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Mr. J. H. Walker,
Commissioner of General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions we have made an investigation relative to the location of the S. L. Scott Survey (S.F. 12670) situated about 13 miles S 33 W from Archer City in Archer County, Texas, and beg to report as follows:

We had in hand certified photostatic copies, from the Archives of the Land Office, of the field notes of the said S. L. Scott Survey; John M. Taylor #22 - 26; Falls County School Land Survey; Thomas McCoy; Johnny Jones; T.E. James (451½ acres and 160 acres); J. B. Wheeler; O. C. James; Jane James; B.B.B. & C. R.R. Co. #12 (T. M. Gillespie Survey); Matthew Cartwright; S.F.I.W. #2; B.S. & F. #1 & 2; L. J. Kunkle (part of B.S. & F. #2); sketches and maps by J. P. Hart; T. M. Cecil; B. W. Smettems; R. C. Thaxton; R. S. Hunnicutt; a sketch and report by John A. Donald, locating surveyor of the S. L. Scott Survey; several working sketches prepared by the Land Office; copy of reports and maps by surveyors of and for Falls County of the Falls County School Land Survey; notes and maps showing corners found, lines run and corners set by Brookes Baker in making a sub-division of the Ainsworth and Blount Surveys in 1908 and 1910; and copies of various transfers of title and subdivisions of surveys secured from the deed records of Archer County.

We prepared a working sketch showing a delineation of the field notes of the surveys in this area and attempted to correlate and plat thereon the information obtained from all of the above mentioned data.

The principal question involved was the re-location of the south line of the Falls County School Land, as the pre-emption surveys Jane James, Johnny Jones and T. E. James call to be located from the southwest corner of the Falls County School Land. The John M. Taylor Surveys #22 to 26; the Allison Aarons; the Wm. S. Blount; the Wm. Ainsworth, as well as the

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Falls County School Land were all located by Wm. Howeth, Deputy Surveyor of Cook Land District, between December 4, 1854 and January 18, 1856, and all connect together, having common corners and lines.

We found by inspection on the ground that there is a road along what is used for the west line of the Falls County School Land, the east line of the Wm. Ainsworth, the east line of the Blount and the west line of the Allison Aarons. We find a stone marked "S.E.B." for the southeast corner of the W. S. Blount Survey, it being on the east side of the above mentioned road and in line with a fence to the west, for the south line of the W. S. Blount Survey and the north line of the Wm. Ainsworth Survey. This stone was set by Brookes Baker, a surveyor, in 1908 while making a sub-division of the Blount and Ainsworth Surveys, which sub-divisions appear of record in Vol. 52, Page 113, Deed Records of Archer County and Vol. F, Page 436, Commissioner's Court Minutes of Archer County. We verified the location of this stone by measurement to numerous other corners of the sub-division. We also found that the Ainsworth and Blount Surveys were held, used and fenced in accordance with the lines of the sub-division. We found no corner now remaining at the northwest corner of the Allison Aaron Survey but do find the land held and used as evidenced by the road, fences, etc., in reasonable accord with the called distance from the above mentioned stone.

From stone marked "S.E.B." for the southeast corner of the Blount Survey we ran west 11 vs. to the middle of a north and south road for the northeast corner of the Ainsworth Survey and the most westerly northwest corner of the Falls County School Land. We then ran south along the middle of the road passing several corners of the above mentioned sub-division of the Ainsworth Survey, at 2999 vs. middle of a road to the west for the southeast corner of the Ainsworth Survey; and continued south a total distance of 4256 vs., as called for in the notes of the Falls County School Land, to a point for the southwest corner of said School Land. From this point there are remains of old fence to east and north. This point for southwest corner of Falls County School Land was 78 vs. north of an old east and west fence and 83 vs. north of the present east and west fence used for the north line of the B.B.B. & C. R.R. Co. Survey #12 (T. M. Gillespie) and the south line of that portion of the B.S. & F. Survey conveyed by T. E. James to R. S. Laney (5/23/02 - V. 33, P.150).

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The location of roads, fences, corners, etc., near the southwest corner of Falls County School Land are shown upon the attached map. The map also shows that the T. M. Gillespie Survey, as indicated by long useage, is short of it's called distance on the east line by about 11 vs.

We then ran east for the south line of the Falls County School Land passing some mounds of stone, noted upon the map, the total distance of 6670 vs. to be $19\frac{1}{2}$ vs. north of the present southeast fence corner, apparently used for the corner of Falls County School Land. The called distance of 6717 vs. would be on the east slope of the hill on which the fence corner is located. The location of present and old fences, etc., relative to the fence corner are shown upon the map. The old southeast fence corner shown is situated in a narrow mesquite valley running approximately north and south and is about 70 vs. wide. The stone noted as being 2 vs. north of this old fence corner is larger and much more firmly planted than any of the other rocks noted as braces at fence corners. We found no marks on the stone. The stone mound shown on the map near the northeast corner of the Johnny Jones Survey, as you will note, is almost exactly called distance from the mound of stone southwest of the southwest corner of Falls County School Land as we have located it. This mound is probably one set by Thaxton as he shows called distance from the above mentioned mound near the southwest corner of Falls County School Land, which mound Thaxton and Donald use for southwest corner of said school land.

