Corpus Christi
County Nueces Texas
August 26th 1874

Joseph Thomas Cook, born in the State of Alibama. 1817, emigrated to Texas 1832. My entire services were performed under command of Capt Benjaman Vansicle, and Capt Boley Waters. I was in both the cherokee indian battles, was present when their chief (Bolas) was killed. Gen. Thomas J. Rusk was our chief commander. I received my bounty for the above mentioned services which the records in the city of Austin will show. I was in many campaigns against the wild indians before the cherokee indian battles, and also, in a campaign against the Mexicans, during their revolution in eastern Texas.

J. T. Cook

Capt Costley's Co Rangers.
Joseph C. Cooke
B. A. Vansicle