Republic of Texas

County of Jackson,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Ralph W Gelpin, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and Seventy Dollars, to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, and sold, and so far as the ability exists in me, delivered possession of to Basil N. Hobbs, his heirs and assigns the following to wit Twelve hundred and eighty acres of Land, or in other words all of the Bounty Land which the said Ralph W Gelpin is now and may hereafter be entitled to in virtue of his discharge from the Texan army dated June the fourth one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, to which I am entitled as a Volunteer Soldier in the Republic of Texas, and I authorise the said Basil N Hobbs his heirs or assigns, to Locate the said quantity of Land to which I am so entitled as a Volunteer, in any part of the Republic that he may deem proper; and to call upon the proper officer who is hereby authorised to issue to the said Basil N Hobbs, the necessary title to the same, and I authorise the said Basil N Hobbs, his heirs or assigns, to enter upon, when Located, said Land, and to use, and enjoy, and dispose of the same as his own property, acquired by a just and legal title.

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