

Wallisville March 17, 1879

Hon. W. B. Walsh,
Comr of the Genl Land Office
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith
 enclose an explanatory sketch showing the condition of the
 Wm Bloodgood & Henry Griffith Surveys. A survey of vacant
 land lying between these surveys and the W. D. Smith & Thom-
 mah Nash surveys, is being located, and there seems to be
 P² great difficulty in properly locating the two first men-
 ed surveys, I send you the sketch and explanations there-
 to for your careful examination. And I earnestly desire
 any information you may be able to give me in regard
 to the proper location of these surveys. Any instructions
 you can give, or any thing that will throw any light
 upon this apparently difficult problem, will be
 thankfully received by me. The proper location
 of these surveys is very important from the fact
 that the Western portion of the Henry Griffith Survey
 which includes the "Big Hill" or rather Mount Bellview
 has near a dozen settlers, with many and valuable improve-
 ments; and if lines must be changed it is better now
 than hereafter, as there will be more settlers and more
 improvements. I have not the Griffith field notes com-
 plete - they should have been in the transcript for
 this County but from some cause was omitted in list
 made out by me. I write to Mr Collett to day to borrow
 them for me. They may throw some light on the subject.
 Very Respectfully - D. B. Wallis
 S. S. S.

This sketch shows the true condition
 of the Wm Bloodgood and H Griffith
 surveys. Placing the N.E. Corner of
 the Bloodgood Survey 35000 rs N. 17 1/2 E.
 of the East bank of Cedar Bayou - that
 being the bearing of the line as marked
 out through the timber - and 38000 rs
 being the distance given by the refer-
 ences to the original field notes



and from thence running the East line of the Survey S. 10 E.
 5000 rs to the S.E. corner in the prairie - and thence S. 79 1/2 W.
 at 2000 rs. is the edge of the timber, and at 2500 rs
 is the East bank of Cedar Bayou. In the references
 to the field notes these distances are given in the trans-
 script - 3000 rs & 3500 rs. as the Survey is placed upon
 the map - or rather as the bayou is placed upon the map
 These three lines I have chained out as rep-
 resented in the above sketch - I also chained the N. & W.
 lines of the Henry Griffith Survey - beginning at the ap-
 pre corner as established by Mr J. S. Minter Surveyor of
 Liberty County - and taking his figures on a plat made
 out by him, as the correct length for the N line -
 I ran out the line as follows: S. 60 W. at 567 rs a gully - at 860
 rs a gully - at 1700 rs. 40 rs N. 30 W. of the line as marked
 out - at the edge of the timber - at 2200 rs group of
 post oaks on the right - at 2300 rs a gully - 7510 rs
 corner - N. 30 W. 130 rs. of the corner as established by
 Mr Minter - thence S 30 E at 2409 1/2 rs the prolon-
 gation of the N line of the Wm Bloodgood Survey
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Thence S 79 1/2 W 81 vs. to the N.E. Corner of W. Bloodgood
 This corner has heretofore been placed 331 vs. N 79 1/2
 E. further, and likely was there placed by running
 out the Henry Griffith Survey. I have not yet been
 able to find the N.W. Corner of the Bloodgood Survey
 it calls for an Elm & a ~~post~~ oak - I am told that
 this corner was found years ago by Mr. Roper
 and the line run out by him even 140 vs. further
 than the call of the Griffith Survey would place
 it. It is evident that the calls for the bayou in the
 Bloodgood field notes are wrong either in the N
 line or in the South line. I have not measured
 the other distances to the bayou on the N line to see
 whether it is correct. ^(The Bayou makes the turn as in the sketch, and not as on the map) By running off the whole league
 I might perhaps learn more about it, but there is no
 one to pay me for it, and I have already done
 about \$400 dollars worth of work in this case
 that the law allows me no pay for, and do not
 wish to do any more if I can properly avoid it.
 though it is the duty of a Surveyor to correct work
 and in order to do this he sometimes has many old lines
 to run out to find the corners, and the law allows
 him nothing for it. The S line of the Griffith I
 run out from the corner where it had been established - and found
 it to be 8406 vs to the corner on the river. ^{Mr. Minten made it 8408 vs.} (I have not the Griffith
 field notes at hand) The N.W. line of this Survey as run by Mr. Minten
 is likely correct.

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The State of Texas & D. B. Wallis, District Surveyor
 Chambers District 3 of Chambers District do hereby cer-
 tify that the sketch on the reverse side hereof is
 a true and correct sketch explaining the condition of
 the Wm Bloodgood and Henry Griffith Surveys.
 Given under my hand March 17, 1879. D. B. Wallis

File 18
 Chambers County
 Sketches.
 Sketch showing position
 of Wm Bloodgood and
 Henry Griffith surveys
 Filed March 24 79
 Charles D. Miller,
 Chief Clerk

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