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F. H. Ayers v. A. J. Harris
On the 14th day of June 1886 this cause was called for trial and the plaintiff F. H. Ayers appeared, in person and, by attorneys and, announced ready for trial, and the defendant A. J. Harris appeared, in person and, announced ready for trial, and the defendants James L. Scott, John M. Alpin, C. P. Lancaster and W. H. Phillips appeared, by their attorneys and all, announced ready for trial, and thereupon came a Jury of good and lawful men to-wit: A. H. O'Keefe and eleven others, who being duly elected, empanelled and sworn according to law to try this cause after hearing the evidence, the argument of counsel and the charge of the Court, on the 15th day of June 1886, retired to consider of their verdict, and on the said 15th day of June 1886, returned into Court the following verdict, to-wit:

The the Jury find for the Defendants
A. H. O'Keefe Foreman

It is there-
fore considered, ordered and adjudged
by the Court that the said Plaintiff
take nothing by this suit and that the
said defendant - A. J. Harris do have and
recover of and from the said Plaintiff
F. H. Ayers, the following described
tract or parcel of land situated on
the waters of Elm creek in Bell County
Texas, to-wit: Beginning at a pile of
rocks N. 71 W. 426 hrs from the South West

corner of an original survey of one third
of a league in the name of Walter
W. Downs from which are Elm marked
X hrs. S. 5° E. 16 1/4 rs. and another marked
"A." hrs. S. 16 1/4 E. 141 3/4 rs. being the N.W.
corner of a tract of 640 acres granted to
said A. J. Harris by the State of Texas
by Letter Patent No 481 Vol. 43. Bearing
date the 24th of Nov. 1848. Thence S
19 N. 15.97 rs. to a stake in the North
boundary line of the Maximo Moreno
eleven league grant, and in the
east line of the Thomas Lancaster
preemption survey Thence S. 70. E.
5000 rs. with the North boundary line
of said Maximo Moreno Grant to a
stake for corner in the East line of the
J. L. Hood League Thence N. 19° E. 1666 rs.
to the N.W. corner of said Hood league
Thence N. 71° W. 4576 rs. to the S.W.
corner of said Walter W. Downs survey.
Thence N. 19° E. 1635 rs. to a corner.
Thence N. 71° W. 926 ³⁵/₁₀₀ rs. to a corner.
Thence S. 19° W. 1635 rs. to corner. Thence
S. 71° E. 535 ³⁵/₁₀₀ rs. to the place of beginning
and that the said A. J. Harris be
quitted in his title and possession of
said tract of land, and that the cloud
upon his said title by reason of plaintiff's
claim be forever removed, and said
claim of plaintiff be and is hereby
forever cancelled, annulled and held
for naught. And it is further ordered
adjudged and decreed by the Court
that the said defendant James L. Scott

do have and recover of and from
the said plaintiff J. W. Ayers the
following described tract of parcel
of land situated on the waters of Elm
Creek in Bell County Texas out of an
original survey of 480 acres in the
name of James M. Harvey (James Scott
Assignee) and bounded as follows:
Beginning at the South West corner
of said James M. Harvey survey at a
stake 790 as. N. 71 W. from the N. E. corner
of a survey in the name of D. Gregg.
Thence S. 70 E. 1363 ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ rs. to a stake
for corner in the South line of said
James M. Harvey survey Thence N. 19 E.
975 rs. to a stake for corner in the
south line of a survey in the name
of M. Cavanaugh. Thence N. 71 W. 310 ⁶⁵/₁₀₀
rs. to the S. W. cor. of said Cavanaugh
survey. Thence N. 19 E. 750 rs. to a
stake. Thence N. 71 W. at 1003 as a stake
Thence S. 19 W. 1425 rs. to the beginning
containing 320 acres of land and that
he be quieted in his title to the same
and that the cloud upon the title
to said land of said defendant by
reason of said plaintiff's claim
thereto, be and the same is hereby
removed and that said claim be
forever cancelled, annulled and held
for naught. And it is further ordered
adjudged and decreed by the Court
that the said defendant John M. Alpin
do have and recover of and from
the said plaintiff J. W. Ayers

