

THE STATE OF TEXAS, "
COUNTY OF CHILDRESS "

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Said Surveys of said Block H are situated in the W of Childress and in the E. of Hall Counties, Texas.

Beginning at the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 163, B. S. & F. here the original field notes give: "A stone mound from which a cottonwood tree in dia., Mk. X, Brs. N. 68 30 W. 420 Vs".

This corner, the old stone mound, the cottonwood tree and the mark are all in a good state of preservation. I first worked this corner in 1892, and have learned that other surveyors, long before that time had used this same stone mound as a starting point for their work. I believe that no one disputes the authenticity of this corner.

Further description of the said S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 163: A ledge stone mound on the W. slope of a canyon, from which a ledge of ~~granite~~ rock Brs. S. 10 Vs. A cottonwood tree 30 in dia. Mk. X, Brs. N. 68 30 W. 420 Vs. The edge of a ~~stone~~ ^{stone} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~set~~ ^{is} in the earth, at the head of a canyon, Brs. N. 1 30 W. 200 Vs.

Further description of the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 60, B. S. & F. ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~old~~ ^{is} ~~stone~~ ^{is} ~~mound~~ ^{is} which has always been accepted by surveyors working here. Description: The center of the channel of a creek, in the bottom of a deep narrow canyon, Brs. W. 150.7 Vs. A cottonwood tree in dia., Mk. X, standing on a low flat on the E. side of said creek, under a red bluff on the W. side of said creek, Brs. N. 68 30 W. 420 Vs.

