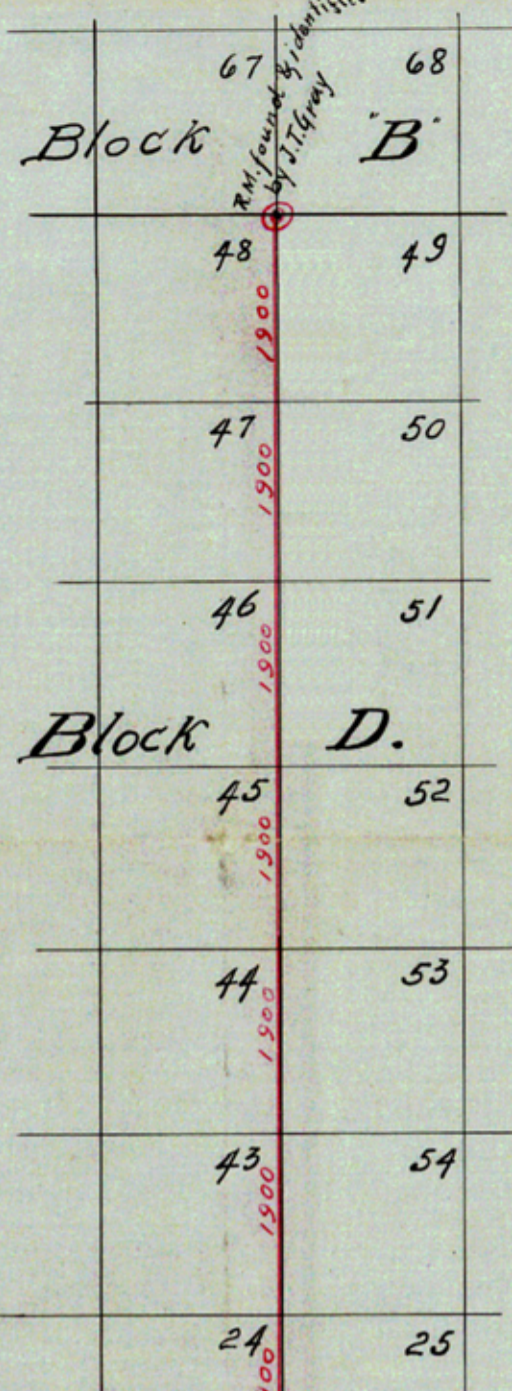
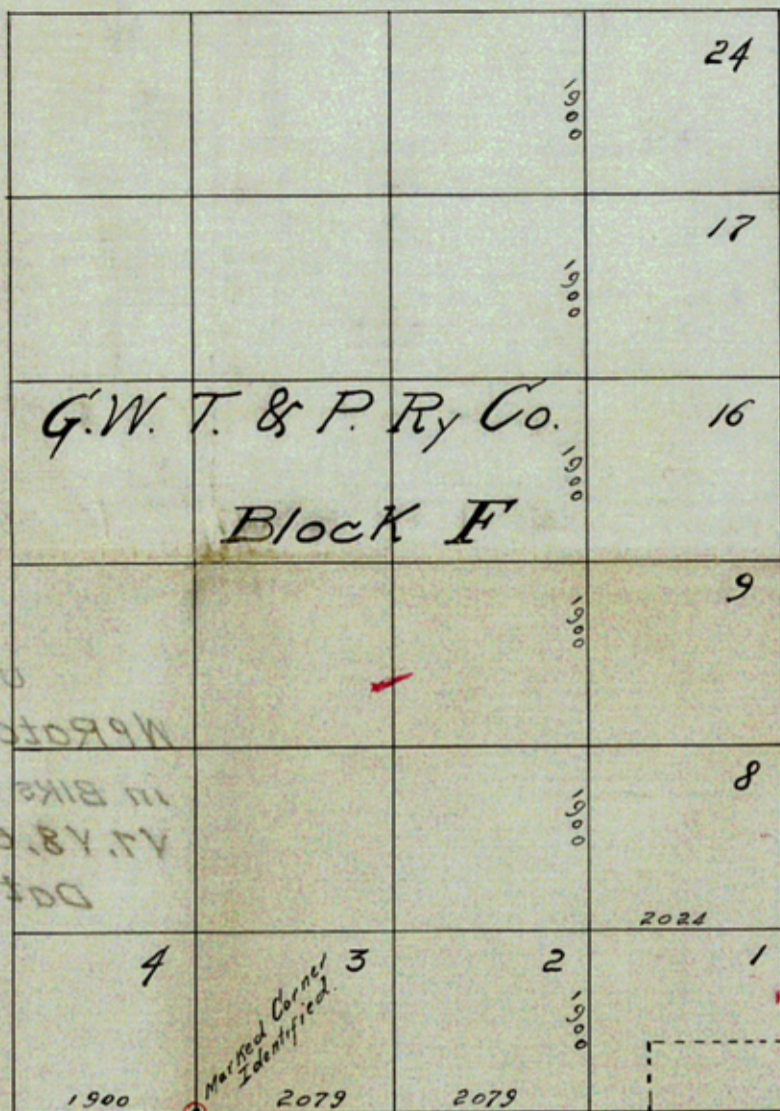


