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On or before the first day of January in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight I promise for value received to pay and deliver or cause to be paid or delivered at some good cotton gin and a near the Arkansas river To William Ruppel his heirs or assigns good first rate clean & merchantable cotton of the value and amount of five hundred dollars in current money of the United States to be valued and estimated and estimated at the current cash price of such cotton at the time when and place when said cotton is delivered which said sum and amount shall bear an ~~amount~~ interest at the rate of five percent a year from and after the aforesaid first day of January 1828 until paid or a discount at the same rate if paid before that time and if said five hundred dollars and interest is not paid as above within three months after the same becomes due the amount thereof shall not afterward be payable in cotton but in current money of the United States only Witness my hand and Seal at Little Rock in Arkansas Territory the 18th day of April in the year 1825. (signed) J. A. ~~Fairbank~~ ^{Seal} Fairbank
Witness Robert J. Blount