

The originals of the following three affidavits are housed at the Texas Achives in Austin Texas. I have copies of these originals. To the Hon the Legislature of the State of Texas 1857; The Petition of Eliza Johnston of Austin County, widow & heir with her children of John L Johnston, Late of said County, deceased, respectfully represents unto your Hon Body, That she with her said h*The originals of the following three affidavits are housed at the Texas Achives in Austin Texas. I have copies of these originals.*

To the Hon the Legislature of the State of Texas

1857

The Petition of Eliza Johnston of Austin County, widow & heir with her children of John L Johnston, Late of said County, deceased, respectfully represents unto your Hon Body, That she with her said husband and their children immigrated to the republic of Texas previous to the first day of January __ 1842; that during his lifetime, nor herself since his decease had received the Headright of 640 acres of Land to which the said John L Johnston was entitled under the laws as an immigrant. She herewith submits the proof of his immigration at the proper period to entitle him to such headright & prays your honorable body to grant to the heirs of John L Johnston a Headright land Certificate for 640 acres of Land. And as is duty bound she will ever pray,

Eliza Johnston

per atty

State of Texas)

County of Austin) Before me one James H Bell, Jr of the first Judicial District in said state personally appeared & came Samuel G Evetts, known to me , who under oath says & subscribes the same, that he affiant was well acquainted with John L Johnston late of said County, deceased, that said John L Johnston immigrated to the Republic Of Texas previous to the first day of January one thousand eight-hundred and forty two (1842), that he the said Johnston was at the time of his immigration to Texas, a married man & the head of a family, that he died two or three years afterwards in Austin County and tat his widow & children still reside in Austin County Texas and that john L Johnston during his lifetime & residence in Texas discharged and performed all the duties of a citizen of the Republic of Texas and behoved himself as a good citizen thereof.

S. G.

Evetts

The foregoing affidavit was swore to and subscribed before me by S. G. Evetts whose name appears signed hereto and who is known to me, on this 14th day of December AD 1857.

James H Bell
Judge
The 1st Jud.

Dist.

The State of

Texas

Dec 14th 1857

*(Samuel G Evetts was married to Mary Allen. Mary Allen's daughter was married to William E Johnston, son of Eliza & John L Johnston.
Proves Johnston immigrated before 1 Jan 1842 and gives date of death of John L. Johnston as 1844/5.)*

State of Texas ((County of Austin (Before me Jimmie Hunt a Notary Public in aforesaid County personally appeared & came James L Cole to me well known & to whom I give faith & credit who upon oath declares that he was well acquainted with John L Johnston late of Austin County, dec'd, that he is informed and believes that said Johnston arrived in Texas the year One thousand eight-hundred & forty & that affiant became acquainted with said Johnston during the year One thousand eight--hundred & forty one, that he was a married man, the head of a family, that he died about 1843 having a widow & several children who still reside in Texas and the said Johnston during his lifetime & residence in Texas discharged & performed all the duties of a citizen of the Republic Of Texas & died as aforesaid in the Republic of Texas about the fall of One thousand eight-hundred & forty three.

Jas S

Cole

Sworn to && subscribed before me To certify which I hereunto set my hand & affix my official seal at Bellville this 21st day November AD 1857.

J. Hunt
N. P. ??

(James S. Cole was married to Margaret Johnston, daughter of Eliza & John L. He states Johnstons came in 1840 and John L died fall of 1843.)