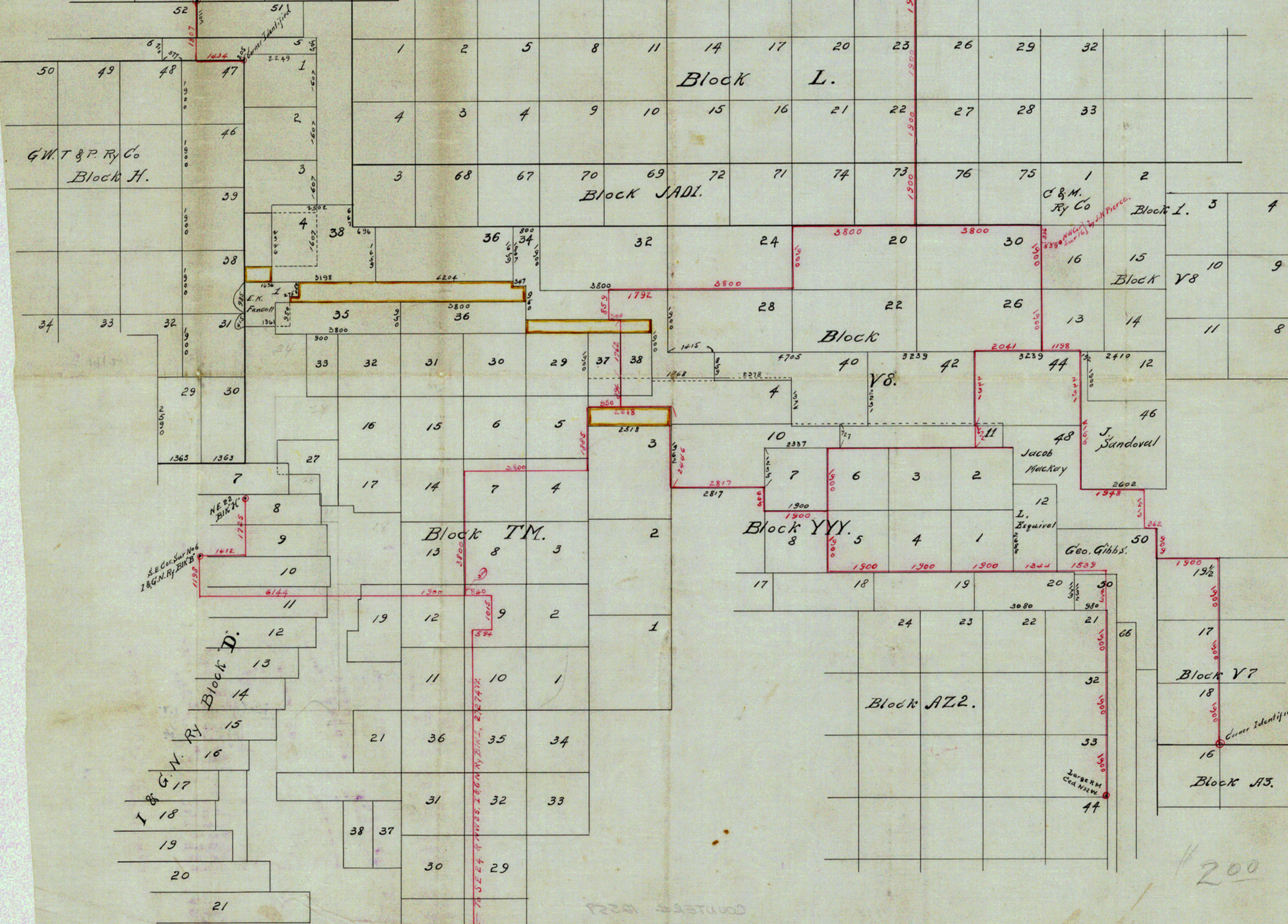
Sketch of lands in  
Val Verde County.  
Lines run and corners found are shown in red.