Further description of the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 66, B. S. & F. ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~at~~ ^{is} ~~right~~ ^{is} ~~angles~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~former~~ ^{is} ~~course~~ ^{is} ~~,~~ ^{is} ~~variation~~ ^{is} ~~10~~ ^{is} ~~20~~ ^{is} ~~Br.~~ ^{is} ~~at~~ ^{is} ~~1838.3~~ ^{is} ~~Vs.~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 60, B. S. & F. here~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~field~~ ^{is} ~~notes~~ ^{is} ~~call~~ ^{is} ~~for~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^{is} ~~creek~~ ^{is} ~~500~~ ^{is} ~~Vs.~~ ^{is} ~~E.~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~find~~ ^{is} ~~said~~ ^{is} ~~creek~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~be~~ ^{is} ~~500~~ ^{is} ~~Vs.~~ ^{is} ~~E.~~ ^{is} ~~This~~ ^{is} ~~checks~~ ^{is} ~~almost~~ ^{is} ~~exactly~~ ^{is} ~~with~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~call~~ ^{is} ~~for~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^{is} ~~vara~~ ^{is} ~~corrected~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~length~~ ^{is} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~vara~~ ^{is} ~~originally~~ ^{is} ~~1177.7~~ ^{is} ~~Vs.~~ ^{is} ~~The~~ ^{is} ~~S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 60, B. S. & F. here~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~field~~ ^{is} ~~notes~~ ^{is} ~~give:~~ ^{is} ~~"~~ ^{is} ~~A~~ ^{is} ~~stake~~ ^{is} ~~from~~ ^{is} ~~which~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^{is} ~~cottonwood~~ ^{is} ~~tree~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ^{is} ~~dia.,~~ ^{is} ~~Mk.~~ ^{is} ~~X,~~ ^{is} ~~Br.~~ ^{is} ~~N. 33 E. 400 Vs!"~~ ^{is} ~~"~~ ^{is} ~~A~~ ^{is} ~~creek~~ ^{is} ~~Br.~~ ^{is} ~~W. 450 Vs!"~~ ^{is} ~~"~~ ^{is} ~~A~~ ^{is} ~~creek~~ ^{is} ~~Br.~~ ^{is} ~~S. 600 Vs!"~~ ^{is} ~~In~~ ^{is} ~~1892~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~found~~ ^{is} ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~corner.~~ ^{is} ~~The~~ ^{is} ~~tree~~ ^{is} ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~standing~~ ^{is} ~~at~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~mark.~~ ^{is} ~~X~~ ^{is} ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~perfectly~~ ^{is} ~~distinct,~~ ^{is} ~~showing~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~indications~~ ^{is} ~~denoting~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~proper~~ ^{is} ~~age~~ ^{is} ~~and~~ ^{is} ~~conforming~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ^{is} ~~size~~ ^{is} ~~and~~ ^{is} ~~character~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~other~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~marks~~ ^{is} ~~found~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ^{is} ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~block~~ ^{is} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~surveys.~~ ^{is} ~~The~~ ^{is} ~~creek~~ ^{is} ~~crossings~~ ^{is} ~~check~~ ^{is} ~~with~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~calls~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~had~~ ^{is} ~~at~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~time~~ ^{is} ~~several~~ ^{is} ~~men~~ ^{is} ~~with~~ ^{is} ~~me~~ ^{is} ~~who~~ ^{is} ~~are~~ ^{is} ~~residents~~ ^{is} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~neighborhood~~ ^{is} ~~who~~ ^{is} ~~will~~ ^{is} ~~testify~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~above~~ ^{is} ~~facts.~~ ^{is} ~~At~~ ^{is} ~~that~~ ^{is} ~~time,~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ^{is} ~~1892,~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~judged~~ ^{is} ~~from~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~position~~ ^{is} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~tree~~ ^{is} ~~that~~ ^{is} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~would~~ ^{is} ~~soon~~ ^{is} ~~be~~ ^{is} ~~washed~~ ^{is} ~~out.~~ ^{is} ~~I,~~ ^{is} ~~therefore,~~ ^{is} ~~referred~~ ^{is} ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~tree~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~two~~ ^{is} ~~other~~ ^{is} ~~cottonwood~~ ^{is} ~~trees~~ ^{is} ~~which~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~caused~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{is} ~~be~~ ^{is} ~~marked.~~ ^{is} ~~This~~ ^{is} ~~tree,~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~one~~ ^{is} ~~which~~ ^{is} ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~originally~~ ^{is} ~~marked~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~now~~ ^{is} ~~gone.~~ ^{is} ~~For~~ ^{is} ~~some~~ ^{is} ~~reason~~ ^{is} ~~other~~ ^{is} ~~surveyors~~ ^{is} ~~did~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{is} ~~find~~ ^{is} ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~corner,~~ ^{is} ~~or~~ ^{is} ~~if~~ ^{is} ~~finding~~ ^{is} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~they~~ ^{is} ~~ignored~~ ^{is} ~~it,~~ ^{is} ~~running~~ ^{is} ~~course~~ ^{is} ~~and~~ ^{is} ~~distance~~ ^{is} ~~from~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~said~~ ^{is} ~~original~~ ^{is} ~~S. W. Cr. of said~~ ^{is} ~~60.~~ ^{is} ~~In~~ ^{is} ~~1892~~ ^{is} ~~I~~ ^{is} ~~connected~~ ^{is} ~~these~~ ^{is} ~~two~~ ^{is} ~~corners,~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~S. W. of 60 and The~~ ^{is} ~~S. W. 66~~ ^{is} ~~by~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^{is} ~~carefully~~ ^{is} ~~established~~ ^{is} ~~line,~~ ^{is} ~~and~~ ^{is} ~~located~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~S. B. L. of~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~said~~ ^{is} ~~Block,~~ ^{is} ~~H.~~ ^{is}

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In 1900 I again went over this same work meeting with the same practical result, 5 feet difference.

Description of the said S. W. Cr. of 66: A cedar post 7 in dia., 5 1/2 feet long, set in the earth 3 feet, planted near the center of a cultivated field. From the sight of the originally marked tree, A cottonwood tree, 20 in dia., Mkd. X Brs. Easterly 22 Vs. A cottonwood tree, 20 in dia., Mkd. X Brs. South-easterly 45.2 Vs. This tree stands on the S. bank of Indian Creek, under and almost against a nearly vertical ~~granite~~ tree, 18 in dia. Mkd. X, Brs. nearly S. 18 Vs.

Beginning at the S. W. Cr. of said 66. Thence E. 3919 Vs., the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 68. Here the original field notes give: "A cottonwood, Mkd. X, Brs S. 7° W. 500 Vs. I did not find this tree, it is gone. There are, however, several cottonwood trees and the remains of several in close proximity to the site of the tree called for in the original field notes.

March 27, 1901. Begin at the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 123, described in the foregoing.

