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Red River



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Childress, Texas, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896.

Hon Andrew J. Baker  
Comr. Land Office  
Dear Sir

Mr. Chalk + I

sent you field notes of connecting  
line yesterday. I signed them so  
that you might see both sides  
of the question & disagree with  
Mr Chalk as to the old channel of  
Red River. It is nothing more than  
a large alkali spot without banks  
on either side with a quantity of  
Mesquite <sup>trees + bushes</sup> between it + the river  
There are Mesquite stumps that  
show to be more than a century old  
between it and the river. The de-  
pression which Mr Chalk sup-  
posed once to have been Myracks  
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Creek leaves the present channel of Myricks Creek and comes into Mr Chalks old channel at right angles. Something not often seen.

The river line of 21 + most of 20 is a high rocky bluff. 19 + most of 20 is low and show to have washed off a great deal. Through the south line of No 19 is still an east + west line

The river line of the other sections down to 17 are either rocky bluffs or high sand banks. In making the survey we could not find any Stake B. on Gardens Cr. That would answer the call without going several hundred yards too far west. Hence we assumed a point on high bluff + found a Stake B. on small drain which

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came within 3° of answering the  
call + then ran east + connected  
with a tree which we supposed to  
to be the S. E. cor No 18 S. P. Ry Co.

Every thing shows that the original  
work was very carelessly done.

No 19 calls to cross <sup>fresh fork</sup> Myracks  
Creek, when it does not come  
within 200 or of reaching it, but  
runs through the northern central portion  
of No 20. I think our line too indefinite  
+ will create a conflict between the  
S. P. Ry Co Lands + the Knott land.

I think the connection No 28 + 29 Knott  
on South side with 56 Knott on North  
side should have something to do  
in locating the river bank.

I think our line on South side  
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W. J. WESTMORELAND,  
Surveyor \* of \* Childress \* County

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is as near correct as it is possible to get it. We spent four days on it & reran several lines two times.

Respectfully  
W. J. Westmoreland Sur.  
Childress Co Tex.

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Letter of Surveyor in ref-  
erence to work done by  
himself and Sam. Chalk  
on B<sup>ks</sup> 1, F.P. Knott in  
Childress Co.

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4 pages  
& sketch.

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