Newton County 24th July 1874

This is to certify that I have known the ~~Affiant~~ applicant Joseph McBee since the fall of 1837 first saw him in Jasper county in the Republic of Texas now Newton county, near to Mr Ira Stephensons the place he now resides have seen him often & intimatedly since purchased from him his headright, and also his Soldiers Bounty land which I located in Newton Co the same has been patented have seen him this day and fully recognize him as the same veritable Joseph,

Wm J. Keaghey

Newton Co Texas 29th July 1874 personally appeared before me Wm J Keaghey the assignor to me well known who on his oath says the above certificate to be just and true

Henry F. Wilson
J. P. N. C. T.