua Gordon Brinckle
Commissioner for
Texas

John H. Pearce

JOSHUA GORDON BRINCKLE
STATE OF TEXAS

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To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Court of Claims of the State of Texas.

~~To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Texas~~:

The Petition of Hannah Dedrick of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully represents.

That your Petitioner is the widow of George Dedrick (formerly of the City of Philadelphia) deceased, who was engaged in the War of Liberation of Texas.

That said George Dedrick enlisted in the Texan Army about the first of August A.D. 1835 and attained the rank of Quartermaster, as your Petitioner is informed and believes.

That according to all the Report received by your Petitioner from Texas, her said husband was killed in the Battle or Massacre of the Goliad: and this your Petitioner verily believes to be true.

And your Petitioner further shews that she has never received any arrears of pay, Bounty land, Pension or other gratuity from the State of Texas, for the military services rendered by her late husband.

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She therefore prays that an act of assembly may be passed for her relief, and that she may be awarded the Bounty land and money, granted by the State of Texas to the widows of the Officers killed in the Battle or Massacre of the Goliad.

Hannah Dedrick

United States of America.
State of Pennsylvania
City of Philadelphia ss.

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of October A.D. 1857 before me, Joshua G. Brinckle a commissioner, resident in the City of Philadelphia duly commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority and under the laws of the State of Texas to take the Depositions of witnesses &c. to be used therein, personally appeared Hannah Dedrick the Petitioner above named, to me well known to be the person who signed the foregoing petition, and being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that the facts in said Petition set forth are true.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official seal the day and year aforesaid.

Joshua G. Brinckle
Commissioner for Texas.

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Hrs of George Kleberg
applicant for
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Filed by
Mr. Francis Moore

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United States of America
State of Pennsylvania
City of Philadelphia }

Be it Remembered that on the Twenty eighth day of August Anno Domini Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven (1857) before me the undersigned, A Commissioner resident in the City of Philadelphia, duly commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority and under the laws of the State of Texas to take the Depositions of Witnesses and other instruments of writing to be used in the State of Texas personally appeared Samuel R. Brick of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania who being duly affirmed according to law doth depose and say that he is acquainted with Mrs Hannah Dedrick of the City of Philadelphia Widow; and that Deponent has been acquainted with her since the year A. D. 1834 and knows that the said Mrs Hannah Dedrick is the Widow of George Dedrick who emigrated to Texas in the year A. D. 1835 and who according to the report received from Texas was Killed by the Mexicans at Goliad in the Spring of the year A. D. 1836. Deponent further says that he knows the handwriting of the said George Dedrick deceased, and that the letters hereto

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To all persons to whom these presents shall come

I Hannah Dedrick of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, widow and relict of George Dedrick deceased late an officer in the Texas Army send greeting

Whereas, the said George Dedrick deceased was a Quarter Master or other officer in the Texas Army to which he was appointed in the year A.D. 1836 in the war of Texas with Mexico and continued in actual service in said war from the time of his enlistment, until he was taken prisoner by the Mexicans at Goliad and subsequently executed by order of the Mexican Government And Whereas by the laws of the State of Texas, the widow or Heirs of the said George Dedrick deceased are entitled to about Seven thousand five hundred acres of land beside the arrearages of pay due the said decedent.

Now Know Ye That I the said Hannah Dedrick have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Francis Moore of ~~the City~~ Houston in the State of Texas my true and lawful Attorney irrevocable for me and in my name and stead and for my use, to ask, demand sue for, recover and receive of and from the said State of Texas or from the proper Authority authorized to settle the same, or in whose hands soever the same may be found — the said Claim for land, and all such sums of money or arrearages of pay due and coming unto my late husband the said George Dedrick deceased, Giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the said premises

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as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.—

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty third day of September Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and fifty Six 1856.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Note The words, "Houston in the State of Texas" interlined on first page before Signing.— The words "five hundred" on first page 13th line from top also interlined.

I. G. Brinckle

Geo: W Dedrick

Hannah Dedrick

United States of America

State of Pennsylvania

City and County of Philadelphia ss

Be it remembered that on this Twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six before me, Joshua G. Brinckle a commissioner resident in the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, duly commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority and under the laws of the State of Texas to take the acknowledgment of Deeds &c to be used and recorded therein, personally appeared Hannah Dedrick to me known to be the individual named in, and who executed the foregoing

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Letter of Attorney; and acknowledged that she executed the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year aforesaid

Joshua G. Brinckle
Commissioner for Texas.