Thence S. 63° 26' E., (Variation 10° 45' E), at 1900 Vs. the center of a public road, at 2160 Vs. a wire fence placed on the W. B. L. of Sur. No. 16, B. S. & F., at about 2101 Vs. a point ^{160 vs.} about 175 Vs. S. of the channel of N. Baylor Creek, at 4600 Vs. a point ^{160 vs.} due S. of the forks of main Baylor and North Baylor Creeks, at 4655 Vs. the center of the channel of S. or main Baylor Creek, living water, at 3573 Vs. a point 30 Vs. due S. of the original S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 20, B. S. & F. Here the original field notes give: "A forked cottonwood 16 in dia. Mkd. X, Brs. N. 54° W. 230 Vs". "A creek Brs. W. 360 Vs", "A creek Brs. E. 300 Vs." I set transit on the old stone Md. and found, at the proper course and distance the remains of an old cottonwood tree. The tree had blown down and is entirely gone save a portion of the ~~stump~~ ^{there was}. There were enough of the remains to show the kind of tree and a mound of earth that had been uplifted by the roots of the tree when it blew down. There ~~was~~ a considerable number of persons who were familiar with this tree when it was alive and bearing the old mark X. Among them are W. J. Westmoreland, ex. County Surveyor, T. L. Crews, ex. County Surveyor, Sam Chalk, Surveyor, and many others, residing in the vicinity, who can testify to the above facts. I assumed this to be the original corner. I find, too, that the crossings of creeks called for in the field notes are approximately correct. (You will note that all creek crossings in the surveys of this Block are given in round numbers, in the original field notes). Description of this corner, The S. W. Cr. of said 20: A cottonwood tree 22 in dia., Mkd. X, standing in the bottom of a grassy draw, Brs. N. 46° 10' W. 275 Vs. A hackberry tree 16 in dia., Mkd. X, standing in the bottom of a grassy draw, Brs. S. 80° 36' E. 128 Vs. A cottonwood tree, 24 in dia., Mkd. X, standing in the bottom of a creek, (running water), Brs. S. 40° 53' W. 331.5 Vs. A cottonwood tree 18 in dia. Mkd. X, standing in said creek bottom, Brs. S. 40° 53' W. 406.5 Vs. I arranged to have a large rock planted on the site of the original bearing tree.

Thence, from the S. W. Cr. of said 20, continuing S. 63° 26' E., at 8787 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 46, A. B. & M. Here the original field notes give: "A stone Md. from which a cottonwood Mkd. X, Brs S. 45° W. 91 Vs". "A creek Brs. W. 140 Vs". The stone mound, tree and mark are all in a good state of preservation. Other surveyors have been working from this Cr. for many years. There can be no doubt of the authenticity of this corner. The check on the creek is correct.

Description of this corner, the S. W. Cr. of said 46: A cottonwood tree 20 in dia., Mkd. X, standing about one-half way down the slope of a point of bluff jutting into the valley of said creek, Brs. S. 45° W. 91 Vs.

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Further description of the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 66, B. S. & F.: At right angles to the former course, variation 10 20 E, at 1938.3 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 66, B. S. & F. The original field notes call for a creek 500 Vs. E. I find said creek to be 500 Vs. E. This checks almost exactly with the original call for a vara corrected to the length of the vara originally used, 1938.3, at 1177.7 Vs. The S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 60, B. S. & F. The original field notes give: "A stake from which a cottonwood tree 20 in dia., Mkd. X, Brs. N. 68 30 W. 400 Vs". "A creek Brs. W. 450 Vs". "A creek Brs. E. 600 Vs". In 1892 I found this corner. The tree was standing, the mark X was perfectly distinct, showing the indications denoting the proper age and conforming in size and character to the other original marks found in this block of surveys. The creek crossings check with the original calls. I had at the time several men with me who are residents of the neighborhood who will testify to the above facts.

At that time, in 1892, I judged from the position of this tree that it would soon be washed out. I, therefore, referred this tree to two other cottonwood trees which I caused to be marked. This tree, the one which was originally marked is now gone. For some reason other surveyors did not find this corner, or if finding it they ignored it, running course and distance from the said original S. W. Cr. of said 60. In 1892 I connected these two corners, the S. W. of 60 and The S. W. 66 by a carefully established line, and located the S. B. L. of the said Block, H.

