

* (except it could be proved that these bearings exist in both places 1200 ors apart.)

Referred to Prebles



The statement is correct in regard to surveys N^o 15 J. M. Reyna which begins at N^o 16, while N^o 14 James House begins at N^o 13 and the two surveys of House and Reyna do not call for each other, though both corners agree exactly in their bearings.

Therefore a location between the two could not be proved, but would be pronounced in conflict with either of the two surveys. ^{except it could be proved to}

If the difference of 1200 ors from Bowditch's lower line down to the lower line of N^o 8 in the name of Russel should be placed in one survey or should be distributed between them proportionally (being about 60 ors to the 1000 ors) we can not say, as it is doubtful where the error has been committed.

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Surveyor's Office
Burnet Co., Texas

3rd. Jan'y 1876

Hon. J. J. Gross
Com. Gen. Land Office
Austin, Texas

Sir: By reference to the map of Burnet County you will observe that there is an error in platting the original surveys on the Colorado R. in the N. W. part of said Co. - The numbers of the surveys in rotation and the calls commencing at league No. 8 (see sketch) run regularly up the R. to league No. 14, including that No. - But, although Nos. 15, 16 & 17 continue the regular order of rotation, yet the calls are reversed. No. 16 begins on the S. W. cor. of No. 17 - No. 15 begins on S. W. cor. No. 16 - Thus running regularly down the river. No. 15 being the last of that series.

Now, there is no connection between 14 and 15 by call in field notes.

The South line of league No. 8 is well established as also the division line between nos. 8 and 9 -

I have chained across each of the surveys, giving each its complement, beginning on the S. line of league No. 8 and running to the North line of league No. 14. I then chained across each of the surveys in the upper range, commencing at the Bowditch (see sketch), which is well established and fits the peculiar bend in the R. exactly, giving each its complement and running S. to the South line of the league No. 15.

I meandered the R. accurately from the upper cor. of No. 15 down to the lower cor. of No. 13 and the course of the R. between those two points is exactly represented on accompanying sketch. I located the league No. 14 by running up the R. according to calls and connection. I located league No. 15 by running down the R. according to calls and connection. This makes a vacancy of about 1200 m. between No. 14 & 15. To move No. 14 up to No. 15 will make the upper line of No. 14 as much too short as the present position makes it too long. But it seems to me that the length of lines has little to do with the proper location of a sur. No. 14 only calls for the R. and not a bend, nor does it give the meander. These surveys I believe were all plotted

No person has ever yet been able to find one single cor. from No. 16 to No. 9. I have spent over one month hunting for corners on the R. and with no success. I first located No. 14, in the manner described, for the purpose of surveying some homesteads between Nos. 12 and 14. Subsequently, I ran out the survey above, in the manner described, and find the relative position of 13, 14 and 15 as shown by accompanying sketch. I wish to know if my work meets your approbation and if locations made to cover the vacancy shown between Nos. 14 and 15 will be received at the Land Office.

Respectfully
J. T. Motley
Sur B. Co.

N^o. 14 & N^o. 15 though not calling for each other, have identical bearings

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File 27. (a)

Burnet County.

J.T. Motley's Sk. & State
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See Lampson's Sk. Feb 15

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