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Borden County

SCHOOL LAND.

~~Sold to~~

W. D. Twitchell
State Surveyor

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~~Acres.~~

~~Survey No.~~

Block No.

97

Surveyed for

December 1903.

~~ACT FEBRUARY 23, 1900.~~

Twitchell's Statement.

showing

(B.K. 97 & Conflict & Connecⁿ)
with T & P Ry surs on the West

Mgl.

6 Mi. East Gail.

Dated Oct. 23, 1903.

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SURVEYOR.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, Oct. 23d 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,
Austin Texas,

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed I hand you report of my field work in Borden County which recites in full, the facts as found upon the ground, showing that Block 97, and the T. & P. Ry. surveys are in conflict, practically as indicated by the judgment against Thos. O. Edwards et al. This form of report is submitted to comply with your instructions given Oct. 12th.

It is not clear to me how I shall be able to make corrected field notes conform to Spiller's survey, for I had no notes or instructions to connect with Spiller's corners, and hence such connections as I made, are with some uncertainty. From the connections which I was able to get under these circumstances, it appears that there must be some original corners affecting the position of the surveys in the southern portion of Block 97, that were not shown on my working sketch. Please notice this fact and give me such information as will be necessary to direct me in this matter. From what I found upon the ground, it appears that the difference between the Spiller survey and the original survey is too great in some instances to make sales by one and patent by the other. Under this arrangement Mrs. Hill, a widow and a party paying for this investigation, would pay interest on considerably more land than she could get patented, the same is true for Mr. W. R. Harris. My working sketch indicates that a shortage in these surveys is impossible, but corners and bearings shown as Spiller's indicate that there is such shortage. I have indicated the position of the surveys in Block 97 as they would fall upon the Spiller corners found, to prevent making another sketch, when I submit field notes as suggested in your instructions. The judgement appears to refer to the west line of the block as marked by Spiller, and

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the principal difference between the surveys is in latitude, the departure amounting to 84 varas where I connected. Your instructions do not mention the judgement against T. O. Edwards et al but Mr. Edwards loaned me a certified copy.

Yours respectfully

W. D. Twichell
State Surveyor,

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AMARILLO, TEXAS,
Borden County, Sept. 22nd 1903.

S. L. Jones and D. A. McKnight, chain carriers. Magnetic Variation of line
 $9^{\circ} 20'$ E at 2 P. M.

Beginning at a stake supposed to be ~~the~~ on Spiller's line near the S W corner of survey 356 Block 97. Thence N $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ E at 842 vrs cross branch, at 1923 vrs an old pile of stone on gravelly ridge, whence a 2 1/2 inch dead mesquite snag marked \bar{x} bears N $1^{\circ} 32' 30''$ E 48 1/2 vrs.

Thence continue N $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ E at 576 vrs cross draw, at 1909 vrs an old pile of stone bears E 25 1/2 vrs, from old pile of stone a mesquite snag 12 inches in diameter with old x still remaining bears N $65 \frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W 69 1/2 vrs and a 13 inch dead mesquite stump bears S $5^{\circ} 5'$ E 88 vrs, same being the original N W corner of survey 365.

Continue on preliminary N $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ E at 630 to 650 vrs cross draw, at 990, 1036, 1080 vrs cross and recross branch, at 1877 1/2 vrs an old small pile of stone at corner of fence, ~~from old pile of stone~~ bears E 23 vrs, from old pile of stone a 10 inch dead mesquite snag marked \bar{x} very old bears N $65^{\circ} 30'$ W 22 1/2 vrs, same being the original N W corner of survey 412, other bearing trees gone. Return to beginning stake near the S W corner of survey 356. Thence S $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ W at 1980 vrs a very old pile of stone bears E 14 2/3 vrs, from old pile of stone cedar on point bears N 15° E; find no old bearings. Continue S $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ W on preliminary at 1903 vrs an old pile of stone on gravelly hill bears E 11 3/4 vrs, from this pile of stone an

old fence extends north and a very old pile of stone north of gravelly hill bears N 25° E 84 vrs and another pile of stone on gravelly hill bears E 11 1/4. No bearing trees can be found in this vicinity, but the location, general appearance taken together with the subsequent analysis indicates that the old pile of stone north of gravelly hill is the original corner though all fences have been governed by pile of stone from which bearings are given. Continue preliminary S $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ W at 1855 vrs a stone in ground and a very old pile of stone bears E 56 1/2 vrs.

