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Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner  
General Land Office  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Giles:-

I have just completed a check up on the corners set by R.S. Dod and W.M. Harmon in September and December 1915, as follows:-

I began at a point 70 vrs. North and 6 vrs. East of B.M. 3301, for the SW corner of Section 35, Block 216, T & St. L. Ry Co and ran East 3796 vrs. to a point 6 vrs. South of a rk. md. set in the ground in the flat 103 vrs. West of a North and South fence. This rock is mkd "NW 6" and from whence a pinnacle at foot of West bluff of Nine Point Mesa Brs. N. 12 deg. 19'E.; Mnt. on Black Peak brs. N. 37 deg. 30'W. I then ran on East from these bearings and at 1901 vrs. hit rk. md., one rk. mkd. "SW 32" on one side and "NE 6" on the other side, whence square rk. on slope of Mt. brs. N. 42 deg. 55'E.; Face of West Bluff of Nine Point Mesa brs. N. 6 deg. 37'W. West Carazona brs. S. 18 deg. 55'E.; Mnt. on Black Peak brs. N. 50 deg. 35'W. I ran on East 1898 vrs. to rk. md. mkd. "NW 4", whence W, Carazona brs. S. 11 deg. 30'E.; White spot on Bluff brs. N. 2 deg. 45'E.; Conical Peak brs. N. 67 deg. E.

I ran on East, was unable to find the boulder mkd. "X" at 1900 vrs., but saw evidence of boulders having had the top crust broken off. The boulders at this point are very thick and on the South slope of the Nine Point Mesa. Some years ago Mr. Newt Gourley took me to this place. He said he had seen the mkd. rks. but we were unable to identify them. I ran a mile on East and found a rk. md. which he said he knew was the corner set by Dod and Harmon and which I found to be 3798 vrs. East of the NW corner of Section 4. The bearings check perfectly, viz: W. Carazona brs. S. 4 deg. 10'W.; West edge of gap in high ridge brs. North.

To the South from this corner I could see a fence line which was on line for at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Evidently along the East line of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3.

This work all checked up so close on course and distance, and the bearings almost perfect, that I decided not to run South, as we had nothing but dirty tank water to drink and the weather was very hot. I had run a line some 5 or 6 years ago from the NW corner of Section 6, Block 221, T & St. L. Ry. Co., to the SE corner of Section 36, Block 221, for Mr. Newt Gourley, who was ranching in that country at that time. I knew nothing of the Dod and Harmon survey at that time, and just used a needle with variation of 11 deg. 30' E. and ran diagonally across the block. I missed the SE corner of Section 36 about 100 vrs. to the SW, as I found out later. The point falling on a rather steep hillside. In as much as Mr. Gourley just wanted to know approximately where some dirt tanks were located, we did not spend much time trying to locate the corner. Later on I did some work for Mr. Olliver, a rancher, who showed me where the SE corner of Section 36 was. I estimated the distance to be about 100 vrs. NE of the point I had run for Mr. Gourley. This mound was mkd. "SE36". Evidently marked with a tally pin.

There isn't any doubt in my mind, but what this is the original corner set by Thompson and a slight increase in variation would have ~~been~~ hit this mound for course and distance on my run for Mr. Gourley.

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All in all this work has checked up about as close as any work that I have retraced in the county. And, from my general knowledge of the Country from the various surveys that I have made in the vicinity, I see no reason why the original surveys of 640 acres each should not be o.k. for patent.

I have this day filed the photostat copies of the maps from the General Land Office by R.S. Dod and W.M. Harmond, which Mr. C.E. Patterson gave me. They are filed in Vol. C.F.N. 2, pages 24-25; with a copy of this report.

Respectfully yours,

H.P. Gard

County Surveyor.

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*H. G. Gandy's Report of  
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Respectfully yours,

Conna S. Weaver.

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H. R. Gard's Report of  
Survey of T. & St. L. Ry. Co.  
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