

Austin, Texas. May 9, 1892.

To the Hon. W. L. McGaughey,
Com'r. General Land Office of Texas.

A number of interested citizens of Coleman County having requested you to go, or send some competent and experienced surveyor, to investigate, and if possible, settle the difficulty recently developed in trying to locate or identify the N. W. cor. of survey No. 11, made for the Waco Mfg. Co. in said Coleman County; and having been selected by you for that purpose, I now beg leave to make following report; viz:

On the 28th Oct. 1891 I repaired to the field, and made following preliminary survey; with R. C. Bassett and Richard Horseman, duly sworn, as Chain Carriers:- (Variation of Needle N. $9^{\circ}10'$ E.). Beginning at S. W. cor. of S. Garcia and S. E. cor. of J. D. Claibourne surveys - a mound of rock on high bluff, overlooking the Colorado river, whence a dead Mesquite Mkd. X brs N. 7° E 12 4-10 vs. (This is an old recognized corner.) Thence North, at 1120 vs. Bull Creek - at 3393 vs. mound of rock for N. E. cor. of said Claibourne, and S. E. cor of Saml. Wilson surveys - at 3809 vs. a stone mound - at 5659 vs. stone mound and iron pipe for N. W. cor. of said S. Garcia survey, and supposed beginning, or S. W. cor. of said survey No. 11. Thence, from said N. W. cor. of S. Garcia survey, continuing same bearing North, at 30 vs. center of water hole in small creek - at 878 vs. foot of hill - at 950 vs. distance for N. W. cor. of said survey No. 11 - at 963 vs. a point 212 vs. East from stone mound and iron pipe, said to be established by E. Friedenhaus, on the day of 1891, for N. W. cor. of said survey No. 11 Waco Mfg. Co., from which a double Live Oak bears N. 7° E. 103 vrs. Continuing same course North from point of "distance for N. W. cor. of said No. 11", as described above - at 13 vs. pass "point 212 vs. East" from the Friedenhaus corner - at 1362 vs. an old stone mound, claimed by citizens present, to be the beginning or S. W. cor. of survey No. 91 Coleman County School land.

I examined very carefully the corner claimed by Mr. Friedenhaus to be the N. W. cor. of said survey No. 11. The witness tree, N 7° E. 103 vs. distant, is a double Live Oak, the two branches separating about 18 inches above ground:- The East branch of said tree being about twelve inches in diameter, and West branch about seven inches, and partially decayed on East side. I found no marks that I could recognize as surveyor's marks; nor any indications that an ax or knife had ever been used upon either stem of the tree, except recent marks on East branch. I found no other Live Oak in the vicinity, nor any evidences of such a tree ever having existed, that could possibly have been taken for the witness tree called for in the fieldnotes of said survey No. 11.

Had the surveyor, in locating said survey No. 11 Waco Mfg. Co., begun his preliminary or connecting line at S. W. cor. of said S. Garcia survey, which is quite probable, and run North, with variation of Needle of N 11° E., he would have been carried to, or near the mound and iron pipe, described above, from which double Live Oak brs. N. 7° E. 103 vrs. Not being fully satisfied in regard to the location of the

N. W. cor. of said survey, I wrote two or three letters of inquiry to Mr. Jno. E. Elgin, who made the original location, and finally, (Dec. 13-91), elicited following reply:- "I made the survey and cor-

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ners you speak of on the ground. At this length of time I cannot be very positive about matters". Mr. Elgin referred me to R. G. Armstrong, who was with him, and assisted in making said survey. Having written to Mr. Armstrong at two or three different points, inquiring particularly about the witness tree to the N. W. cor. as called for in fieldnotes of said survey No. 11, I finally received reply that he was on the eve of a trip of several weeks; but on his return would give me such information as he could call to mind: On 22nd March last I received another letter in which he says, " I remember that we hunted and found a corner on the bank of the Colorado river, and run back the distance called for in the fieldnotes, and put in a survey; and seems to me that we did make a corner with Live Oak bearing; but not keeping notes of the work, I cannot be positive". Capt. Jno. E. Elgin was recently at the General Land Office, and tells me that his old field book, used when making said survey No. 11, is lost or destroyed, and his memory is very indistinct in regard to the matter; but as the fieldnotes call for a Live Oak witness tree at N. W. cor. of said survey, he knows it was there, as he never called for an imaginary tree.

Considering all the points presented here; and with all the lights before me, I am of the opinion that said double Live Oak tree, described above, is the identical witness tree called for in fieldnotes, and the corner so described, is the N. W. corner as originally established for survey No. 11 Waco Mfg. Co.,

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