We then investigated the Thomas McCoy and M. Cartwright Surveys. The deed records show that the Thomas McCoy Survey was sub-divided by T. M. Cecil in May 1893, the plat of which sub-division is recorded in Vol. X, Pg. 119, of the deed records of Archer County. This plat shows that the sub-division used up the patented dimensions of the survey. We find by inspection upon the ground that the land is fenced and used in accordance with the called dimensions of this sub-division. We find the old stone mound at the northeast fence corner, just south of the Spring Branch, which is referred to in all of the reports and maps in hand as being the northeast corner of the Cartwright Survey. We use this mound as the corner of said survey. We find that a line run from this northeast corner of the Cartwright Survey along the north line of the said Cartwright and Thomas McCoy Surveys, as they have been sub-divided and are now used, will have a course of S $89\frac{1}{4}$ W and will allow the T. E. James Survey (part of B.S. & F. #2) to have it's called distance along the west line of the Thomas McCoy Survey.

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From the northeast corner of the Cartwright Survey we find an old mound of stone located on a hill at about the distance north shown by the notes of the T. E. James Survey; but this mound is 106 vs. east instead of 71 vs. as called for in its field notes. This mound of stone for the northeast corner of the James Survey is found to be in accord with the useage of the land on the east line of the Cartwright, the west line of the B.S. & F. Survey #1, and the north line of the S.F.I.W. Survey. There is a stone for the northwest corner of the S.F.I.W. Survey marked "NW cor. S.F.I.W." which stone is in the east fence line of the Cartwright Survey and in line of a road and fence marking the north line of the S.F.I.W. Survey. There is a road along the east line of the T. E. James and the west line of the B.S. & F. #1. The courses of these lines are in accord with the course of the line used for the north line of the Cartwright and McCoy Surveys.

We then construct the Jane James, Johnny Jones, T. E. James and O. C. James Surveys by their course and distance calls from the southwest corner of the Falls County School Land as above located. We then construct the T. E. James (part of B.S. & F. #2) using the north line of the McCoy and Cartwright, the east line of the Gillespie, the south line of Falls County School Land, the west line of B.S. & F. #1 and the north line of S.F.I.W. Surveys as determining the boundaries adjoining said surveys and fixing the north line of this T. E. James Survey by running a line from the old mound of stone above mentioned as it's east-northeast corner and running a line parallel to the north line of the McCoy and Cartwright Surveys. This line was extended to intersect a line run south from the southwest corner of the O. C. James Survey. Dimensions are shown upon the map. The location of the surveys as above described leaves an area shown upon the map as S. L. Scott, the dimensions of which, while not exactly, are in reasonable accord with the calls in the patent to the said Scott.

We have shown on the map in dotted lines the Jane James, Johnny Jones and T. E. James (pre-emption) Surveys as they have been recently established by Mr. Smettem, County Surveyor of Archer County, (see his map of 1934 on file in the Land Office) with a notation of how some of the corners are marked and connections thereto. This relocation appears to have been made from a corner set for the northeast corner of the Johnny Jones Survey, from which a stump of a mesquite

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bears as called for in the patented notes of said Johnny Jones Survey. The lines of these surveys will run parallel ^{or} and at right angles to the line we have used for the north line of the Thomas McCoy and M. Cartwright Surveys, and giving the above mentioned pre-emption surveys their called distances. We find the stone marked "N.E.J. Jones" (call is for mound of stone in patented notes) from which a mesquite stump about 10" in diameter, and which has stooled out, bears S 17 W 30 vs. But we are unable to harmonize this location of the northeast corner of the Johnny Jones with it's called connection to other surveys, whether by useage and recognition, or by a course and distance location of them from known or recognized corners.

It is noted from inspection of the map on file in the Land Office showing a survey of the Falls County School Land by R. S. Hunnicutt, made for Falls County in 1924, that he locates the northeast corner of the John M. Taylor Survey #22 from the bearing on mound called for in the patented field notes of said survey. Hunnicutt shows the southeast corner of the said Taylor Survey 1550 vs. south of said northeast corner, which is the distance called for in the patent. When the east line of the Falls County School Land is run south the distance called for in the patent, 9000 vs., to locate the southeast corner of said School Land, the corner so located will be about 100 vs. north of the south line of the Falls County School Land as shown upon the attached map.

Very respectfully yours,

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and recognition, or by a corner and distance location of it, a called connection to other surveys, whether by reverse location of the northeast corner of the town lines with bearings 2 1/4 W 30 as. But as the map is to be made this

for about 10" in diameter, and which has a hole in the distance. The line of the stone marked "E. T. Huntcraft" (call is giving the above mentioned bearings and distance from the line of the stone marked "E. T. Huntcraft" (call is and at right angles to the line of the stone marked "E. T. Huntcraft" (call is lines of the stone marked "E. T. Huntcraft" (call is bears as called for in the

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