

These documents were found in a bottle attached to one  
of the rocks of Monument by a wind. The bottle clearly  
described on the 25th August 1876 at which point and day we  
began our line to the N. Horse of the St. Horse of the Middle

Ante Monument  
Persons of an inquisitive turn of  
mind (Aborigines excepted) infesting  
this locality are hereby informed that  
this is a monument. It had been  
originally erected to mark the end  
of the line called 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
but the topmost stone bears some  
hieroglyphics to that effect but the  
erectors themselves have since  
confessed this line to be entirely  
imaginary. Having been discovered  
in a dilapidated and unfinished  
condition on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1876 by  
Lieut. Rodgers & Parker and  
Private Duffy 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
W. S. Army. It is hereby appropri-  
ated, completed and adorned  
by that arm of the service to  
commemorate an expedition under  
Capt. E. M. Hays 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry which  
left this place for the Staked Plains  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 1876 and returned  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 to their camp  
on Buck Creek one mile N. N. E.  
from this point. Besides the advan-  
tages of being able at this place  
to step from the uncivilized

Indian Territory into the fertile and  
magnificent State of Texas.

This spot will be doubly inter-  
-esting by its associations with  
the names of these two gallant  
officers and their devoted follow-  
-ers who underwent the most  
-terrible hardships in its discov-  
-ery it is earnestly requested  
that this document be returned  
to its place of deposit in order  
that their names may pass down  
to future ages.

The expedition referred  
to was composed of Troops  
"K & A" 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and Battery  
H-1<sup>st</sup> Artillery.

The following is a list  
of the names of the officers  
Capt. E. M. Hays - 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Crews " " " "  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Alexander Rodgers " " "  
2<sup>nd</sup> " James Parker " " "  
1<sup>st</sup> " J. W. Mc Murray 1<sup>st</sup> Artillery  
1<sup>st</sup> " J. M. K. Davis " " "  
A. A. C. M. + A. C. S. A. A. Surgeon  
C. C. Goddard U. S. A.

This document telling of the exploits

of the above distinguished officers  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> was found and read by  
J. J. Sturme on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1876 and as requested  
returned to the bottle -

Found and read by Geo. W. Hale  
W. A. Morris John W. Stephens  
and Hon George, J. Moore one of  
the judges of the Supreme Court  
of the State of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> August  
1877 - W. H. Cundiff of Crockett  
Texas - Not found but pointed out  
and shown me by the first named  
parties August 25<sup>th</sup> 1877 - George, J.  
Moore - -

East side of Rock - 100 West  
side 1. M - Mesquite <sup>W.L.</sup> center stake  
forked square at the bottom and  
marked INITIAL X P - a tree here  
S 19° E about 5 miles a Hackberry  
14 in dia by N 19 1/2° W 729 was a  
Cotton Wood marked I. P. by S  
26° W - was there is 5 Cotton Woods  
on S. side of the river in this  
cluster - Beginning at the  
Initial monument on the north  
side of Prairie Dog River from  
whence a tree standing on the

Texas side of the river bears  $S 19^{\circ}$   
E about 5 miles distant and a  
Hackberry marked  $\times$  by  $N 79\frac{1}{2}$   
 $N 729$  (bas) - Thence  $S$  at 2000  $\approx$   
deep ravine at 708 (bas) the N  
Bank of the Prairie Dog River we  
also found there a rock set in the  
ground on the bank marked on  
the South side W.L. and on the North  
side M.G. at 2100 (bas) South ~~bank~~  
of river at 2520 (bas) a little sand  
mound about the edge of high  
water mark at 2900 (bas)  
struck the edge of the sand  
mounds with spots of Shin oak  
and Hackberry - at 6500 (bas) dinner  
at 9960 (bas) leaves the Shin oak  
brush at 10860 (bas) crosses Plum  
Creek about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the  
head of the Creek - this Creek runs  
into Prairie Dog River about  
12 miles above the initial  
monument. at 12580 (bas) the  
top of a ~~mountain~~ rocky mound  
from whence a tree standing on  
an other ridge bears  $N 84^{\circ}$  E about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile - this tree is the tree that  
is the bearing from the initial

monument. The Pease River mountain  
also by S 50° E about 30 miles  
at 18000 was Camp for the night  
August 26<sup>th</sup> beginning where we  
left off last evening. Thence, S,  
4220 was Crosser Groesbeck Creek  
at 8250 a small creek that runs  
into Groesbeck at 14400 was  
stopped for dinner on a little  
creek that runs into Groesbeck  
Thence S 6660 was South fork of  
Groesbeck. Thence S at 9000  
was breaks of Pease River on the  
North side to Camp to night -  
Thence South to a pile of stone  
on the North fork of Wichita are  
a bluff of said N-fork from which  
two cold Springs on the South  
bank of the River are a Salt  
Spring the other a Gypsum  
Spring by N 68° W 1450 was a  
bunch of Cedar Trees Marked =  
by N 33° E 10. Another bunch of  
Cedars Marked = by S 22° W 40 was  
this corner a pile of stone is about  
40 was North of the bank of the  
North fork of the Big Wichita  
River and about 15 feet West

from the bank of a creek on  
Canyon into the river this pile of  
stones is in the forks of the river  
and creek and about 60 rods  
from the junction of the creek  
the top rock marked on both  
sides 100 M. This corner is  
85:870 rods or 45 miles 370 rods  
South from the initial Point  
or Monument on the North  
bank of Prairie Dog Fork  
of Red River to the corner  
described on the North bank  
of the North Fork of the  
Big Wichita a tributary  
of Red River. Thence down  
the North Fork with its meanders  
to ~~the~~ the junction of the South  
Fork with the North Fork -  
Thence S 45° E 4560 rods - Thence  
E 1840 rods - Thence S 45° E 2200  
rods Thence E at 2800 rods mouth  
of the South prong of the North  
Fork of the Wichita. Corner  
a bunch of Mesquites from  
which the mouth of the S. Fork  
by E 78 rods Mesquites N 45° E  
this fork is on section 81 of

I promised the draftsmen to send these field notes to assist them  
in their survey in their vicinity of Chautauq and hope it may be of  
value. I am sorry to explain anything in its connection - Yours &c  
W. H. Cundiff

Rail Road work - We found the  
N. W. Corner of Section 81 as it is  
described in its field notes - the  
Hackberry in the dry pond is just  
as represented - The forks of the  
river is nearer the East bound-  
ary line of 81 than the West  
I think it is at least 2200 or 1400  
or East of the West line of  
Section 81 and where our line  
crossed the West line of 81 it is  
about 1400 <sup>South</sup> from the N. W.  
Corner of 81 - Our line crossed  
the river ~~near~~ East of the forks &  
I think about two miles - I did  
not see the fork - This line  
I think was correctly run and  
measured from the historic monument  
out to the North bank of the  
North fork of the ~~Wabash~~ and  
correctly measured to the fork  
of the river - The survey was  
done by W. A. Morris, J. H. Stephens  
of Monticello and J. W. Hale  
of Beccatur - Hoping this may  
be of service in your office and  
to get your acknowledgment of its receipt  
I am  
Respectfully Yours &c

W. H. Cundiff  
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File 1.

Childress County

Connecting line filed  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 78.

Roads & Bridges  
Chapman.

Counter 18242