A cottonwood tree, 20" in dia., Mkd. X standing in the bottom of a grassy draw in a grove of trees, Brs. S. 34° 30' E. 151 Vs. A wind mill Brs. S. 26° 25' W. A wind mill Brs. S. 26° 41' W. A mesquite tree, 4" in dia., Mkd. X, Brs. S. 59° 16' W. 17 Vs. A mesquite tree, 4" in dia., Mkd. X, Brs. S. 9° 48' E. 27.5 Vs.

Beginning at the S. W. Cr. of 46, Thence S. 45° W., 5600 Vs. ran nearly over the cedar post for the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid 66. The above descriptions which I have given are those of the true lines and courses as corrected from the random line which I ran from the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 182. With the instrument set on this true diagonal line and its line of collimation made to coincide with said diagonal line the needle will indicate a magnetic declination 10° 45' E. This variation compares very favorably with that assumed by the original locators, viz; 11° 30' E., after making allowance for the laps of time. These surveys were originally made in 1875.

There is probably no doubt but that the above and foregoing described corners, viz: The S. W. of 182, the S. W. of 60, the S. W. of 66, the S. W. of 46 and the S. W. of 20 can be fully identified as original corners. I believe that this can be established to the satisfaction of any jury.

On April 2, 1901 I returned to the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 182, Described in the foregoing. I set the transit over the stone mound and with the telescope pointing in the course of the foregoing described line viz: S. 63° 26' E., turned angle to the N. 26° 34' which placed the line of collimation in the S. B. L. of said 182.

Thence E., at 1917 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 1, B. S. & F. Here the original field notes give: "A stone Md. from which a cottonwood (no mark), Brs. S. 7° E.", (no distance) There is a valley to the S. of this corner with one cottonwood tree now standing in it. There is the appearance and indication that other trees were growing here not long since. This is ~~probably~~ ^{probably} the tree referred to in the original field notes. The difficulty is, however, to establish this fact.

Description of this Cr. A cottonwood tree 30" in dia., Mkd. X, standing in a grassy vally Brs. S. 11° E. 765 Vs.

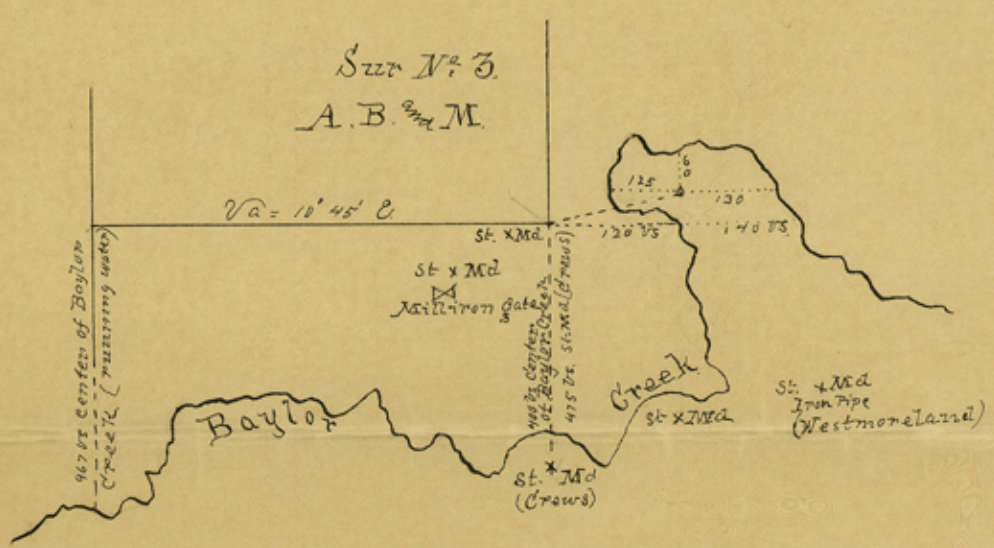
Thence E. from the S. W. Cr. of said Sur. No. 1, at 1917 Vs. the top of a high ridge. Here the original field notes give: "A stake on a hill". A creek Brs. W. 620 Vs". "A creek Brs. E. 300 Vs". I find that 1917 Vs. E. from the S. W. Cr. of said 1 places me on this ridge. The ridge is narrow at the top and a few varas change either E. or W. would place the said Cr. off the top of this ridge. Neither is there any other ridge or hill on this line for more than 600 Vs. either E. or W. Therefore, if the original location was on a hill this ridge must have been the place. I have reason to believe that I am, at this point, a little S. of the original location of it. The distance W. to the creek checks with the original call within a few Vs. That to the E. checks exactly.

