

H. T. Karnes  
R.H. B123

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DeKalb Texas  
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JAN 30 1928

Mr J. T. Rabison

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Austin Texas

Dear sir in regard to the Albert  
Remison subdivision in sec-  
68. cert- 2/1245 T. & B. Ry Co- in  
Bonnie County. beg to say i am  
delayed in sending you the  
amount it would take to Patent  
the 240 acres. my Banker seems  
to think it best to get

Mr H. C. McCluers field note  
as it would be some difference  
from J. W. Nevers field note.  
as soon as i get H. C. McCluers  
field note I will forward the  
money

Yours Truly

H. T. Karnes

this is Robison's first paragraph

January

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1928

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Mr. Ralph Son,  
Livian Louisiana.

Mr. W. T. Karnes,  
DeKalb Texas.

Mr. R. O. Son,

Mr. R. O. Son,

Mr. J. A. Welch,

Mr. W. E. Oreas,

Mr. R. H. Jones,

R. H. DeKalb Texas,

Mr. R. E. Calvin.

Route 4.

DeKalb Texas

Dear Sir

We have yours of  
the 5th instant also a letter  
signed R. O. Son, J. A. Welch  
W. E. Oreas, and R. H. Jones.

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also one from R. E. Calvin  
same place. all on the  
nature of protest against a  
survey recently made by  
H. C. McCheser, Licensed land  
surveyor, for H. T. Barnes on  
section 08. T. & P. Ry. Co. Bowie  
County. and all of which  
have been given due  
consideration,

H. T. K

I believe they are using the  
mail with the intent to  
defraud

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1/27/1927

Mr H. C. McBluer

Bogata Texas

Dear Sir,

I received a letter  
to day from Mr J. T. Robison  
It was addresssed to Mr.  
W. T. Karnus, I believe it was  
an answer to the letter  
that the whole bunch dict-  
ated to Calvin. to write to  
Robison, in answer to the  
letter. Robison says all in  
the nature of protest against  
a survey recently made by  
H. C. McBluer for H. T. Karnus  
on section. 08. he enformed  
them that McBluer's survey  
still holds good.

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but Robison gives them  
 the privilege of getting an-  
 other surveyor. If not satis-  
 -fied with McCher survey,  
 and sets them to a man  
 by the name of Mr R. W.

Priest of Barthage, Texas  
 Panola Co. Robison say he is a  
 licensed land surveyor.

now if this bunch gets  
 him I wont you to meet  
him here if possible, or  
 write him I have got all  
 field notes, and working sket-  
 -ches nessesary, to show him  
 where the G. R. Carney, 80 acre  
 tract, also the Calvin, 30 acre  
 tract, yours Truly, H. T. Karnes H<sup>5</sup>

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- Bowie County -

Correspondence

Letter - H. T. Karmes

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Letter - H. C. McClure

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Letter - H. C. McClure

Filed Jan. 13, 1928

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RETURN IN 5 DAYS  
H. C. McCLUER, C. E.  
BOGATA, TEXAS



Hon. J. T. Robison,

Austin,

Texas.

Dr. Clarke

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Bro. Clark,

I went back to Bowie Co. re-run J.T. Karnes land to proper distances and corners.

I am not stuck on work over there, where the principal ingredients that form the crowd of interested and would be interested, each one of whom totes a revolver or a shot gun. I never felt right downright safe, I almost yelled at times. I had to stop arguments, listen to that fool Ed. Calvin shoot off his mouth, he says, The Land Office nor the State of Texas can move his lines or corners. The Bunch-Johnson, Son & Co. & Welch had a meeting before I got there and made up a fund and put E. Calvin in as Chief Windjammer to tell you and me where to get off. He met me and began to spout & to show letters & maps etc. I told him I was there to work, and that neither he nor any one else in that country knew my business any better than I did, that he could go along, but that I would do all the necessary talking - and I got a cussing. I laughed & worked. At the N.W. cor of the D. Loving - Etta Karnes came to us, and such a dressing as ~~Karnes~~<sup>Calvin</sup> and Welch got, she had her hand on her gun, Calvin shivered and tears rolled down his cheeks. "I just worked on" -