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Letter of Attorney
Hannah Dedrick
to

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United States of America:

State of Pennsylvania:

City and County of Philadelphia:

I, Joshua G. Brinckle, a commissioner, resident in the City of Philadelphia, duly commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority, and under the laws of the State of Texas, to take the Depositions of witnesses &c. to be used or recorded in the State of Texas, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Samuel R. Brick and John B. Pearce, two of the Deponents in the annexed Depositions named, and know them to be persons of respectability and property, residing in the City of Philadelphia, and that I have seen the said Alexander Gardner, the other Deponent, and know him to be the same person who made said Deposition; and also know by general report, that he is a person of respectability and property.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this Twenty seventh day of September Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty seven (1857)

Joshua G. Brinckle
Commissioner for Texas

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Affidavit
of
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United States of America
State of Pennsylvania
City of Philadelphia }

Be it remembered that on the Sixteenth day of September Anno Domini Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Seven (1857) before me the undersigned, a commissioner resident in the City of Philadelphia duly commissioned and qualified by the Executive authority and under the laws of the State of Texas to take the Depositions of Witnesses and other instruments of writing to be used in the State of Texas, personally appeared Alexander Gardner of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania who being duly Sworn according to law doth depose and say, that he is acquainted with Mrs Hannah Dedrick of the City of Philadelphia, widow; and that Deponent has been acquainted with her since the year A.D. 1834 and knows that the said Mrs Hannah Dedrick is the widow of George Dedrick who emigrated to Texas in the year A.D. 1835, and who, according to the report received from Texas, was killed by the Mexicans at Goliad in the Spring of the year A.D. 1836. Deponent was an apprentice of said George Dedrick before his departure for Texas

Alexander Gardner

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid

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before me the said commissioner
In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed My
Official Seal-

Joshua Gordon Brinckle
Commissioner for Texas

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Referred to in the foregoing affidavit
Alexander Bronchle
Commissioner

Goliad Texes March 10th 1836

Dear wife

I imbrace the present opportunitey to wright to you a few Lines - I Roate to you on the 23rd of February in which Letter I Gave you a full accoun of affair in my Last Letter until I arrived at this post my travel thew Texes has inable me to See the faise of the Cuntoray it is one of fines I ever Seen as yet Corne growes hear in abundance fine Land for Cotting - as ever was - but my dear do not think that will I am paasing up the Cuntoray that I heave eney Ideah of Seteling hear - as Soon as the affairs are Seteled I Shall Return home to you and my beloved Son - as the Caror will be of to Realey I must make my Letter Short at present but will Right by evorey opportunitey that fals in my way I Roate in my Last Letter that I was action as Ishuen Comasary of the armey - My office is a Vigolent one and Requears all my time all the provishen of the men Coms thew my hands for fort or Garisson - I will Give you Som discription of this fort the fort is Sorounded By a wall about 7 feet in hight one ~~one~~ corner is erected a Church of antiant order prehaps built for more than one hundred years a go the Church is wald in which is Custom a mong the mexicans to do it is about half as Larg as the Squars in Philadelphia. we have made a beutifiel fort of the place well Defended by a Larg number of Canon of heavey mettle Somthing Like Seven hundred men hear from the united States - Rocken tears Som of the fines of men and the brards and are marchen in daley - we are wating hourley for news from the Counsel. at the Seate of Guverm of the Decolaration of Independiance in Texes then God and our Cuntory for ~~[illegible]~~ Liberty or Death. our Caus is a good one and we will motain it to the Last -

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Let no fear my Love alarme you of my well fair at
present — if I was born to be Kild by a ball So bit
I have no fear I have bin in battle before as Stated
in my Last Letter — I Expect to Receive in a
few days a pointment of quartor master of the
army which is next in Rank to quartor master
Jen[illegible]al which Should I obtain and the affairs
[illegible] Cuntorey is Settled the onour and title will
[illegible]ave me to my Grave I am determent to
[illegible] my fortune in the Cause act with decretion
Justis to mankind and onour to my Cuntory
which will Leave no blemish behind wen time
will be no more — be not dismade but proud
of my entor prise — I am Sorton to See you Soon
for Should matters Reast for Som time I Shal
get a furlow to Com on for a wile if it Should
be but for a Short Space of time to See you
I trust wen we get the things Settled I Can Set
[illegible] in happiness for the ballence of my day
[illegible] be decorted by you a Lone where ever
[illegible] — I must Com to a Close
[illegible] present one Kiss my Love to hour dear Son
[illegible]arls tel him the onour his father has obtained
[illegible] him and what he will indure to immortalise
[illegible] name of Dedrick in futor days and as for
[illegible] dear Hannah while Righting me thinks
I am Conversing with you — I am not unhappy
while onour is before me I have not Seen
the face of woman for Som time the town
is burnt down the inhapotance as fled —
a diene at present my dear beloved fair well
to my Son until a nother opportunity offers
[illegible]ember me to all my friends —
[illegible] you Right to me Direct your Lettors
the Care of James Marton New Orleans
[illegible] he will forwed them to me
This from your Beloved Husbe
G Dedrick
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No. 345 Nor. 3d st.
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