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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS  
 November 24, 1952.

General Land Commissioner  
 Austin, Texas.

Re: Williams vs. Jones No. 2006  
 Brewster County, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of July 24, 1945 to you concerning the placing of the S.W. and the N.W. corner of Block G 1, D. & W. Ry. Co., on the ground at the request of Asa Jone, Roy Stilwell and Dr. H.G. Towle.

I find after a careful check on the ground that the S.W. corner of Block G 1 as placed by me on the ground was erroneously placed and that it should be 151.1 vrs. South and 170.1 vrs. East of the first marked corner for the S.W. corner of Block G 1.

At the latter point I have placed a 1 1/2" G.I. Pipe marked S.E. 237, S.W. G 1-S, 4-30-52, in concrete in a mound of stone, from which a stone mound 3' high marked S.E. 237, S.W. G 1 (Thee) brs. South about 25 vrs. and West about 140 vrs., Hole in center Step of Stairway Mt. brs. N. 64°47'20" W., High Point of Rock Knob on South end of Range of Mts. to West (part of Stairway Mt.) brs. S. 6°07'20" E. about one mile., High Point of Peak brs. S. 11°25'20" E. one mile, and High Point of Distant Peak brs. N. 85°02'40" E.

The abovescribed position for corrected S.W. corner of Block G 1 is located at a Right Angle to the North line of Block G 1 as run by me and marked on the ground for Asa Jones et al and upon which Patents were issued.

I would like to file the above correction for the S.W. corner of Block G 1 along with the Judgment in the above styled case which I believe you have in your office.

I am also enclosing letter from Stovall & Gibbs.

Sincerely yours,

*J. A. Simpson*

Licensed State Land Surveyor  
 San Angelo, Texas.

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S. A. Nat. Bk. Bldg.  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

J. W. STOVALL  
CHARLES GIBBS

April 10, 1952.

Mr. J. A. Simpson  
County Surveyor  
Tom Green County, Texas  
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mr. Simpson:

My understanding of the problem you have presented to me is that in July, 1945 you attempted to make a location on the ground of the Southwest corner of a certain block in Brewster County, in accordance with final judgment of the Supreme Court in a case tried in Brewster County, by setting such corner a distance South and East of the "Honeycutt" corner, but that you have since determined that errors were made in measuring the distance, and you now desire to correct such mistake by establishing the block corner in question at the correct location on the ground. You have asked us for advice concerning the procedure you should follow in making such correction.

We have not been able to find a decision of any court covering this situation, but from study of decisions concerning location of corners and boundaries and the many rules stated by the courts of this State we are convinced that you have an absolute right to do the job over and establish the corner at the proper location on the ground and make report of your work, in the nature of a supplement to the report heretofore made, to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, making it clear that your action has been to correct error made and the report filed in 1945. It might be well to state in such supplemental report that the corner set in 1945 has not been disturbed.

We believe in any event that you would have the right to correct your work in the manner above stated, but this is especially true since you have stated to us that you are certain that no lines have been run from the block corner as located by you in 1945.

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We would refer to the opinion in the Brewster County case, but have not been able to locate same from information furnished by you.

If there is anything further needed in connection with this matter please let us know.

Very truly yours,

STOVALL & GIBBS

By *JW Stovall*

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File No. 2-1-1  
Brewster County  
Letter of Connection  
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C. W. Stovall

File No. 21-A

Brewster County

Letter of Correction

Filed 12-3 1952

~~Bassett~~ Com'r.

By [Signature]

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Very truly yours,  
STOVALL & GIBBS

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San Angelo, Texas,  
July 24, 1945

General Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas.

Re: Williams vs. Jones No. 2006  
Brewster County, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Having made the survey on the ground for a number of Ranchmen in the case of Williams vs. Jones No. 2006 Brewster County, in which the S.W. corner of Block G-1, D. & W. Ry. Co. was fixed as being 3396 vrs. South and 3198.4 vrs. East of what is known as the Hunnicutt S.W. corner of Block G-1. The N.W. corner of Block G-1 being fixed at a point 78.7 vrs. North and 92.3 vrs. West of the W.L. Rider N.W. corner of Block G-1.

The above is according to the District Court Judgment at Alpine, Brewster County, and later upheld by the Supreme Court of Texas.

There was no Monuments placed on the ground for the two above mentioned corners prior to the District Court trial or the Supreme Judgment.

