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Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner
General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Bascom:

In locating Block A19, Public Free School Land in Andrews County, Mr. W. D. Twichell, the contracting surveyor, determined the north line of University Blocks 4, 5 and 6 and the south line of Block A19 by running a line actual distance from the T&P Center Line. He failed to reach the north line of the University blocks by 250 varas at the northwest corner of Block 4 and a less distance at the northeast corner of Block 6.

Captain Louis C. Wise in 1881 surveyed that entire area on the application of Gunter & Munson under the Sales Act of July 14, 1879. Captain Wise in running his base line ran a curve which placed his northwest corner of Section 12 in Block 42 approximately 250 varas too far north. He appears to have built his system of surveys from this base line and for that reason left a space between the G&M blocks and the T&P blocks which in later years was taken up under the different scrap acts.

Dennis Corwin in making his selections and nominations for the University under the direction of the Land Commissioner chose the abandoned Gunter & Munson surveys. While the Corwin sketch shows a placement of the University blocks on the T&P blocks as projected, you will note on his sketch and in his descriptive allocation of Block No. 1 he calls for the Wise monument at the northwest corner of 12 in Block 42. You will also note on the map compiled by Felix Blau for the purpose of enabling the Land Commissioner to select lands for the University broad lines in different colored inks are run around the blocks chosen for the University and for the School Fund. The blocks so selected are G&M blocks. This would place the north lines of University Blocks 4, 5 and 6 on the boundary of the G&M blocks rather than on the T&P blocks.

Apparently without knowledge of the true location of the University lands in respect to the T&P lands north of the Center Line Twichell ran his south line of Block A19

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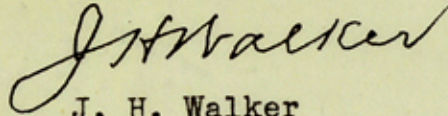
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in conflict with the University lands. In issuing patents in the year 1935 the Land Office caused the subdivisions of Section 6 in Block A19 to be corrected to respect the Friend position of the northwest corner of University Block 5. Your attention is now called to this matter because of the possibility of overlooking the conflict should patents be requested for the remainder of Block A19. Whether corrected field notes for the entire Block A19 have been filed is unknown to the writer.

Very truly yours,



J. H. Walker

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cc to Mr. C. D. Simmons, Comptroller
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Sections 1 to 35 in B.L.R. A.19, Public School Land, Andrews Co.

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File No. 7

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BASCOM GILES, Com'r

Della J. Smith
File Clerk



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Very truly yours,

As mentioned in the writer's report filed notes for the entire Block A19 have been filed as requested for the remainder of Block A19. Whether or not the possibility of overlooking the conflict should be noted. Your attention is now called to this matter because of the location of the northwest corner of University Block in the year 1935 the Land Office caused the subdivisions in conflict with the University lands. In issuing patents

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