Thence E. from the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 2, B. S. & F., at 1917 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 3, A. B. & M. Here the original field notes give: "Two set stone". "A creek Brs. E. 60 Vs". I find at 206 Vs. S. of my line two pebble stone a little in the ground and several small pebble stone placed in the circumference of a circle about them. I find that the W. bank of a break Brs. E. from these two rocks 30 Vs, and that the center of the bottom of said break Brs. E. 73 Vs. This is not the creek but a break that makes back Westerly from the creek. One cannot take these two rocks for the corner and make them fit any thing. They are 206 Vs. S. of the true line and it would require more than 200 Vs. excess in distance from the S. W. Cr. of said 182 to reach them.

To take these two rocks for the corner would cause Surs. Nos. 14 and 19 to conflict nearly 300 Vs. There is not the slightest evidence to be found on the ground to sustain the assumption that this is the original corner. Returning to the S. W. Cr. of said 3, as established by myself, I find that by adding 49 Vs. to the distance E. from the S. W. Cr. of the said 3, will place the corner 60 Vs. W. of the true creek, I did not find any thing here that I could accept as the rocks described in the original field notes. There are rocks lying all about and one cannot tell any thing about it. I have reason to believe that I am slowly departing to the S. and falling somewhat behind the original work.

Thence E. from the S. W. Cr. of said 3, at 1917 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 4, A. B. E. M. Here the original field notes give: "A creek Brs. W. 125 Vs." "A creek Brs. N. 60 Vs." "A creek Brs. E. 130 Vs."

Below I would be pleased to submit a rough sketch which will show approximately my discoveries in this vicinity.



From this sketch you will observe that should I extend my line about 185 or 190 Vs. futher to the E. and then swing it about 25 Vs. futher to the N. I would then have all the conditions of the original calls fulfilled, save the stone mound. This point would fall in a low valley and the stone mound may have been buried. It is quite probable that such was the original location of this corner. It might be, however very difficult to sustain this position. Frequently in this country we find the calls for creeks in original field notes very greatly in error. I am inclined to base the location of this line on that original work which has been fully identified, and rest the corner at 1917 Vs. from the S. W. Cr. of said 3.

You will note from the sketch that there are six stone mounds scattered about in this vicinity and sustaining nearly the relative relation to oneanother shown thereon. The stone mound (the one marked Crews on the sketch) is the one which has, I think been recognized ^{by the Gen. Land Office} as the true Cr. It is 475 Vs. S. of the S. W. Cr. of said 4, as above. In the extreme case two of these mounds are about 600 Vs. apart. One cannot determine any thing in this locality regarding a stone mound. It is evidently grossly incorrect to consider the stone mound marked Crews in the sketch. There is nothing on the ground whatever to warrant it. It will not fit any thing in the block, course distance or any thing else. To hold to this would jam several surveys together one-fourth of a mile as the line passing through the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 20 is fixed and cannot be moved.

This would reduce the area of these surveys about 80 acres each which would, it seems to me, be a great injustice. If it should be determined that some corner must be established which shall conform to the calls of the original field notes in regard to these creek crossings, it would only be necessary to place the said S. W. Cr. of 4, the comparatively short distance N. and E., as described in the foregoing. Such move would not destroy the conformity of the block, would not reduce the area of any of these surveys, and would most nearly conform to the descriptions of the original field notes of any position which will ever be found upon the ground. The excess in distances necessary to place this corner as above described would not be greater than that found in some other portions of the block.

Beginning at the S. W. Cr. of said 4, as established by me and described in the above and foregoing.

Thence S., at 400 Vs. the center of the channel of Baylor Creek (running water), at 475 Vs. pass over the stone mound, marked Crews, in the enclosed sketch, at 3934 Vs. the original S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 20, described in the foregoing. Closed within 1.5 Vs. This checks my work.

Returned to the Said S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 4.