Thence angle left $90^{\circ} =$ S $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ E at 56 1/2 vrs pass stone in ground and pile of stone described above, at 1962 vrs a very old mesquite peg in a very old pile of stone, whence a draw bears N 50 and E 100 vrs. The course of this draw is such that a corner cannot be placed so that the draw can bear N 100 and E 100 vrs. Thence continue S $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ E at 81 1/2 vrs cross creek, at 820 vrs old creek bed, at 1910 1/2 vrs an old pile of stone at corner of fence bears N 4 1/2 vrs, bearing trees gone.

Sept. 23 1903. Beginning at pile of stone for the N W corner of survey 356 block 97. Thence angle left $90^{\circ} =$ N $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ W at 1870 vrs cross creek, at 1930 vrs a large pile of stone (Spiller's corner) bears S 2 1/4 vrs. Thence N $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ W at 595 vrs cross draw, at 1906 vrs point whence Spiller's corner pile of stone 1 in ground bears S 7 vrs. Thence angle right $22^{\circ} 45' =$ N $44^{\circ} 3' 39''$ W at 773 vrs cross creek at 2688 vrs stake for the N W corner of survey 359, whence a large pile of rock bears S 42 1/2 vrs and E 3 vrs. Thence angle left $45^{\circ} =$ N $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ W at 1131 vrs stake under fence. Begin at stake for the N W corner of survey 362. Thence N $0^{\circ} 56' 21''$ E 9 vrs to the true N W corner of survey 362. Thence S $89^{\circ} 3' 39''$ E on north boundary of survey 362 759 vrs. Thence S $1^{\circ} 42' 21''$ W at 80 vrs find two old pits remaining, whence large old mesquite bears angle left $33^{\circ} 16'$ 228 vrs and other mesquite gone. This point is identified by mesquite as four pits called for as bearing from survey 5 Township 5 North block 29 T & P, From the two old pits, thence N $1^{\circ} 42' 21''$ E at 80 vrs cross ~~draw~~,

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north line of survey 362, at 1903 vrs drove stake on east slope of rocky hill whence a 7 inch mesquite half dead, marked very old X with new hack above bears S 14° 15' W 192 vrs. rock mound and other bearing tree gone. The tree found indicates that this stake is at the rock mound called for as bearing in east line of ⁵⁰township 5 north Block 29.

Thence continue N 1° 42' 21" E at 1900 vrs find no bearings. Thence angle left 45° = N 43° 17' 39" W 2703 vrs. Thence angle right 45° = N 1° 42' 21" E at 383 vrs an old pile of stone bears W 3 vrs, same being 5 vrs south of fence supposed to be near T & P reservation line which is identified by creek crossings as the N E corner of section 1 Township 5 North, Block 29 T & P but other bearings at this corner cannot be identified. Thence angle right from back sight 72° 44' 50" = S 74° 27' 11" W along section line at 225 vrs and 585 vrs cross ravines, at 690 vrs fail to find stake mound and ~~xxxx~~ pits at 879 1/2 vrs fence on Spiller's west line of block 97, whence a large stone in ground marked W 473 bears S 64 1/2 vrs, from this stone another stone marked N E SEC 1 BLK 29 bears N 2 vrs. The bearings called for at this point cannot be identified, at 890 vrs enter draw at 1040 vrs leave same draw Return to pile of stone at N E corner of section 1 block 29. Thence N 74° 27' 11" E along reservation line at 261 vrs fail to find rock mound and bearings. Thence N 74° 27' 11" E along reservation line at 1900 vrs fail to find corner. Sept. 24th 1903 W. J. Booth and S. L. Jones chain carriers, Magnetic variation of line 8° 35' E.

