

County Surveyor,



Blanco County.

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P. F. APPELL, Surveyor.

Blanco, Texas, October 30th 1889

Hon. R. M. Hall
Com. Genl. Ls Office
Austin Texas

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See sketch.

Dear Sir,

In my letter of August 2^d 1888 I stated that R. Koeniger, and the surveyor of Gillespie County G. C. Schuchard, claim to have discovered a vacant strip of land lying between Shackelford and Pentress survey and one south of the Shackelford and Tally survey, and I expressed my opinion, partly based upon the unreliability of, at least, one of the parties, partly upon my personal knowledge of the terrain, and the many fictitious lines and corners found in this locality, that no vacant land could exist, where claimed by R. Koeniger and G. Schuchard, and I found by Your courteous reply of August 9th 1888 (# 5605) that You approved my views, but declined to give Your ruling "in advance on such a question, that is not yet properly before the department."

Recently Mr. J. Waller owner of a portion of the H. Cornell survey and a portion of Tally and Mr. H. A. Withers owner of the Shackelford and greater portion of the Tally survey, being much affected by this matter, having had the land claimed to be vacant, fenced for many years, as portion of their survey, made application to purchase, in proper form, and in conformity with acts of March 29th 1887 and amendment



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of April 5th 1889, should it be declared vacant land by force, and demanded a survey and thorough investigation of the case, to have it finally settled. I hereby submit the results of the survey also a plat showing the exact position of the surveys and lines found on the ground. The blue mark is found 50 ⁰/₀ East from line of G. Moses survey and 70 North from the North line of Shackelford. Field notes of this survey call for two blue, no 2nd blue is found. From this blue a line runs East about 70 ⁰/₀ North from North line of Shackelford and Tally survey marked with two backs = to a corner where a P.D. br. S 42° W. Field notes call for P.D. br. S 69° E and a B.T. br. mks V by S 28° E. No B.T. found. Thence South across Pedernales to a corner on H. line of D. Cornell survey S 75° N North from D. Cornell's N corner P.D. bearing N 50° W 12°. There is a difference in the description of corners. Field notes of D. Cornell describe N corner: S 10° W 30°. Field notes of Tally survey: Thence South to N corner of D. Cornell survey, S 10° W 30°. Thence South to P.D. br. N 50° W 12°, S 10° W 30°. At the corner found S 75° N North of D. Cornell's corner, only one bearing tree is found, no sign of a second one, both P.D. corresponding with field notes are found at the D. Cornell's corner. Thence West S 22° 10' to two P.D. mks. N and T. These two correspond with field notes and no other bearing trees are found S 65° W South of these where the N corner of the Shackelford was claimed to be. The space claimed to be vacant here would be S 65° W on the West and S 75° W on the East end, between Sully's Shackelford's



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From this N-T corner North to Spring branch the line runs
 S 7° W. East from Sutters survey and is short 125 Varas, from old corner
 on Sutters line in excess 150 Varas. Next from Spring Branch to Flat Creek
 corresponds to dist to River. This line running as described around
 Shackelford and Tally survey is old, distinct and uniformly marked with
 two backs. The only line I have found to the present, marked in this
 manner in my county. I have found on former occasions several
 fictitious lines and corners in this locality, made I am sure to mislead
 and although there is ground enough in my opinion for the
 assertion, that a vacant piece of land exists, I still honestly
 believe that this line was run years ago by some one interested
 taking advantage of the discrepancy in description of Tally and
 Cornells corner, and the error found in the distance from Sutters North line
 to Spring branch. However the parties interested, owners of Shackelford
 and Tally survey, desirous to have this matter finally settled, leave it
 to Your decision, and have in case the land is declared vacant by
 You, made as before mentioned, application to purchase.

Respectfully

P. F. Appell

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Sk. File No 36

Surrey's Statement
Refers to Sk. File No. 31(a)

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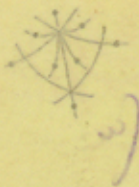
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