The State of Texas }
County of Nacogdoches } This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authority Richard Parmalee and Sidney M. Orton who being duly sworn according to Law say and declare that they were well acquainted with Richard Sparks in his lifetime. and they say that he is dead. which fact they know of their own knowledge. and they further say that they are each acquainted with John M. Sparks. Thomas B. Sparks and Andrew J. Sparks. and that they are the legitimate Children and heirs and descendants of the said Richard Sparks. are now. and have ever been so acknowledged and reputed & recognized both before and since the death of said Richard Sparks.

Richard Parmalee
S. M. Orton.

Sworn & Subscribed to before me this 11th day of December AD 1854 to Certify which I hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office at Nacogdoches

O G Holmes
Clerk County Court
Nacogdoches County.