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Welch ran his Sister-in-law off, and gave her children  
away - Calvin lick his wife & cusses her awfully so I am  
informed. W.V. Sims says I put the E.P. line 68 in the right  
place - Smelser put the S.E. 160 - 140 Va. too far west 16 years  
ago. he was told so then, but would not listen to reason, and  
Karnes says that is the reason he would not do his work.  
Karnes got out an injunction to stop Welch from building his  
fence - Welch put Mr & Miss Etha under a peace Bond -  
Karnes has filed suit against Calvin - Welch - Son. to Try Title.  
Welch & Calvin cannot go borrow cash.  
Karnes unsecured note is good - I have my cash in full

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This letter is to you and my old friend & chf Driftman

Karnes has the cash to pay you off. (The state)  
So Patent him, I do not want to go back to that mitl-dam  
country unless I have a Guard and an Iron Suit.

Yours,  
Mac.

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when I got to the North line of the <sup>BOGATA, TEXAS.</sup> Calvin 30 A. Tract, Ed Calvin <sup>192.</sup>  
ordered me to stay out, to set no corner. - Local history  
says there was a P. a. blazed 4 sides for D. Loving S. W. Cor.  
but that E. Calvin destroyed it - so I went west to the  
Browning line and set Karnes S. S. W. Corner - and  
Calvin gave you + Karnes the particular sheet -

said I was making new notes -

I believe the surveyor who run out the A. Rennison 240 A  
got balled up, got his calls gummed up - and figured out  
how many Sq. Va. there was in 240 A, and so put it as he  
did, 1,324,800 sq. va. and let it go - his notes will not  
figure 240 A. the notes I send you, I believe will - however  
if they do not suit you, you have my authority to change  
them, and get Karnes Pat. to him before some one is killed  
over there, as Karnes is standing over a mine -

I found that the E. B. line sec. 72 runs <sup>69</sup> North, + W. B. line  
68 runs N. E. that left a T. thus  $72 \sqrt{68}$  - so I put the N. W.  
Cor 68 over to N. E. Cor 72 and gained by measurement 10 va. Etw -  
did I do right -

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My Calvin when he was a welcome friend in the Karnes home, said I want to see sec 68 corrected. now he does not. he leased 210 Acres to an oil Co. in Sec 68, and owns 190 a. he says you cannot correct 68, that you cannot move a Pat, that the sec. line if in the wrong place now cannot be corrected. That W.V. Sims work must stand, he says his 80 in S.W. Cor 68 is shorter Esw than his deed calls show, but that he got his acreage by going farther North than his call. he says he knows the S.E. 80 is wrong. Sanders, who owns it is abadly wanted absconding Banker. Calvin says you cannot move his S.B. line of 80 N. of Sanders S. to cover the 67 vara vacant strip of state land. there is room for every one and land to spare if 68 was located and sub-divided as it should be. Weaver-Sims-Smelser is the cause of it all. Calvin is the son-in-law of Geo Son the 1<sup>st</sup> man in 68. whosaid I fixed it as I wanted to. Calvins daughter married V. Welch's son. So you can see how much chance an Honest Man like H.T. Karnes has to get and hold his land.

Enclosed a Map.

*Dr. Clark*

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BOGATA, TEXAS, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1928.

Hon. J. T. Robinson  
Austin.  
Texas.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed a letter from Mr. H. T. Karnes; when Swales went into that country 16 years ago he ran out Jones' land, he did not check up on the surrounding surveys as he should have done, Result Jones is 178 rods too far west. When Mr Swales went to run out Karnes' land a year ago - he made a transit survey on the N & S end of The Pledge, he told Karnes when his Comers, Mr Karnes said of this is true then you will have to turn up the Jones survey you made 16 years ago. Swales was surprised, he looked into it, and quit - and recommended me, and later he told Karnes not to get me - you see since then he was wrong when he ran out 68. He sent you a Plot, but it is an "office Plot". He did not run all the lines he claims he did so Karnes his friend say - why did he tell Karnes I would not make an accurate report to Robinson for \$100<sup>00</sup> - why did he say on another occasion, I could clear the all up - but I won't do it - Why - you and I can only guess - or take his Plot set calls, and take the Comers.

