

		N.	S.	E.	W.
From N.W. cor 390					
	N. 60° W. 8874	4437			7685
1470s W. 28 to NW cor Rowlett	S. 30° W. 4150		3596		2075
to NE cor Rowlett	East 2727			2727	
to SE	South 2580		2580		
to N2 cor Sec 1	East 1900			1900	
	South 600		600		
	S. 60° E 3300		1650	2858	
to N.W. cor. 390, or place of beginning	N. 30° E. 4600	3983		2300	
		8420	- 8426	- 9785	- 9760

Error in Latitude = 160s

" " Departure = 25 "

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Sterling City, (STERLING COUNTY,) Texas, March 10, 1893.

Hon. W. L. McLaughrey
 Comm. Gen. Land Office -

Dear Sir - Replying to your favor of the 6th I send report of work recently done in Coke Co. For this work I had a working sketch from your Office which gave to the 640 acres surveys on South Bank of Colorado River a width of 1026 vs - and to the 320 a width of 725 vs, instead of 950 vs and 672 vs - I ^{found} ~~found~~ and identified by one bearing, still standing, and stump of the other bearing the lower corner of Survey N° 316 in name of Charles Lockhart on North side of river, and took a point on South Bank of river S. 30° W. from this as the lower or N.E. cor. of Survey N° 390 in name of Heinrich Heuke. Both bearings of latter have been destroyed. Running from this point up the river I established the upper or N.W. cor. of Survey N° 385 in name of August Meinicke, finding the excess in all 532 vs, and, giving to each survey its percentage of excess, the 640s will have each a width of 1045 vs and the 320 a width of 739 vs.

Continuing up the river from the N.W. cor of N° 385 I established the upper or N.W. cor. of Survey N° 382 in name of A. Sauerbon - finding the aggregate width of the three surveys 3020 vs - showing an excess of 448 vs, which, distributed, gives to the 640s a width of 1112 vs and to the 320 a width of 786 vs.

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Continuing up the river to upper or N.W. cor. of N° 381 I found that it was 1040 vrs in width.

I think the increased excess between N°s 380 and 381 was caused by an error of chainmen in keeping the "outs" - for were the excess 248 vrs instead of 448 vrs its per centage would about equal what is found below.

All the bearings of the surveys included above have been destroyed - but the conformation of lines to river enabled me to satisfactorily and definitely locate the corners named.

From the upper or N.W. cor. of N° 382 I ran S. 30° W. 3240 vrs and East 147 vrs to the N.W. cor. of the Alex. W. Rowlett survey.

In running the line which makes the South boundary of the Vanderstraten, Rowlett, Hall and Crawford surveys I found the N.E. corners of Sections 1-2-5-6. The North boundary of N° 1 is correct - that of N° 2 is 1940 vrs - of N° 5 is 1760 vrs.

I made these surveys in 1879, having a surveyor employed to handle the instrument and took my notes from him, as I was frequently off the line. My connection was with the N.W. cor. of river survey 390 as above and was as follows - S. 30° W. 4200 vrs - N. 60° W. 3300 vrs and North 600 vrs, there making the N.E. cor. of H E + W T R R Co survey N° 1 - (Bexar S. 27487). I now have

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reason to believe that the first run, S. 30° W., ought to have been given me as 4600 ors instead of 4200 - But I did not have time to fully investigate this point. I enclose calculation of the circuit of the work, lat. and Sep. To shorten it I had added together several of the runs made on same course.

I found Homestead settlers on the Vanderstraten, Rowlett, Hall and Crawford surveys, some seven or eight in all. These men were located two or three years ago by a Coke Co Surveyor, and have done a considerable amount of hard work, and all in good faith. I learned of eight or ten more on the North side of the river, some on river surveys. They seem to be honest, law-abiding citizens. Some of them told me their locations had been pronounced all right at your office. They do not appear at all on the sketch made for my work July 21st.

It would be some protection to this class of settlers if it could be required that Homestead fieldnotes be returned promptly - that they be examined as soon as filed in Gen. Land Office and condition at once reported to applicant in some way that would ensure his receipt of it before he can have done so much work. In this County are Homestead surveys made on patented lands, the fieldnotes of which I don't believe to have ever been sent to your office, though the work was done about a year or more ago. And the settlers firmly believe that the work has been recognised there as correct. These troubles are caused more, perhaps, by ignorance than fraud. I must
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Sincerely hope that the effort you are making to secure a means for remedying the evils of the existing system may be successful.

Respectfully
C. W. Holt

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means for recording the title of the existing interest and
generally take that the office when one intending to secure a

CW Holt's explanation 3/10/99.

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Director

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