Description: Planted a large cedar post and placed rock about it. The sharp top of a distant hill Brs. N. $34^{\circ}30'$ E. The west edge of a dark brown gypsum rock, outcropping from the vertical face of a red bluff, said bluff being on the S. side of Baylor Creek and forming its bank, Brs. S. $69^{\circ}30'$ E. 424.2 Vs.

Thence E., at 120 Vs. the center of the channel of Baylor Creek, at 260 Vs. the center of the channel of Baylor Creek, (running water) at 1970 Vs. the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 5, A. B. & M. Here the original field notes give: "A creek Brs. E. 300 Vs." "A creek Brs. N. 520 Vs." I find that the W. bank of said creek Brs. E. 300 Vs. and that the center of said creek Brs. E. 370 Vs. I find that the creek Brs. N. 624 Vs. This shows or tends to show that my line has departed somewhat S. from the original work and that my S. W. Cr. of said 5 is somewhat too far E. to conform to said work.

Thence N., at 1900 Vs. the N. W. Cr. of said 5. Here the original field notes give: "A stone mound on the S. bank of a creek." "A creek Brs. E. 100 Vs." I find, at this point that the S. bank of said creek Brs. N. 100 Vs., and from this point, on the S. bank of said creek, the center of the channel of another creek Brs. E. 125 Vs. This again tends to show that my N. W. Cr. of said 5 is somewhat too far S. & W. to correspond with the original work.

I find that on this run from the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid 182 to the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid 5, thence N. to the N. W. Cr. of said 5, that ; in some places, my line is in very close touch with the original work, while in some other places it is somewhat off. I have investigated this matter thoroughly upon the ground, and I believe that it is impossible to relocate these lines (from the S. W. Cr. of 182), in true conformity to the original work. I believe that the said line, which I have established and described in the foregoing, most nearly agrees with the original work of any line that can be found. It certainly possesses this virtue, it is based upon well defined original corners of the block and the course of said lines is almost the same as that recorded in the original records.

I sincerely trust that, with minor changes if deemed necessary, it may be accepted as the best possible line.

Beginning at the N. W. Cr. of said 5, as described above and from which the S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 100, F. P. Knott, Brs. N. $77^{\circ}1'W$. 1296.5 Vs. The N. E. Cr. of homestead Sur. No. 4, W. J. Benton Brs. N. $37^{\circ}32'E$. 398.5 Vs. There are two stone mounds here for the said N. E. Cr. about 90 Vs. apart.

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Thence E., at 1202.7 Vs. a point in the W. B. L. of Sur. No. 781, Blk. H, W. & N. W. R. R. Co., and 767 Vs. S. of its N. W. Cr., measured along the W. B. L. of said Blk. H., W. & N. W. R. R. Co.

I made this connection from the N. W. Cr. of said 781 which is well fastened to the ground by the corrected work of Joe Long in 1898. Mr. T. L. Crews made this connection from the "Gunbarrel Corner", the N. E. Cr. of Sur. No. 784, said Blk. H, W. & N. W. R. R. Co. It was from this latter work that we compiled the field notes of said 100, showing the area of said 100 not in conflict with the W. & N. W. R. R. Company's lands, and which we forwarded to the General Land Office a short time since. I find that there is about 70 Vs. excess in the distance from the said "Gunbarrel Corner" to the N. W. Cr. of said 781. I ran this last mentioned line twice. I believe it is proper, in making this connection, to consider this N. W. Cr. 781, as it is a well defined corner, and, seems to me, that it must govern in the location of the lines contiguous to said Sur. 781.

Description of the point of intersection of the W. B. L. of said 781 with the S. B. L. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 100, F. P. Knott: A mesquite stake and very large stone mound. The N. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 781, Brs. N. 87° 45' E. 475 Vs. The S. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 100, F. P. Knott Brs. W. 89° 45' W. 2466 Vs. A point in the N. B. L. of Sur. No. 5, A. B. & M., 1202.7 Vs. E. of its S. W. Cr., Brs. N. 87° 45' W. 202 Vs. A cottonwood tree Mkd. X, standing in Baylor Cross, Brs. S. 23° 40' E. 322.3 Vs. A hackberry tree Mkd. X, standing in the wide valley of Baylor Creek, and 11 Vs. E. of the foot of a rocky hill, Brs. N. 10° E. 81.3 Vs. A mesquite tree, 5" in dia., Mkd. X, standing at the S. foot of a gravelly hill Brs. N. 20° 00' W. 27 Vs.