Beginning at ~~W~~ pits whence a mesquite bears S 33 1/4 E 228 vrs, same being 80 vrs south from the north line of survey 362 Block 97. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 1907 vrs very old pile of stone deeply bedded. Thence angle right 45° = S 46° 21' 42' 21" W at 2623 vrs stake in road. The S E corner ~~of~~ survey 36 in my working sketch calls for Mushaway mountain to bear S 45° W from this point and I find that bearing true at a point one mile east and one mile south from this position. The bearing trees called for cannot be found ~~xxxx~~ here. Thence S 88° 17' 39" E at 1141 vrs Spiller's corner pile of stone bears N 10 vrs, at 1852 vrs a point. Thence angle right 90° = ~~N~~ S 1° 42' 21" W at 56 1/2 vrs a large rock mound deeply bedded whence old mesquite stump bears N 87° 40' E 133 vrs. This is evidently the large rock mound called for in my working sketch as being one mile south from the S E corner of survey 8 Block 29 Twp. 5 north. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W 1900 vrs to point 23 vrs south offence whence Mushaway Mountain bears S 45° 10' W, bearing trees gone. This is evidently point called for on my working sketch as N 18° 45' E 1910 vrs from S E corner of survey 36 Twp 5 north block 30. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W 173 vrs to point, Thence N 88° 17' 39" W at 680 vrs to 702 vrs lane, at 1125 vrs cross draw, at 1916 1/2 vrs drive stake. Sept. 26 1903. J. F. Maxie and S. L. Jones chain carriers.

Thence N 1° 42' 21" E at 186 vrs set stone 14x16x2 in north line of survey 317 block 97, whence Spiller's corner bears S 89° 3' 39" E 1224 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 218 vrs end of land from west, at 955 vrs cross draw west, at 1900 vrs set stone 10x5x1 marked X and three stones. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 65, 262, 320, 875, 984, 1400, 1588 and 1680 vrs cross and recross ~~draw~~ Bull Creek, at 1855 vrs set stone 14x12x8 marked X whence an ~~old~~ stone in ground and four pits bear N 89° 3' 21" W 626 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 456 vrs a pile of stone Whence 8 inch mesquite marked ~~7~~ bears S 3° 15' E 24 vrs and do. bears N 82° E 15 vrs. (bearings taken with T & P variation 12° 5' E) same being the N E corner of survey 1 Twp 5 north block 30 as subsequently determined by creek crossings. Thence S 74° 44' W with boundary of Twp 5 and Twp 4 north, at 180, 308, 480 vrs cross drains, at 731 vrs point, find no corner, Thence S 74° 44' W at 20 to 64 vrs cross Mesquite

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Creek, at 170 vrs and 260 vrs recross Mesquite Creek at 753 vrs cross branch at 950 vrs find no corner or bearings, at 1900 vrs find no corner or bearings Thence S 74° 44' W at 50 vrs cross drain, at 511, 815, ~~822~~ cross draw, at 962 vrs a very old pile of stone the original corner in north line survey 3 Twp 4 north Block 30 as proved by creek crossings.

Return to pile of stone at N E corner of survey 1 Twp 4 north Block 30 Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 180 vrs cross Mesquite Creek at 1336 vrs set stone 14x12x6 and pile of stone whence fences bears N 6 1/2 vrs and W 25 2/3 vrs, whence large stone 14x12x10 marked N W COR 229 BLOCK 97 set on pile of stone bears N 89° 3' 21" W 600 vrs, from large stone marked an old rock monument bears S 39 7/8 vrs, from old rock monument a 5 inch mesquite very oldx bears S 76° W 45 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 108 vrs set stake and pile of stone at 661, 1355, 1428, 1625, and 1849 vrs cross draws, at 1900 vrs pile of stone whence recent pile of stone bears S 40° 50' W 19.4 vrs, fences bears S 22.4 and W 17.2 vrs.

