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J. H. Smelser,

Nash, Texas, Feb. 18, 1927.

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

Dear Sir:

REFERRED TO MAP

Directing your attention to section # 68, certificate 2/1245, T. & P. Ry. Co., in Bowie Co. and especially, to the N. W. part of the same which was surveyed for Albert Runnison and now owned by H. T. Karnes, I would say that, at the instance of Mr. Karnes, I went to his place, but on reading your letters to him and listening to his ideas concerning this matter, I decided not to attempt to properly adjust its lines in conformity to those of the surrounding surveys, until I could obtain some further instructions from you regarding the same.

In your letter to him of Nov. 26th, 1926, you state that your records show this subdivision to be "in conflict with other patented subdivisions of that survey."

Mr. Karnes claims that only two of these subdivisions, namely: D. Lavin's and G. W. Son's, were surveyed and their field-notes filed in your office prior to his survey having been made and its field-notes filed there, and that the subdivision south of, and adjoining, the Runnison subdivision, was surveyed subsequent to the latter, and that therefore, (the same being the G. R. Carney survey,) is in conflict with his survey and should be pushed back far enough south to allow his survey to have 240 acres of land. He refers you to your letter to him of April 13th, 1906 wherein, he contends, that you recognize his survey as containing 240 acres.

You will, of course, know better than I, whether or not, he is correct in his statements and contentions.

I learned from Mr. Karnes that the N. B. line of this section calling for 1590 varas, was measured both by Mr. Sims and Mr. Braley, the former finding it to be 1440 varas and the latter to be 1435 varas and that they found its S. B. line to be 1020 varas, thus showing a shortage from the original field-notes of 150 varas. The termination of their measurements was in a road at a corner which has been for a great many years, regarded both by myself and all others around there, I think, except Mr. Karnes, as being the N. E. corner of this section and the N. W. corner of section # 64. The witness trees are now gone, but I have seen them standing there. From this corner south the line is in an open field until arriving at G. W. Son's N. W. corner is section # 64, when it runs through large timber and is well marked, the marks indicating that they were made at the time when these sections were first surveyed.

Mr. Karnes insisted that I should measure from the corner in the road east 150 varas to where he claims the witness trees used to stand and to then run south, which, he says, is the old dividing line between the two sections. This I declined to do unless so instructed by you. The N. W. & S. W. corners he informed me could not be located by Sims or Braley by reason of being in a field and he wishes you to advise me that if I can locate the N. E. corner of the Boyce survey and measure

Counter 14854

E'

West along its N. B. line 1703 varas, plus 1627 varas, whether or not, at their termination, I would be justified in running south. I write this at his request and should like to have your answer so as to satisfy him.

X Please send me copies of the field-notes of section # 68 as was first made by M. J. Knight in 1859 and a copy of the field-notes of the Albert Runnison subdivision in the same.

I enclose a rough sketch of these two sections so as to make my meaning clearer to you.

Yours truly,

As Mr. Karnes is very anxious to get his survey in proper shape, you will please write in reply as early as possible.

Send bill for the two sets of field notes which shall have my prompt attention.

S-349

62046

62224 ✓

60247

60569

80509

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2 Notes 2nd
Bowie Strip 349
School file 62224.



71

69

63

59

72

9
5
7
7

1440

1627

200

1703

425

1
9
0
0

68

64

1
8
5
6

W.H. Boyce ²
8
0
0

E.W.

5022

9
9
0
4
5
4

Turner

1020

1000

1703

1175

427

65

58

*10 W. 1/4 Sec. 36 T. 15 N. R. 10 E. Sec. 36
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R. C. Graham

