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REPORT of a survey of Sections in Block 10, GH & SA RY CO, in BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS.

Survey was made in October 1968, for J.D. Strauss.

We made a false beginning from a well constructed rock mound with an iron pipe driven in center which Mr. Strauss had reason to believe was the NE corner of Section 188. Greene notes call for a stone mound on the West side of a hill, brgs. on Pattersons House and a small peak. Pattersons house is now known as the Kokernot, Benson Hq., and small peaks are visible in all directions. The mound was on the West side of a hill.

We traversed westward from this mound and at 1900 varas made an all out search for some semblance of an earth mound, and or a rock marked NE 147. Since we were in an overflow valley and heavy mesquite growth, with no surface rocks large enough to mark we abandoned this line.

Returning to NE 188 we traversed eastward in search of a stone mound in draw m'kd NE 189. This draw is a wide swale and the corner would have been near the eastern side of the swale, in a borrow pit alongside the Hovey Road.

Continuing, at 3800 varas we were unsuccessful in locating NE 240. Since we were South of, and approximately parallel with the division fence we searched along the fence and found a RK mound mk'd NE 240. We made a tie to this mound and proceeded on our traverse and found a rock mound with I. pipe in center, under division fence, one rock mk'd NE 239. We tied in to this mound and took a bearing on a rock mound under fence mk'd NE 291.--N.89°23'E.

Returning to NE 188 a search for the Greene corner was successful. Mound and marked rock were located under the East-West fence which originally had extended E-W from a corner post from which guy wires and stump of a post are still in evidence. The mark 'NE 188' was some 6" to 8" below the ground surface.

Beginning from the true NE 188, from which the rock mound and iron pipe brs. N.2°42'E. 78 varas, we found NE 189 to be a fence corner post, imbedded in rocks in the East side of a draw and in the East right of way line of the Hovey Road. Continuing along fence we tied in NE 240, NE 239 and NE 291.

I find no record of any survey having been made subsequent to the Greene resurvey involving section 188. There is a similarity in the iron pipes at 239 and 291.

From NE 240 an abandoned fence extends South 1902 varas to a fence juncture, which I accepted as the SE 240 and SW 239.

From this SW 239 we traversed the fence S.0°08'W. 3800 varas to it's juncture with a pasture fence which brs. S.89°37'W. Greene calls for earth mound and 4 pits with cedar stake marked NE 245; continuing S.0°08'W. 1908 varas along fence to a fence corner, assumed to be the SE 245--no mound called for by Greene.

Thence with fence, S.89°51'W. 1901.1 varas to fence corner at a well. No call for Greene corner. Fence corner accepted as the common corner of surveys 181, 182, 245, and 248.

Continuing across open pasture, S.89°51'W. 1913.5 varas to fence corner, (fences N.0°06'E. and S.89°51'W.); continue S.89°51'W. 1915.1 varas to fence juncture, and a corner of Strauss property. At this point, which is in overflow area, the fence corner post was surrounded by large rocks none of which had a marking which could be found. Greene called for earth mound with rock marked SE 152.

From FC, SE 152, we traversed the property line fence--N.0°06'E. 1915.3 varas to a large corner post--a property line corner--with a number of rocks around the base for ballast. No marked rock was found. Greene calls for earth mound and four pits, with rock marked NE 152.

From this NE 152 a pasture fence brs. S.89°27'E. and the property line fence brs. N.89°26'W. 1915.1 varas to an abandoned FC post with dead man and guy wires, very old, and remains of an old fence extending northward. This accepted as SW 151, SW 150;

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From SE 150 the property line fence brs. N.89°31'W., crossing US Hwy. No.67, 1995.2 varas to a long pointed rock marked NW 153. This rock was lying on the ground, presumably replaced by the property line fence corner post which checked with bearings called by Greene. This corner is at the North base of a hill.

Here the property line turns northward as described in field notes, and a pasture fence brs. N.0°17'E. 1642.1 varas to a pasture fence bearing N.89°17'W. The juncture of these fences was assumed to be the NE corner of section 103. This area is subjected to heavy run-off and any marked rock could well be covered by years of silt or possibly used in the base of a steel reservoir nearby.

Returning to SW corner of section 239 we traversed the South pasture fence to the SE fence corner:: S.88°58'E. 1934.3 varas and N.85°16'E. 1987.8 varas. At S.88°57'E. 1907 varas from SW 239 a pasture fence takes off to southward. No Greene corners were called for along this line, and having found no evidence left by Mr. Stovell, we came up with our own answer.

I see no justification for STOVELL'S call of 1915.5 varas for the East line of section 291.

At the time we were working the East side of the Strauss Ranch, his neighbor, Bob Simms was trying to settle a herd of 500 or more new sheep on his side of the fence. Had I deemed it necessary to check on the Stovell corners, I could have made arrangements with Mr. Simms, but Stovell called for Rk Mds. at SE & SW 290-Greene called for EM at SW 290 and none at SE 290. Where Greene called for EMs at NE 249, NE 178 and NE 179, Stovell calls Rk Mds.

It would appear that the above described findings would be sufficient evidence that the fences, with the exception of South fence of sections 239 and 291, could be taken as section and property lines.

Along the line from NE 62 to NW 101 we found for NE 62 an ancient fence corner post and guy wires and deadmen with broken posts and loose, rusty barbed wire to Northward and southward. Many large rocks were imbedded around the post but no marked rock was found.

NE 65, described as being on the North side of a hill was not identified by any visible markings. There were three definite mounds in the vicinity.

We made a search for NE 66, Rk Md 10 varas East of a gully in the head of a draw. There were many piles of rocks, and a network of draws and gullies. It appears that the drilling crew on the dry hole piled rocks for exercise.

No effort was made to find NE 70-NW 101.

Due to the illness of my wife it has been impossible for me to leave town since about November 11th. Her recovery from influenza and pneumonia has been slow, with a set-back once or twice a week since her release from the hospital December 12th.

I assure you that I am just as interested in completion of this survey, to your satisfaction, as are you and Mr. Strauss.

Yours very truly,

*J. T. Carney, Jr.*  
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