

COUNTY SURVEYOR,
COLEMAN COUNTY.

J. A. McElrath, Surveyor.

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Coleman, Texas August the 20 th 1891

Hon. W.L. McGaughey Comr. of Coleman, Texas,

Genl. Land Office Austin Texas:..... Daer Sir

~~on, yesterday Gentlemen~~ Sirs. R.S. Bowen and J.T. Evans two Ex County
 Surveors made report to you giving a statement wherin they In plain te
 terms say that the corner and live Oak tree, described by E. Frieden's
 State Surveyor as being the N.W. corner of the Waco Mfg Co Survey No II
 will not do for old work or for Original corner or bearing as made by
 Eggin the supposed Surveyor of said survey No. II these men mention
 above are worthy of Notice. Mr. R.S. Bowen has held the Office of County
 Surveyor one term (In this County) and as a Surveyor he is held to not
 have a superior In the west. as to Mr. J.T. Evans he has held
 the position of County Surveyor for two terms and that of County Judge
 for a like number of terms. and could of continued in either of the p
 places if he desired to do so. his popularity as an honest upright
 Gentleman was such that when I concluded to run for Surveyor I made it
 a special point to learn if he desired the Office for a third time
 and besides the standing of the two Gentlemen theyw went to the above
 mention work not willingly or on their own free will and accord
 but by the persuasions of others that had examined the corner and tree
 to that extant to convince them that a Fraud was being pepetrated
 whereby poor men would loose. and that I was justifiabie In not En-
 -orseing Mr. Friedenhaus. hence you ~~xxx~~ must be persuaded if you count
 my statment worth anything, that these men went to and examined said
 tree and corner for no other purpose than that justice be done and
 right be met out to the poper men. so to be plain, I must beg and ad-
 vise you to not treat Hon. J.T. Evans and Ex County Surveor R.S. Bowen
~~xxxxxx~~ report with silence. for it is worth something.
 and if as I learn from an other source, you have ruled that Frieden-
 haus statement to be correct. I would advise you to reconsider and
 let Parties Interested settle this matter In the peoper tribunals of
 our Country, before ^{to p. 1174} further steps. all the Interest I have In the case
 case is that justice be given to whom it belongs notwithstanding I ge
 presume you have been told otherwise. so In conclusion I would be glad
 to know why you did not answer my letter wherein I ask you to come
 and see for yourself the tree. also another letter containing the Af-
 fidavit of four signers stating what they saw by viseting the tree
 Hoping you will ans, this I am

Respectfully yours J.A. McElrath County Surveyor

Statement of
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