The State of Texas } personally appeared before
County of Orange } me the undersigned authority
Niles J Smith and after
being duly sworn says that he knew Richard
P Forbes dec who is supposed to have been killed on
on the Brazos at Nashville also William Forbes
now a resident of Jefferson County I knew them to
be Brothers I knew them in Michigan previous
to their emigration to Texas and to the best of my
knowledge and belief William Forbes is the only
surviving Brother of Richard P Forbes Dec and that
I never knew Richard P Forbes having any sister living or
dead and to the best of my knowledge and
belief has no surviving Brother of sister mother
or father except William Forbes living

Niles J Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 21st day of November A.D. 1854
A. H. Reading
J. Peace