Thence angle right 89° 14', Magnetic variation of line 9° 20' E at 50 vrs and 89 vrs touch draw, at 431 vrs set stone 12x8x2 and make pile of stone, whence recent pile of stone bears S 68° E 15 vrs and large rock monument Spiller's bears W 141 1/2 and S 9 vrs, from Spiller's corner a 3 inch mesquite stump marked x remaining bears N 8° 45' E 6.6 vrs and a 5 inch mesquite marked x bears S 54° W 46 vrs. Thence angle left 89° 14' = S 1° 42' 21" E at 180 vrs cross ravine S E, at 199 vrs lane fence, at 200 vrs branch S E, at 225 vrs lane fence, at 327 vrs branch E at 480 vrs cross branch E at 519 vrs branch E at 655 vrs cross branch E at 1210 vrs cross branch E at 1480 vrs set stone 12x10x12 marked X, at 1641 vrs point whence stone 14x14x2 marked X bears ~~2x2x2x2x~~ S 1° 42' 21" W 86 vrs from ~~pile~~ stone Mushaway Mountain bears N 86° 15' W T & P variation. Thence angle left 90° = S 88° 17' 39" E at 1567 vrs set stone 14x16x3 marked X whence fence bears N 17 vrs, at 1628 vrs to 1650 vrs cross Public Road at 2325 vrs set triangular stone 13x16x6, whence recent pile of stone bears N 6 1/3 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 57 vrs to 89 vrs cross lane, at 1900 vrs very old mesquite stake in very old pile of stone, whence Mushaway Mountain bears angle left 7° 41' and fence bears W 7 vrs, same being pile of stone described on working sketch in east boundary of survey 11 Twp 4 north Block 30 as identified by Mushaway Mountain. Oct. 1 1903. Beginning at pile of stone an four pits at the N E corner of section 1 Block 29 Twp 5 north. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 320 vrs set stone 12x14x2 marked X in north line of 472, whence fence bears W.2 vrs

Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 271 1/2 vrs cross creek S W at 1080 ~~and~~ 1119 vrs cross draws, at 1920 vrs set stone 24x12x2 marked X whence fence bears W 3 1/2 Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 20 vrs cross fence at 287 vrs cross draw, at 483 vrs cross creek at 1900 vrs set stone 14x12x1 whence gate bears E 4 vrs and S 4 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 138 vrs cross ravine at 1365 vrs cross creek at 1900 vrs set stone 16x12x1 marked X east of line 22 vrs, to fit judgement, whence peg under fence bears S 10 and E 7 1/2 vrs, and German's peg bears S 32 and E 7 vrs. Thence angle right 89° 14' = N 89° 3' 39" W at 406 cross branch at 562 to 658 vrs cross branch at 785 vrs Spiller's rock monument marked W 416 bears S 49.8 vrs. from which old pile of stone bears N 5° E 34 vrs, bearing trees gone. Return to stone 16x12x1. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 84 vrs cross draw, at 1298 vrs cross draw, at 1909 vrs set stone 14x16x14 and pile of stone, fence bears E 3 vrs. Thence S 1° 42' 21" W at 47 3/4 vrs cross fence, at 683 vrs cross draw, at 955 vrs cross draw, at 1923 vrs set conglomerate stone 14x16x2 marked X, whence fence bears W 2 and S 4 vrs.

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Description of corners.