The following described track or parcel of land situated in Bell County Texas part of the Sarah Christophel 457 acre survey on Little Elm creek and bounded, as follows:

Beginning at the S.W. corner of S.L. Oliver's 75 acres. Thence N. 71 N. 804 ins to S.W. corner in Vincent's Borrows east line Thence N. 19 E with said line 538 rs to a stake. Thence S. 71 E. 804 rs to a stake in Oliver's west line Thence S 19 N. 536 rs to the place of beginning containing 75 acres more or less And that he be quieted in his title and possession of the same. And it is further ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said Deft W. P. Lancaster do have and recover of and from the said plaintiff G. H. Myers the following described two tracts of land situated in Bell County on the waters of Little Elm creek viz: First tract beginning on a small Hackberry tree marked T on both sides which is the S.W. corner of a survey in the name of D. G. Gage from which a Gum elastic br S 87° E 3 1/2 rs. and an Elm br S 4 1/2 E. 15 1/2 rs. Thence N. 71 N. 780 rs to a stake in the prairie. Thence S. 19 N. 830 rs to a stake in the prairie Thence N. 71 N. 1490 rs to a stake in the east line of a survey in the name of John Ferguson. Thence S. 19 N.

with the said survey and with the east line of Nancy S. Ferguson survey 1130⁰⁰ vs. to a stake. Thence S 70° E. 618 vs. pass a supposed corner of the Mariano Moreno claim League grant at 2270 vs. a stake in said supposed line. Thence N. 19 E. 1999 vs. to the place of beginning containing 569 acres of land. Said second tract is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of a survey in the name of Gregg. Thence S. 19° W. 1390 vs. to a stake in the east line of said Gregg survey. Thence S. 71° E. 4096 vs. to a stake in the west line of a survey in the name of Berryman. Thence N. 19° E. 730 vs. to the N. W. cor. of said Berryman survey. Thence S. 71° E. 426 vs. to the S. W. corner of a survey in the name of Downs. Thence N. 19° E. 660 vs. to the S. E. cor. of the J. M. Harvey survey. Thence N. 71° W. 1522 vs. to the place of beginning containing 320 acres of land and that she have her writ of possession as against said plaintiff for said two tracts of land. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said defendant W. C. Phillips do have and recover of and from the said plaintiff F. H. Ayers, the two following described tracts of land to wit: The first tract situated on Little Elm creek in Bell County 8 1/2 miles N. 70° E. of Belton. Beginning at the S. E. corner

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of N. S. Ferguson's survey. Thence S 71 E. 2715 vs. a stake. Thence N. 19 E. 1332 vs. S. line of D. Gregg survey. Thence N 71 W 2715 vs. with Gregg's S. line of Stranner. to the E. line of the Ferguson's survey. Thence S 19 W. 1332 vs. to the beginning containing 640 acres

The second tract is situated on Little Elm creek 9 miles S 73 E. of Belton. Beginning at the S.E. cor. of the C. Clark. Thence S 71 E. 2250 vs. Bryman's W. line. Thence N. 19 E. 1220 vs. Thence N. 71 W. 1665 vs. Thence N 19 E. 112 vs. Thence N. 71 W. 685 vs. to the N. E. cor. of the Clark survey. Thence S 19 W. with E. line of the Clark 1332 vs. to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres

And that the claim of said Plaintiff to said two tracts of land be cancelled annulled and held for naught, and that the said W. C. Phillips be quieted in his title thereto. It is further ordered and adjudged that the said defendants do have and recover of the said Plaintiff all cost in this behalf incurred, for which execution may issue.

It is further ordered that the officers of the Court have their execution against each party respectively for all cost by them in this behalf incurred.

The State of Texas,
County of Bell.

I, R. H. TURNER, Clerk of the District Court of Bell

County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Judgment & Decree of the District Court of Bell County Texas removed at the June Term thereof 1886 as appears of record in Minute Book Hon Jeyes 35, 6, 7, 8 & 9 miles

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Belton, this the 17th

day of November A. D. 1890

R. H. Turner Clerk Dist. Court Bell County.

By Deputy.

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