I have been asked by Asa Jones, Roy Stilwell, and Dr. H. G. Towle to mark these corners on the ground according to the Judgment and I have recently done this.

On June 8, 1945 I placed on the ground for the S.W. corner of Block G-1, D. & W. Ry. Co. and the S.E. corner of Block 237, T. & St. L. R. R. Co., a 1½" G.I. Pipe set in concrete and marked S.E. 237, S.W. G-1 & S on the Southwest slope of a small hill near foot, about 20 vrs. East of bed of small branch, in a little Valley, from which High point of Peak brs. S. 14°23' E. about 1 mile, High point of another Peak brs. S. 27°52' E. about 1½ miles, High point of South step of Stairway Peaks brs. S. 50°23' W. about 400 vrs., and Hole in High Bluff of center step of Stairway Peaks brs. N. 69°04' W. about 600 vrs.

The S.W. corner of Block G-1 as placed by me on the ground fits the topographical description of S.A. Thompson field book description. Mr. Thompson says the corner is in a little Valley right at the foot of the Rio Grande Range.

This part of S.A. Thompson's description is significant as the corner placed by me on the ground is right at the foot of the Rio Grande Range and in a little Valley where an old road runs in this Valley on a course of approximately N. 30° W. and S. 30° E. Another thing which bears evidence to my corner being at least in the right neighborhood is the fact that Valleys in this particular area are very few and I believe that this is the only one within a mile and one-half radius that would be termed a Valley by an experienced Surveyor.

On June 9, 1945, I placed on the ground for the N.W. corner of Block G-1, D. & W. Ry. Co., a 2" G.I. Pipe set in concrete and marked N.W. G-1 & S. from which Monument on North one of two Peaks brs. S. 76°45' W. about one mile, High point of Yellow House Mt. brs. S. 86°01' E. about four miles and High point of Nose of Peak brs. N. 29°45' W. about eight miles.

After marking the two above mentioned corners on the ground I began at my N.W. corner of Block G-1 and ran a line East along the North line of Block G-1 and the South line of Block G-15, G.C. & S.F. R.R. Co. a distance of thirteen miles placing corners at each mile as shown on my accompanying map and at the S.E. corner of Block G-15 and N.E. corner of Block G-1, I placed a 2" G.I. Pipe set in

concrete and marked N. E. G-1, S.E. G-15, N.W. G-14, and S.W. G-18 from which East edge of Cap Rock brs. N.  $0^{\circ}30'$  W. about 1200 vrs., Left edge of Cap Rock of Horse Shoe Mt. brs. N.  $70^{\circ}19'$  W., about six miles, High point of Yellow House Mt. brs. S.  $88^{\circ}19'$  W. about six miles, and Crack in Cap Rock brs. S.  $7^{\circ}18'$  W. about one mile.

The above corner being 74.7 vrs. West and 181.2 vrs. North of corner set by W.L.Rider for the N.E. corner of Block G-1.

On my thirteen mile run from the N.W. corner of Block G-1 to the N.E. corner of Blk. G-1, my course is about 14minutes to the Left and I show 17.6 vrs. less distance than Mr. Rider does between his corners.

All of my work in this area and in connection with the suit was done using S.A.Thompson variation which is approximately  $1^{\circ}08'$  heavier than true North. This Variation also was the same as found by running the Gano Traverse.

In order to determine my Variation I identified the N.W. corner of survey No. 24, the N.W. corner of survey No. 25, the N.W. corner of survey No. 26 Block 231 and the N.W. corner of survey No. 1 Block 234 T. & St. L R.R.Co., and then set up over these corners and took the Magnetic courses called for by S.A.Thompson to his bearings.

I found that his Variation taken off his corners to his bearings would not coincide with his calls for North and South courses between his corners. I reached the conclusion that Mr. Thompson selected some object for his chaimen to go to from each corner and when they had reached what they supposed to be one mile Mr. Thompson would set up over this corner and take bearings for it. I know this to have been the case in lots of early surveying.

I took the Variation that I had gotten off S.A. Thompson corners and started my traverse Southerly from the Isolated Hill, following the Gano traverse and by actual measurement on the ground to the Hunnicutt corner.

For your information I can tell you that I ran a closed traverse of this area. In running the West 1 line of Block G-1 I carried a straight line but most of my distances were from triangulating and not from actual measurements. The country was too rough for that.

Respectively yours,

*J.A. Simpson*

Licensed State Land Surveyor

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