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Dear Sir

I write this to inform you that I have found a strip of apparently unoccupied land not covered by the fieldnotes of adjacent surveys lying between the west line of Block 335, GC&SF Ry.Co. and the east line of Block 221, T&StL Ry.Co., in Brewster County about $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles, S E, from Alpine. This is the same strip found when I was helping the County Surveyor, in a re survey of Block 247. But at that time the location of the west line of Blk. 335, was indefinite, a recent survey has, I think, furnished the exact data to locate this line, and shows an excess in westing to Block 221, also a strip of land lying between the NBL of Block 335 and the South line of Blk. 332, not covered by the fieldnotes of Block 335 as its initial calls are contradictory.

The strip between Block 335 and Block 221 is in R.L.Henderson's pasture and I have notified him of its existence.

The strip on the north of Block 335 is not in any pasture as far as I could find out, several parties own the lands bounded on the south by the Henderson pasture on the east by Graham's fence, and on the west for a short distance by the old east fence of the Johnson pasture but open to ~~the north~~ Nine Point Mesa on the west and runs back into the mountains to the north.

Mr. H.B.Fenell has a lease on Survey 1 in Block 335 and wishes to buy this strip if it exists.

Mr. Fenell called on me to locate Survey 1 Block 335, on looking over the fieldnotes I find that this survey calls to begin at S E 59 Block 332 and at a point 220 varas South of the N W corner of 19 Block 240, T&SL, which corner is 4 miles west of a rock mound marked "L" by the original surveyor of both Blocks. This "L" corner being the most westerly of a row or chain of marked corners, running by the double mills on the Maravillas on south by Bone Spring and then west.

The "L" corner was in existence a few years ago. It is near and west of the road at the foot of a rocky point and east of a creek, it has been covered up or washed away, but its former location is readily obtained from surrounding land marks, and the line west runs through Buttrill's old field on the slope of a lone hill standing north of the east part of the field, we tied this location to BM 2850 which is N 15 1/2° E 545 varas. The location was further identified by running 4 miles west to a point between west edge of gravel ridge and a small creek, then south 3 miles to a rock mound set and marked for N W 37 Block 240, by county surveyor Harmon, when "L" corner still existed. Later I had to again run the Thompson ~~XXXXXX~~ line from N E 2 Block 234 west and south to S E 3 Block 239 and fixed points on this line on the topographic map and they check with the BM 2850.

The easting of this corner is limited by the road and its westing by the creek, which are not more than 40 varas apart. The northing of the old corner is fixed by the point of rock ledge and by the line on slope of hill in field, so that there is small chance of any serious error.

Setting the N W corner of 19 Block 240, 4 miles west of the above re-location of the "L" corner, we ran South 220 varas and put in the N E 1 Block 335, 5480 varas north of Harmon's N W 37, with bearings on the West Carazon Monument and on Nine Point Bluff.

The call for the S E 59 Block 332 is indefinite as Block 332 begins on the Santiago Base Line and runs south 16 miles with out any corners. Hence we adopted the more reasonable call for an original corner only 4 miles east instead of one 16 miles north. All of these Blocks having the same original surveyor, S.A.Thompson.

We ran west and put in the N W 1. This line west runs up the Nine Point Draw and we could see that it would not correspond with Block 221.

Block 221 runs by a connected chain of calls from the Santiago Base Line, some years ago we ran a traverse from the most westerly of these corners marked B 10, with bearings on San Jacinto and Santiago, to BM 3301 in the old Terlingua road tying to BMs and other Topographical points, and found BM 3301 to be 14 miles and 70 varas south and 6 varas west of the "B 10" corner. From this point 70 varas north and 6 varas east of BM 3301, we ran two miles east and set the N W corner of Survey 6 Block 221, by course and distance from N W corner of Survey 3 Block 213, the "B 10" corner, which is the nearest marked corner in Thompson's chain of calls.

Since we put in this corner the U.S.Geological Survey has been over this Nine Points Country, and set a BM near a gate 1052 varas south and a little ^{west} east of our N W 6, from which corner we took bearings on Black Knob and Nine Points Bluff.

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We ran on east 4 miles marking the corners on the North Block Line of 221, and taking readings when possible on the West Carazon Monument. From the N W 2 Block 221 we ran south 6 miles, to the S E corner of 34 and tied on to the original corner of 501 and 601, returned to the N E 34 and ran 2 miles east to the N W 36, from which point we found as before reported a corner some 360 varas east which was supposed to have been put in ~~by~~ from the "L" corner in Block 240, and the excess easting to this corner was reported.

In order to connect this location of 221 with our location of 335, we went to the N W corner of 2 Block 221 and ran the traverse given below to our N E 1 Block 335 which showed an excess of 390 varas in easting and ~~334~~
334 varas in southing.

Which would place the strip of land between Blocks 221 and 335, running from ~~hbl 14~~ Block 335 to the N W 3 same Block, and place a strip 334 varas wide between the north line of Block 335 and the south line of Block 332, extending from the west line of Block 240 to the east line of Block 221.