- (a) Large stone in ground marked ^w473 whence a stone in ground marked N E SEC 1 BLK 29 bears N 2 vrs, and reservation line bears N 64 1/2 vrs.
- (b) Old rock monument, stake and pile of large stones one marked W 416 ^{rock mt} bears N 50° E 34 vrs and section line bears N 49 1/2 vrs, bearing trees gone.
- (c) Old stone in ground and four pits.
- (d) Large pile of stone very old.
- (e) Mesquite stake very old and pile of stone very old, whence the center of Muchaway Mountain bears N 76° 22' W, and a projecting point of rock on Muchaway Mountain bears angle left from T & P line 76° 41', making T & P bearing to mountain N 76° 41' W, fence bears W 7 vrs. [4 in. mes. N22W 10
- (f) Large stone 14x12x10 marked N W COR 229 BLK 97 on a pile of small stones whence an old rock monument bears S 397 vrs, whence a 5 in. mesquite bears S 76° W 45 vrs, other bearings ~~gone~~ from old rock monument gone.
- (g) Stone 24x12x2 marked X, whence fences bear W 3 1/2 and S 20 vrs.
- (h) Stone 14x12x1 marked X, fence bears E 4 and Gate S 4 vrs.
- (i) Stone 14x16x4 and pile of stone, fence bears 3 vrs East.
- (j) Stone 10x5x1 marked X and pile of three stones.
- (k) Stone 14x16x3, whence fence bears N 17 vrs.
- (l) Point whence a stone 14x14x2 marked X bears S 1° 42' W 86 vrs.; from this stone Mushaway Mountain bears T & P N 86° 15' W.
- (m) Stone 12x8x2 and pile of stone, whence a recent pile of stone bears S 68° E 15 vrs, Spiller's rock monument on hill bears W 141 vrs and S 9 vrs, From Spiller's monument a 3 in. mesquite stump marked x bears N 8° 45' E 6.6 vrs, and a 5 in. mesquite x bears S 54° 15' W 46 varas
- (n) Old pile of stone on gravelly ridge, whence a 2 1/2 in. mesquite dead marked x bears N 1° 32' 30" E 48 1/2 vrs.
- (o) Very old pile of stone, whence a cedar on mountain bears N 15° E.
- (p) Small old pile of stone on gravelly hill, whence another old pile of stone bears E 11 1/4 vrs, and a large pile of stone very old and north of rocky hill bears N 25° 25' E 84 vrs, no bearing trees found. Said old pile of stone is N 73 vrs and E 34 vrs.
- (q) Large pile of stone and stone in ground.
- (r) Very old peg and pile of stone, whence ravine bears N 50 and E 100 vrs.
- (s) Old pile of stone at corner of fence; bearings gone.
- (t) Spiller's small pile of stone at north end of lane.
- (u) Point in lane shown, as Spillers corner, in line with fences to east and ~~near~~ north.
- (v) Spiller's pile of stone on in ground by south gate post.
- (w) Large old pile of stone, 60 vrs. west of creek.
- (x) Very old pile of stone, whence old mes. stump bears N 97° 40' E 133 vrs
- (y) ~~W~~ 7 in mesquite ^{stake} ~~stake~~ very old marked old X with new hack above, set (from bearing tree) on side of rocky hill; pile of stone gone.
- (z) Stone 14x12x8 marked X.
- (aa) Stone 16x12x1 marked X; Germans peg bears S 32 and E 7 vrs.
- (ab) Conglomerate stone 14x16x2, whence fences bear south 4 and west 2 vrs.
- (ac) Stone 14x16x2, whence corner of fence bears E 4 1/2 and N 7 vrs.
- (ad) Stone 14x12x8 marked X.
- (ae) Stone 14x12x6 and pile of stone, whence fences bear N 6 1/2 and W 25 2/3 and stake and pile of stone bear S 1° 42' W 108 vrs.