D. M. Chisholm

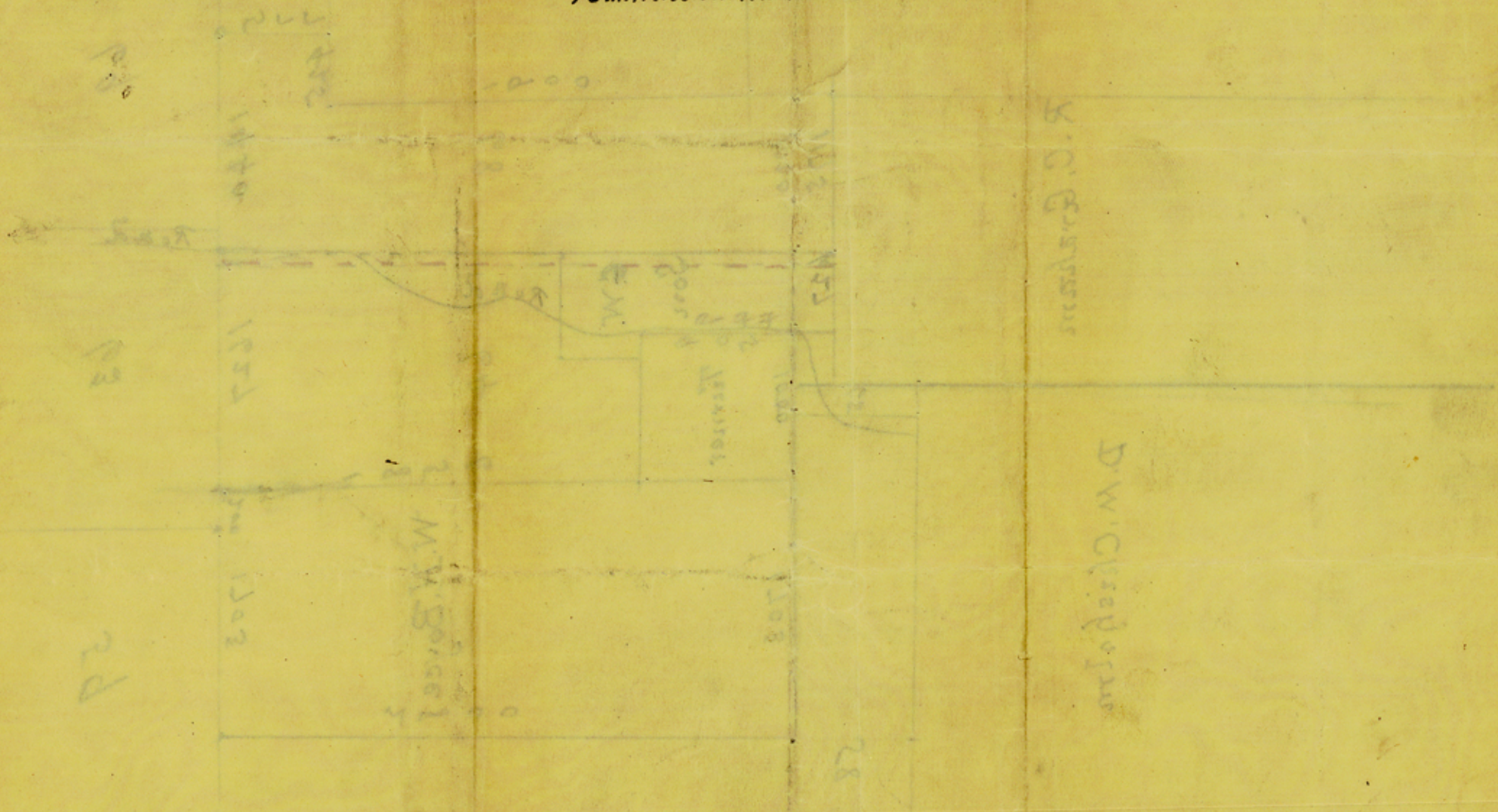
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Bowie County.

J. H. Smelser Sk. & Letter
Sections 64 & 68 - T. & R. Ry. Co.

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16 Mi. N. 60° W. New Boston



R. C. G. ...

D. W. Cline ...

Green ... Counter 19857

Plat
No 2

Plat No 2

69

63

1000

1000

1570

91

1012

200

N
594

H.T. Karnes
240 A
1,354,800 Sq. Varas

80

160

425

7
80

6
25

4
97.4

587.5

80
D.E. Loving

80

567.5

30

1000

160

John A.
Browning

4
89.4

587.5

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Vacant

68

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160

Wm H. Browning

567.5

80

587.5

80

1000

Turner
160

Wm H. Browning

Wm H. Browning

79
57

79
57

76
09

1000

627

1000

Wm L. Browning

47
41

567.5

587.5

13
7

VACANT

A

1226
65

393
58

R. C. Graham.

1" = 300 VA.

Showing Sec. 64 as originally
sub-divided by Sims-Seriot.

Showing 68 as it should be divided.

Counter 14858

SKETCH FILE
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320
950
240
590
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1900

measures

No 2