The call for S E 59 Block 332 is an open call with no marked ~~XXXXXX~~ original corner for ~~x~~ 17 miles north and some 3 miles west. This is a call for a rock mound on the slope of Santiago and cannot be found, but the point can be located from the ~~XXXX~~ "H 10" ~~XXXXXX~~ marked corner on the base line 1 mile south and 2 miles west.

But if this call should be considered as a holding call for Block 335 then I presume this excess northing will be thrown into Block 335.

The southing of 59 Block 332 from the Santiago Base Line, taken from BM 3301, measured from the east end of the same line, and this checks with the Topographic Map on any one sheet, but there is always some allowance to be made from course of meridians and difference of scale in passing from one sheet to the other.

The course or variation used in running the line from the "B 10" corner to BM 3301 was the average course found on the ground from "B 10" to "H 10", $11^{\circ}45'E$. The corners were all found but were irregular in both course and distance. I had run this Santiago Base Line through from west to east extended it 2 miles east and then connected it with Mabry's resurvey corner S E and N W 17 Block 21.

It would seem that 332 beginning at the N E ~~BLK 218~~ and calling for the east line of Blocks 218, 219, 220 and 221, would be excessive in easting or there would be a strip of land between the east line of Block 332 and west lines of Blocks 232, 233, 240.

To determine this a line could be run southwest from the "H 11" corner to the marked N W corner of survey 6 in Block 233, then diagonally southeast to the marked N W of survey 26 in Block 233. Then south 2 miles to the marked S W corner of survey 35 Block 233, and on south to connect with the "L" corner, S W 14 Block 240.

If you think that the calls in Block 332 will take in any excess easting between the EBL Blocks 218- 221 and the WBL Blocks 225-240, then it would not be necessary to make the survey. But if you decide that course and distance from the Santiago Base Line will hold Block 332 to distance called for, then I would take the matter up with Mr. Rixon, whose ranch house is south west of the N W corner of Survey 6 Block 233, and the upper part of this strip would be in his pasture and I am sure he would wish to have the matter investigated as he spoke to me about it several years ago.

Will you kindly let me know your decision as to whether the excess between Blocks 332 and 335, is vacant land or is to be thrown into Block 335.

Also whether any ~~maxing~~ excess in easting in Block 332 will be a vacant strip or will be included in Block 332.

Respectfully

R.S. Dod

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Licensed Land Surveyor.

Alpine Texas
Sep. 24th 1921

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R. S. Dod,

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(South) Brewster County

Dod's Report on Vacancy

between Blk. 335 & Blk. 221

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Descriptive: 30 Mi. SE From NW

Corner of Map - 5 1/2 of County.

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1921-1922

Respectfully
R. S. Dod
Licensed Land Surveyor
R. S. Dod.

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NW 3 BK 2 13 & NW 3 BK 2 17

Traverse from 'B10' to BM 3301

Station	Bearing	Distance	LATITUDE		DEPARTURE		D. M. D.	DOUBLE AREAS		REMARKS
			North	South	East	West		North	South	
1	S 19° W	3416		3280		11102				
2	S 10° E	1012 NEAR TANK		9966	1757					
3	S 21° W	375		350		1344				
4	S 25° W	775		7024		3275				
5	S 20° E	2157		20269	7377					
6	S 8° W	at 2036								
7		HOUSE 3 11' 35" E								
8		1125 11' N 82 1/4° E								
9		BM 3089 7545		74700		10495				
10	S 14° E	2777		26937	6720	26216				
11	S 4 1/2° E	8702		86752	6827	26158				
12		at 2831 BM 3467				S.W. corner				
13		4391 A BK 1 1106								
14		4812 269° 09' E								
15		5042 S 64° 33' E								
16	S 33° 30' E	630		5253	3477					
17				266701	26158					
18				26600						
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Traverse From NW 2 BIK 221
to NE 1 BIK 335

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Station	Bearing	Distance	LATITUDE		DEPARTURE		D. M. D.	DOUBLE AREAS		REMARKS
			North	South	East	West		North	South	
1	S 19° 15' E	58		572	92					
2	S 62° 40' E	562		2579	4980					
3	S 77° E	536		1206	5220					
4	S 76° 40' E	656		1509	6363					
5	S 69° 45' E	298		1030	2794					
6	S 78° E	426		885	4165					
7	S 74° 25' E	655		1755	6307					
8	S 67° 05' E	473		1844	4351					
9	S 66° 10' E	467		1644	4268					
10	N 66° 10' W	59	24	19024	38540	54				
11				24	54					
12		Set mound		1278	3800					
13	S 66° 10' E	59		24	54					
14	N 88° 15' E	255	75		2548					
15	S 54° E	613		3604	4959					
16	S 48° E	562		3358	3729					
17	S 78° E	436		907	4264					
18	S 74½° E	660		1762	6355					
19	S 79½° E	646		1175	6350					
20	N 86° E	505	353		5035					
21	S 82° E	436		606	4316					
22	S 70° 50' E	419		1374	3955					
23	S 71° 50' E	511		1594	4855					
24	S 70° 45' E	436		1434	4116					
25	S 74° 30' E	485		1295	4670					
26	S 70° E	403		1578	3784					
27				18727	59476					
				1830	5556					
				1278	3911					

By fld notes
Excess Southing 334

Ex fld notes
Excess Easting

Wood

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