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and measurement on the ground - They do not agree -  
Why does Collier say I know I am short ESW, but I go  
for enough over my calls NTS. to get my acreage -  
Why did Collier let him run out the Garden 80 ft track  
& cut off his E.B. line - I do not know where as when I  
was in your office lately I spoke of Mr Green Sr, who made  
an accurate survey of 64, but who was not paid for his  
work - I found his crosses in many places; But, Mr Collier  
who is a son-in-law of G.W. Green, Collier Woodh family,  
indiscreet - G.W. Green told Komer we did not want the  
land run out as Mr Green Sr run it out, we were the  
first ones in town and we fixed it to suit ourselves -  
as per a previous report about the wife killing over the W.B. line of  
The Turner, the son of the man building the house say G.W. Green is a  
man who will go to any length to gain his ends - The former  
owner of the N.E. 1/4 of 64, he lives near Parkview, his nephew  
was my head chain man and when I came to the stop at 10 1/2 mms  
from the N.E. corner of Sec 64 and N.W. Cor The Boyce, the nephew said  
his uncle told him, "That where Sec 64 is properly run out the  
into to my N.W. corner - I ran so carelessly and slowly, that  
Sun I was right before I set the line between 64 & 68 that I am

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Willing to look my work as correct - I told Welch & Colvin I did  
 own a thing about their land only as it had a line on Mr  
 Roman Soney - I told Mr Jones I was not a bit interested in  
 his land - Welch Pat says 1600 on N. from S.E. corner of 68 -  
 as line out the S.E. corner 300 68 - it is only 1508 1/2 on -  
 But if he runs from the large survey on the South it will be  
 1618 on - But, which line is right - Is the S.P. line 68 - 40 runs  
 south of S.P. line 64 as it now is, or is it 148 1/2 on South -  
 A Soney for a Big Oil Co says the distance from S.P. line 64  
 to large survey on the South is 1360 on. He did as I did, he runs  
 the E.P. line & then 1/2. If Soney Jr. where he ran out the  
 30 on for Colvin had first checked corners 240 on, then  
 he might (?) have put the line when it belonged. Or like so  
 many used to Soneys, they take a fence or some other way as to  
 a beginning point, "get done, get the money, and go" - in this in-  
 stance he was asking Colvin, Welch & Soney to lick Roman -  
 The 30 on survey to my belief was a part of job -  
 Since Colvin Welch know that Welch W.B. line is  
 140 on to far west - It is a case of get home, safe & sound  
 because they are of a different grade of citizen -

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If Suelter & Sims would leave me on the ground  
or I asked them to do I would leave everyone  
everyone I was right. But, Suelter was too lazy. Sims  
would not reply to two letters, but told home, "McCluer has  
put the line between 64 & 68 in the right place", so why  
wait he has that bunch of High binders to drop it.

they on one hand they do not own, they know it, but in  
spite of nose & right they will go to any lengths to hoodid.

A Merchant of Detroit and New Boston and here says  
that this is the toughest bunch in Bois Co, that will do  
the toughest, and that Sims has no samples when it comes  
to giving his ends. He also says the Kansas family on the  
sides of the earth. To my mind it is a case of giving Mr  
Kansas his Patent and then let them go into Dick

Court, or else shoot it out. I will not feel safe if I  
leave to go back in that section, to and my other Surveyor,  
If I do, I will ask the Sheriff for a body guard. As Mr Kansas  
is the only one who is a gentleman.

Reply. H. C. McCluer.  
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If permissible I would like to have a copy of the letter that Colvin wrote you -

Dr Clark, you know I am on the square, that I will do crooked thing if I know it, and I am more than willing to let my work and report stay in your hands - I thank the Dept for copying my work stands - Tell my old for friend - I am asked -

If I go back then I will want a working sketch on Tracing

cloth - for at least 2 mile each way - I do not want a Photo stat map. too hard to not - what will a Tracing cloth map 4 mile square on 500000 to do such cost.

Yours.  
Mac.