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M.K. & T. Ry. Co., Blk. D
By H. Conger Jones
Sept. 1957
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JERRY SADLER
COMMISSIONER
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
AUSTIN, TEXAS



4 SEPTEMBER 1957.

Hon. Earl Rudder, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

HON. SIR;

I AM SENDING YOU TWO MAPS, EAST PART OF BLOCK D., AND THE S.W. PART OF BLOCK D., M.K.&.T. RY. CO., TERRELL COUNTY, WHICH SHOWS WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF EXCESS IN THE W. E. WEST RANCH. ALSO I AM SENDING YOU HEREWITH A SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE SURVEYS WERE WORKED OUT AFTER A NUMBER OF VISITS TO THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AND RECIENTLY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN MR. MASSIE WEST BY MR. STERZING IN YOUR OFFICE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU EXAMINE THESE MAPS AND REPORT, AND ADVISE IF THEY MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL. IF SO WE WILL WRITE CORRECTED FIELD NOTES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS. THERE WILL BE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLACED ON THE MAP, AS WE WRITE THE FIELD NOTES AS WE HAVE BRS. ON WINDMILLS ETC., WHICH OFCOURSE WOULD CHANGE IF SURVEY LINES ARE RELOCATED.

ALSO PLEASE SEND US THE NECESSARY BLANKS FOR THE NECESSARY FIELD NOTES AND OTHER PAPERS.

Yours TRULY,

H. CONGER JONES.

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September 16, 1957

Mr. H. Conger Jones P. O. Box 562 Del Rio, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

The maps and report of your resurvey of Block D, M.K.&T. Ry. Co. in Terrell County which you submitted by letter dated September 4, 1957 have been examined and the construction placed therein would appear to be harmonious with the original survey and present occupancy.

I am holding the report in abeyance and will file for record at the time you return the sketch and corrected field notes. The maps are being returned to you under separate cover so that you may add any additional information that you deem pertinent. Also under separate cover field note forms, questionnaires and application forms to purchase excess are being mailed to you.

Sincerely yours,

EARL RUDDER, Commissioner

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V. E. Sterzing Engineering Division

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We also run a connection line from the Hope Cor. for the S.E. cor. Survey No. 8, Blk. D., N.88°24'W. to a Rk. Md. for the S.W. cor. Block D., in the E. line of Syrvey No. 1, Block 149. The map, "S.W. Part Block D." shows this line, togather with fences etc.

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To check the above, we set up over the N.E. cor. Survey No. 180, Blk. D., and found the Ang. from the N.E. cor. Survey No. 160, to the N.W. cor. Survey No. 181 to be 90°. Any deflection in the north line of Blk. D., will have to be west of the N.W. cor. Survey 181. I have worked along this line form the north, in places, however I do not feel that I have done enough work to come to any conclusion as there appears to be something wrong with Surveys 180 to 194 Blk. D. However I do not feel that there will be any shortage, but may be some excess as the surveys are now patented.

The N.W. cor. Survey No. 154, which is the N.W. cor. of the W. E. West Ranch, and the area in which we wish to purchase excess, is 73 vrs., south of the point where course and distance would bring a line from the Rk. Md. at the N.W. cor. Survey No. 185, Blk. D. I cannot explain the reason for Survey No. 180 being cut to 1790 vrs., on the E. side as a double check of this survey shows the distance to be a full 1900 vrs., between what most surely are original Rk. Mds.

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