

Beeville Texas December 15th 1878
W. C. Walsh Com G. L. O.

Dear Sir

I am informed that the survey for Pat Burk by virtue Certificates Nos 9 and 10 issued to Puerta Tierra Irrigation Company August the 3^d 1877, is reduced considerably, in consequence of the connection between the North corner of the Anne Burk and the corner of John Sharp and J. W. Hazel on the East boundary of J. M. Plumes at its crossing of the Medio Creek. Having been around this survey on several occasions, I can assure you that such is not the case. It is impossible for your Draftsman to know more about this survey than I do. With all due respect I will say that it is ^{an} impossibility for him, or any one else, to make a correct and consistent sketch of the surrounding and adjacent surveys. In many cases the field notes are imperfect and do not cover the ground as it really is in the field. These surveys are really larger than the field notes will make them

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In making this ^{sur}, I found the West boundary line of the James Brown well marked through the timbered creek bottom and ran it out to the North boundary of Phebe Crane. I found the S.W. corner of Phebe Crane - ran it out the distance call for and then ran the North boundary to its intersection with the East bdy of James Brown. I then went to the N.W. corner of J. M. Planes - ran its North bdy and then its East bdy to S.E. corner. I then went to a point on the bank of the Poista Creek, opposite the S.E. corner of John Ryan, which is also the North West corner of George O. Doucherty - and ran the South boundary of Ed Ryan, continuing to N.E. corner of Survey for the State made by virtue of Certificate No 3/510 issued to H & G. N. R. R. Co. on the 30th Dec 1872

Then from N.W. corner of Phebe Crane to N.E. cor of said State section - then the East bdy of Ed Ryan
Then went back to a corner on West bdy line of James Brown in a line with the South line of Planes and ran the same till it intersected the East line of Ed Ryan - I omitted to state that there is a vacant space of $28\frac{1}{2}$ bars in width between South line of Ryan and State Section

This Survey was made at the expense of much labor and is correct, notwithstanding the difficulty or rather impossibility, of making a consistent sketch of it in connection with other Surveys —

I am very anxious for the new map, as there are new surveys to be made and corrections in old ones that I am afraid to undertake until I know what and where the errors exist —

Any connections that you require, that I can make, while doing other work, or without incurring too much expense, I will cheerfully do if you will inform me of it —

I will respectfully suggest to you the propriety of calling the attention of the Legislature to the condition of Surveys in this County — Do you not think some legislation is necessary?

I also think a law should be passed, requiring Owners of Lands, to keep their corners and boundaries well marked, with a stone or ~~th~~ something else imperishable at each corner

Many of the old Surveys in this County, I am quite convinced, do not cover the ground as they originally did, but the owners think they can

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Surveyor's Statement

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hold them where they are, by the Statute of limitations— This condition of affairs has been brought about by incompetent or careless Surveyors— men who follow the dictates of Land proprietors instead of the Magnetic-needle—

Recently I was called on by J. H. Woods to ^{do} some private Surveying in connection with Mr. Ward, the Surveyor of Refugio County— The work was on the Juan and Augustin Moya Survey, on the Blanco Creek in this County— Mr. Ward contended that that the lines from the Creek ran due South, and I that the course of said lines as well as those immediately above and below, was S 14½° W, that is, 14½° West of the True Meridian— The Field notes that I have do not give the course— Please inform me if I am correct, that is, if you have any thing in your Office that will throw any light on the subject—

Yours very Respectfully

J. J. Fenner

Surveyor Bee County

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