I, W.P. Ratchford, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct plat of the lands shown thereon, and that the various parcels of land & such corners as were identified are shown in their correct relative position as I found them.

Del Rio, Val Verde Co. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1912.  
W. P. Ratchford  
Co. Surveyor, Val Verde Co. Tex.



Dated June 8, 1912.  
 W.P. Ratchford  
 Co. Surveyor  
 Val Verde Co. Tex.





General Land Office.

State of Texas.

Austin.

June 24, 1912.

J. T. ROBISON, COMMISSIONER.  
J. H. WALKER, CHIEF CLERK.

Mr. W. P. Ratchford,  
County Surveyor Val Verde Co.,  
Del Rio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst. enclosing a certified sketch covering a portion of the N.E. part of Val Verde County, on which you show several connecting lines and vacancies and ask for an opinion from this office as to whether or not the connections shown are the proper ones. Also ask to be advised how to construct surveys Nos. 34, 28, 18, 20 & 22, Blk. T.M.

In reply beg to advise that I am unable to say whether you have made the proper connections or not, but will state, that if the connection you show on your sketch have been correctly made, and the corners you show to have connected with, are original corners, then the openings you show as vacancies is excess belonging to surveys 34, 36 & 38 in Block V8, No. 4 in Blk. T.M. and No. 1 E. K. Fawcett.

As to the construction to be given surveys Nos. 34, 28, 18, 20 & 22, Blk. T.M. see blue print sketch herein enclosed, shaded in red pencil, which shows said surveys as they should be corrected allowing them to cover all the remaining territory, clear of conflict with older superior surveys, originally occupied by the individual and its companion school survey after giving the individual surveys, viz. Nos. 17, 19, 21, 27, & 33 their quantity and position according to their patented corrected field notes.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Hon. J. T. Robison  
Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir: I am sending you by this mail a sketch of a portion of the Central part of Val Verde Co. on which is shown connecting lines run by me. These surveys were made at the request of various land owners for the purpose of determining the relative position of the lands shown on said sketch and for the purpose of locating any vacancies which might exist between the several blocks. You will observe that I have connected all the ~~existing~~ blocks from the nearest existing corners and while the connections agree closely with f. no. some changes have been made in the relative positions of the blocks as located by J. K. Pierce who made surveys some years ago under Huffman and Strickland.

While most of the land owners affected united in having me make this survey, there is one who is not satisfied and threatens a contest in the courts.

I am therefore sending you this report that you may examine same, and I will ask that you advise me if in your opinion the connections shown are the proper ones.

If you approve this survey, I will ask if it will



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JAMES M. ROBERTSON  
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Del Rio, Texas,

be proper to correct the f. ns of Survey No 4  
D. Shepper so as to absorb the vacancy to the S.W.  
to the amount of its conflict.

I will also ask that you advise me - in detail -  
how to construct Surveys 34-28-18-20 + 22 Block T.M.

I have a application for a survey of all vacancies  
which may be left after locating all valid surveys.

A complete answer to the above will do much  
toward settling a troublesome matter, and will  
be of benefit to the state school fund in the  
sale of vacant land.

All corners found and described on my sketch  
are completely identified, except the SE Cor 67  
Blk B, That is the corner reported to your  
office by Mr J. Gray Dep Surveyor of Edwards Co.  
and was proven by him to your satisfaction.

You will notice that I have noted the position  
of the NN Cor Sur 16 Blk 18 as located by J. K. Pierce  
and from which all his surveys were made  
in that vicinity.

All figures in black ink are from Field notes, all  
in red are mine.

Please let me hear from you at an early date

Yours Truly

W. P. Ratchford, Co. Sur Val Verde Co.