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- (af) Pile of stone, whence a recent pile of stone bears angle right $38^{\circ} 8' 19.4$ vrs, (T. & P S $38^{\circ} 8' W$) fences bear S 22.4 and W 17.2 vrs.
(ag) Triangular stone 13x16x6, whence a recent pile of stone bears N $2^{\circ} 6.3$ vrs, and ~~XXXXX~~ north fence of lane bears S 57 vrs; in line with fence running south.
(ah) Two pits., old, remaining, whence old mesquite \bar{x} brs S $33^{\circ} 16' E$ 228 vrs.
(ai) Very old pile of stone deeply bedded.
(aj) Point whence Mushaway Mountain bears S $45^{\circ} W$.
(ak) Old pile of stone, whence a 12 in mes. snag- \bar{x} bears N $65^{\circ} 45' W$ 69 1/2 and a 13 in. mes. stump dead bears S $5^{\circ} 5' E$ 88 vrs.
(al) Old pile of stone whence a mes. snag \bar{x} bears N $65 1/2^{\circ} W$ 22 1/2 vrs, same is marked four bars X four bars.
(am) Stake whence a large pile of rock bears S $57 1/2$ and E 3 vrs; from stake a 16 in mesquite marked \bar{x} bears angle left back sight $28^{\circ} 18' 40" = S 73^{\circ} 18' 40" E$ 919 vrs.
(an) old pile of stone, reservation line fence bears N 5 vrs.
(ao) old pile of stone whence 8inch mesquite ~~XXXXX~~ marked \bar{x} bears S $3^{\circ} 15' E$ 24 vrs and do. bears N $82^{\circ} E$ 15 vrs
(ap) stone 12x14x2, fence bears west .2 vrs.


I, W.D.Twichell, state surveyor, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the survey made by me upon the ground Sept. 22 to Oct. 25 1903, to determine the amount of conflict between Block 97 and the T. & P. Ry surveys in Borden County, Texas; and that the description of corners submitted herewith, is true and correct, as placed upon the ground, and that the letters in parenthesis, preceding the description of each corner, refer to the same letter or letters, placed on the sketch at the corner so described.

W.D. Twichell
state surveyor.

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Oct. 12th, 1903.

Mr. W. D. Twichell
Amarillo, Texas.
Dear Sir:-

Your two letters of the 8th inst. have been received. In reply to that in regard to the surveying you have recently done in Borden county, will say that a conference has just been had with the Attorney General, in which the question of which should hold over the other in case of conflict between surveys of block 97 H. & T. C and T. & P. surveys on the west. He is not fully satisfied whether, or not, the state should observe the decree of the District court holding the T. & P. surveys to be superior, or which of the two grantees the Land office should recognize as being superior, and prefers to see a report of your survey before giving a final opinion. Will you please prepare your official report, and map showing extent of conflict between block 97 and the T. & P. surveys, and submit it to this department, and omit the corrected field notes for the present. As soon as this office shall have determined on the position in which it will observe the western boundary of block 97. I will ask you to prepare corrected field notes of border surveys, accordingly. In the working sketch and instructions sent you, I did not make any reference to Spiller's resurvey, for the reason that I did not consider it as having any bearing on the conflict between the original position of block 97 and the T. & P. surveys adjoining it which is really the question to be determined by your resurvey. Sales on sections of block 97 in Borden county, have been made on a basis of 640 acres to the section, and Spiller's corrected field notes, having been approved by the Commissioner of the Land office, and settlements made by it, will be used for issuing patents. It is probable that I will ask you to base your corrections on his resurvey, but that is a matter to be determined after your report shall have been considered. Will reply in a separate letter to your letter in regard to the proposed surveying you contemplate doing in Lubbock and Crosby counties, at the instance of Messrs. Slaton and Peoples.

Respectfully,

Hunnicuttt-Goodridge.