Beginning at the N. W. Cr. of said 5, as described above.

Thence E., at ~~XXXXX~~ 1202.7 Vs a point in the W. B. L. of Sur. No. 781, Blk. H, W. & N. W. R. R. Co., at about 1970 Vs. Baylor Creek, (running water), at 3910 Vs. the N. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 3, B. S. & F.

Thence S. (too close on the S. W. Cr. of the aforesaid Sur. No. 46) at 9674 Vs. said Cr. Failed to close within 17 Vs. (Poor work. Had about 23 miles of very rough country to traverse). This again checks my work.

Returned to the Said N. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 3.

Thence E 1900 Vs, the N. E. Cr. of said 3.

Thence N., at 4377.8 Vs. a point in the S. B. L. of Sur. No. 683, Blk. H, W. & N. W. R. R. Co., 700 Vs. E. of its S. W. Cr. (Connected here with the Joe Long corrected corner, the S. W. Cr. of said 683). at 6277.8 Vs a point in the N. B. L. of said 683 and 625.4 Vs. E. of its N. W. Cr., at 7600 Vs. the N. W. Cr. of Sur. No. 164, B. S. & F.

Description of the N. W. Cr. of said 164: An iron pipe 3" X 40", top one foot above the surface of the ground, driven on the steep E. slope of a sand hill, and from which a mesquite bush on the top of said sand hill, (Bush Mkd. X.) Brs. S. 81° 37' W. 18.6 Vs. A hackberry tree 8" in dia., Mkd. X, standing in a small sandy basin, at the foot of said sand hill, Brs. S. 66° 51' E. 23 Vs. The center of a prominent hill Brs. S. 65° 6' E.

Thence E. 1900 Vs. with the N. B. L. of said 164 to its N. E. Cr. A mesquite stake on the top of a sand hill, from which a mesquite bush Mkd. X, standing on the top of said sand hill, Brs. N. 62° 15' W. 18 Vs. A scrubby hackberry tree, Markd. X, standing at the foot of said sand hill, Brs. S. 22° 43' W. 22.3 Vs. The extreme W. point of a red ridge Brs. S. 46° 38' E.

Thence E. 247 Vs. a point in the W. B. L. of homestead Sur. No. 3, Blk. No. 1, J. A. Owen, and 313.5 Vs. S. of its N. W. Cr. *measured along the W.B.L. of said 3.*

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Returned to the N. E. Cr. of said 164,
Thence N. 1900 Vs., the N. E. Cr. of Sur. No. 163, B. S. & F.
Planted a large pine stake. The foot of a huge precipitous sand hill
Brs. W. 50 Vs.

I connected the original well defined common N. Cr. of Surs. Nos.
35 and 36, F. P. Knott, with the N. W. Cr. of said Sur. No. 164.
This gives the relation of these B. S. & F. Surs. with the contiguous
Knott Surs. These connections are shown on the large sketch.

I, Geo. H. Chipman, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing statements of the field
work, the description of all original corners, of all original lines,
of all original monuments, found by me, of all lines run by me and of all
corners established by me, are true and correct statements, and that
the result of this work is truly and correctly described and set forth
in the above and foregoing statements and descriptions and in the
sketch accompanying the same.

Geo. H. Chipman,
County Surveyor.

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Childress, Tex., May 25, 1901.

Hon. Chas. Rogan,
Commissioner, General Land Office,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir: I forward you to day by express a report and sketch
of work done in Block N. B. S. & F. and A. B. & M.

I certainly beg your pardon for sending a sketch drawn upon so
large a scale. It is the same scale as my private map and I could not
spare the time to make a sketch upon a smaller scale.

I have endeavored to state facts, not opinions. If the latter
should chance to crop out occasionally, I trust that you will excuse
it.

Yours very respectfully,

Geo. H. Chipman
Co. Sur.

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Connections from Gumbrell
corner on N. E. cor. 784 Blk. H.
W. & N. W. Ry. Co. to corners in
Blk. "H." A B & M and B. S. & F. also
to F. P. Knott surveys on Prairie
Log river by Geo. H. Chipman
Co. Surveyor

See large sketch file this
day & part of the report.

Filed May 28/1901

Charles Rogan

Comr.

See large
sketch in Ice box

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