

September 18th 1916.

Mr. W. H. Leckie.
Runge, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

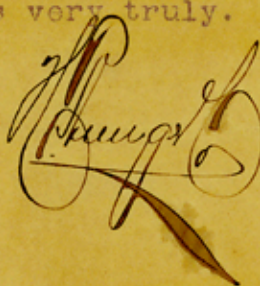
We beg to refer to your letter of August 7th regarding the discrepancies in the surveys of our Live Oak County Lands.

As suggested by you we had blue prints made from the original tracing of your re-survey, and have sent one together with a copy of your letter to the Assessor of Live Oak County, and informed him at the same time that we had taken up the matter with the General Land Office direct.

As you are more familiar with the formalities in getting this matter properly straightened out in the General Land Office, we will ask you to be so kind and attend to this end of the matter for us. We are returning you herewith your letter which you suggested sending to the General Land Office, and 2 blue prints, one of which you may retain for future reference.

If you will attend to this for us we will be greatly obliged to you, and if you have any charges and will advise us the amount we shall pleased to remit promptly, and remain,

Yours very truly.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. P. Runge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

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Hon. J. T. Robison
Commissioner, Gen. Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

With a view to the proper correction in the Abstracts, I wish to call your attention to the existing conditions between certain surveys, lying along the county line of Live Oak and Atascosa, and east of the Atascosa river.

In explanation I will say that the Reiffert-Frobese Lands Company, which is represented by H. Runge & Co. of Cuero, is having trouble with the tax officials of Live Oak County in securing their acceptance of a true rendition of property owned by it. The tax officials demand a full rendition of acreage in the separate surveys as claimed in the Abstracts, thereby imposing an injustice on the Lands Company, which finds as a fact that there is a serious curtailment in the acreage by reason of conflicts in the original surveys.

Messrs H. Runge & Co. have requested me to take the matter up with your office, in order that correction may be made, and relief obtained from an unjust burden. Conforming to their wishes I am sending you herewith a letter bearing on the matter, that I sent to them some time ago, also a communication from them to me in returning the same. These enclosures, along with a copy of a plat I made from actual survey upon the ground, ~~will~~

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and which I am mailing to you under separate cover, I trust will
throw light on the situation, and show ^{that} I found these certain sur-
veys to fit in.

If your office will kindly take this matter up at its
convenience, and advise me, I will take pleasure in furnishing any
additional information, if on examination it is deemed necessary.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Leckie

W. H. LECKIE

Land Surveyor

Runge, Texas

Runge, Texas, Aug. 7th, 1916.

Messrs H. Runge & Co.

Cuero, Texas.

Dear Sirs:-

Your favor of 2nd inst regarding your assessment in Live Oak County on the A. H. Lasater 115.7/10 acres, is to hand; also, copies of your letter to the Tax Collector, and the response of the County Attorney bearing on the same matter; all of which has attention.

Apparently the plat you put on record in Live Oak County, and referred to by the County Attorney, is a copy of the map I made when I completed the subdivision survey of the Reiffert-Frobese Lands, adjoining Whitsett, when my knowledge of the true location of the original surveys on the ground was very incomplete. The platting of that work revealed serious discrepancies that was difficult to reconcile with the calls of the original field notes, and the actual area embraced within the whole body of the land. Subsequently as you may remember, I did some further surveying for the very purpose of identifying original boundaries, and getting the correct rendition; also, I subdivided the Taylor Whitsett property, adjoining the Reiffert-Frobese lands on its southeast, thereby gaining further information regarding the Houlihan grant east boundary, the Merriman preemption and surveys Nos 199, and 200 in the name of Jno H. Gibson.

By this mail I send you a plat embodying the results of my later work in retracing the boundaries of original surveys. An inspection of the plat will show that I found quite a number of original corners as described in their field notes; those corners being also accepted for a long period of time as true corners of the older colonial grants, and are not now in dispute so far as I have any knowledge.

You will observe that survey No 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, in the name of S. J. Whitsett, is identified by its marked corners as called for; survey No 300, Jno H. Gibson, is also fixed by its bearing trees at five of its seven corners, one of them being at the recognized S.E. corner of the Juan Bower, another at the N.E. corner of the Catherine Hoyer, and still another in the Hoyer east boundary line. The Jno H. Gibson, No 301 is fixed by its marked corner at No 300 S.W. and also by the stone found at its own S.W. corner, in the Catherine Hoyer east boundary.

The Mesquit trees marked J and E respectively fix the N.E. and S.E. corners of 315, G.W.T. & P.R.R. and locates survey No 316. That agrees with the south boundary line of the San Geronimo Irrigation Co. No 336, which is also fixed in its west side by its own marked corners found as called for at its west and southwest corners. The A.H. Lasater 115.7/10 ac. is fixed by the same two S.G.I. Co corners.

There seems to have been some confusion in the minds of surveyors in the past, as to the true location of the

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north and east boundary lines of the Juan Houlihan grant. By giving it its called distance from the Atascosa River, along its north boundary, thence S. $17\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. surveys Nos 199 and 200, and the Merriman preemption, prove to be largely in conflict with the Juan Houlihan in its east side.

I have adopted the point identified by surveyor Jos. A. Tivy, and re-established by J. W. Garretson in 1874, as being the only existing evidence of the true N. W. corner of the Juan Houlihan, on the Atascosa River; and from that point I fix its north boundary as shown on the map.

With the Houlihan north boundary line as thus adjusted a conflict is established with survey No 301, Jno H. Gibson, in its south corner; and a conflict also shows with the A. H. Lasater 115.7/10 acres, along its south boundary. Also, as between the marked corners of survey No 301 in the Catherine Hoyer east boundary, and the two marked corners found on the west side of the S. G. I. Co No 336, which are also corners of the A. H. Lasater 115.7 acres, a serious conflict is established between the Lasater and survey 301 as outlined in the plat; leaving 48 acres of the Lasater clear of conflict with the Houlihan and the Gibson sur. 301.

The foregoing describes the conditions on the ground. There appears to have been a jumble made of the later surveys north of the Juan Houlihan, but in fact there is not room for them all between their fixed corners; the land is not there. I suggest that a copy of this accompanying plat be sent to the Assessor at Oakville, and also a copy of the plat and this letter of explanation be filed in the General Land Office for a correction in the Abstract. The pressure of engagements prevents my taking time to secure copies of the plat, so I am sending you the original by which you can obtain as many copies as you may wish. Kindly send me one of the copies at your convenience for reference, in case of further correspondence.

Yours very truly

W. H. Leckie