W. D. Twichell
Commissioner.



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Dear Sir:-


Your two letters of the 6th Inst, have been received in regard to the surveying you have proposed for Golden county, will say that a conference has just been held with the Attorney General, in which the question of which should hold over in cases of conflict between surveys of Block 97 and Block 98 was discussed. He is not fully satisfied whether or not the date should observe the degree of the listed survey, and the date of the survey to be adopted, in which case we should the land office records regarding the same, and you please prepare your official report, and send such a report to see a report of your survey before giving a final opinion of conflict between block 97 and the T. & G. P. survey, and advise of this department, and omit the corrected field notes for the records. As soon as this office shall have determined on the position in which it will observe the western boundary of block 97, I will give to the Western Survey and Restoration Commission, according to the Western Survey and Restoration Commission, and you will be able to have any meeting on the conflict between the original survey of Block 97 and the T. & G. P. survey, which is being conducted by your surveyors, and the Commission, have been made on a basis of 360 acres to the section, and Billie's corrected field notes, having been approved by the Commissioner of the Land Office, and certificates made by it, will be used for issuing Patents. It is probable that I will ask you to have your corrections on his report, but that is a matter to be determined after your report shall have been considered. Will reply in a separate letter to your letter in regard to the proposed surveying you contemplate doing in Lubbock and Crosby Counties, at the instance of Messrs. Blanton and Peoples.

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Respectfully,

Hammitt-Goodridge

Commissioner



Oct. 12th, 1903.

Mr. W. D. Twichell
Amarillo, Texas.
Dear Sir:-

Your two letters of the 8th inst, have been received. In reply to that in regard to the surveying you have recently done in Borden county, will say that a conference has just been had with the Attorney General, in which the question of which should hold over the other in case of conflict between surveys of block 97 H. & T. C and T. & P. surveys on the west. He is not fully satisfied whether, or not, the state should observe the decree of the District court holding the T. & P. surveys to be superior, or which of the two grants the Land office should recognize as being superior, and prefers to see a report of your survey before giving a final opinion. Will you please prepare your official report, and map showing extent of conflict between block 97 and the T. & P surveys, and submit it to this department, and omit the corrected field notes for the present. As soon as this office shall have determined on the position in which it will observe the western boundary of block 97. I will ask you to prepare corrected field notes of border surveys, accordingly. In the working sketch and instructions sent you, I did not make any reference to Spiller's resurvey, for the reason that I did not consider it as having any bearing on the conflict between the original position of block 97 and the T. & P. surveys adjoining it which is really the question to be determined by your resurvey. Sales on sections of block 97 in Borden county, have been made on a basis of 640 acres to the section, and Spiller's corrected field notes, having been approved by the Commissioner of the Land office, and settlements made by it, will be used for issuing patents. It is probable that I will ask you to base your corrections on his resurvey, but that is a matter to be determined after your report shall have been considered. Will reply in a separate letter to your letter in regard to the proposed surveying you contemplate doing in Lubbock and Crosby counties, at the instance of Messrs. Slaton and Peoples.

Respectfully,

Hannicutt-Goodridge.



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Oct. 13th, 1893

Mr. W. D. Twissell
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:-

Your two letters of the 8th inst. have been received. In reply to that in regard to the surveying you have recently done in Borden county, will say that a conference has just been had with the Attorney General, in which the question of which should hold over the other in case of conflict between surveys of block 97 N. E. 1/4 and 1/4 of 2 surveys on the west. He is not fully satisfied with the result and the state should observe the degree of the district corner holding the 1/4 of 2 survey as to whether or which of the two surveys the land office should recognize as being superior, and you please prepare your official report, and map showing extent of conflict between block 97 and the 1/4 of 2 surveys, and submit it to this department, and will the corrected field notes for the present. As soon as this office shall have determined on the position in which it will observe the western boundary of block 97, I will send you to prepare corrected field notes of border survey, according to the western section and the question sent you, I did not make any reference to either survey, for the reason that I did not consider it as having any bearing on the conflict between the original sections of block 97 and the 1/4 of 2 surveys adjoining it which is really the question to be determined by your survey. Also as sections of block 97 in Borden county, have been made on a basis of 360 acres to the section, and 360 acres connected fields noted, having been approved by the Commissioner of the Land Office, and settlements made by it, will be used for issuing patents. It is probable that I will ask you to base your corrections on his survey, but that is a matter to be determined after your report shall have been considered. Will reply in a separate letter to your letter in regard to the proposed surveying you contemplate doing in Imbuck and Grosby counties, at the instance of Messrs. Blanton and Peoples.

Respectfully,

Huntlett-Goedridge

Commissioner