

R. H. COCKE, JR.  
COUNTY JUDGE  
Wellington, Texas

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Hon. J. I. Robinson;

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Referred to Chief Clerk

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the Co. Judge and other interested parties to submit to you a little complication that has arisen in our Public Road question. In the accompanying plat there is an excess strip 110 ft in width the 8th Survey that this excess was filed on by parties filing on the school sections adjacent in some cases at least. The Commissioner's Court granted, yrs. ago, a Public Road from the middle point between the Iron Pipes at the N.W. Cor. Sec. 88 & N.E. Cor. Sec. 87 to the middle point between the Iron Pipes at the S.W. Cor. Sec. 54 & S.E. Cor. Sec. 53. Parties along the road owning the Rail Road land received pay from the court for only half this road - thinking this excess strip was to be divided.

Parties buying the school land along this road find their deeds call for all this excess, hence have given all the road, and in one instance, at least, where I have measured, their deeds call for 35 ft across the road from their land. Most of this school land is yet unpatented, though the S.W. <sup>1/4</sup> has been patented and the corners on the west are in the centre of this excess strip.

Have you a ruling or will you make one that will help us and how, am I as Co. Surveyor, to make Field Notes to secure Patents for the school land adjacent to this Pub. Road.

Respectfully Yrs.

S. T. Smith

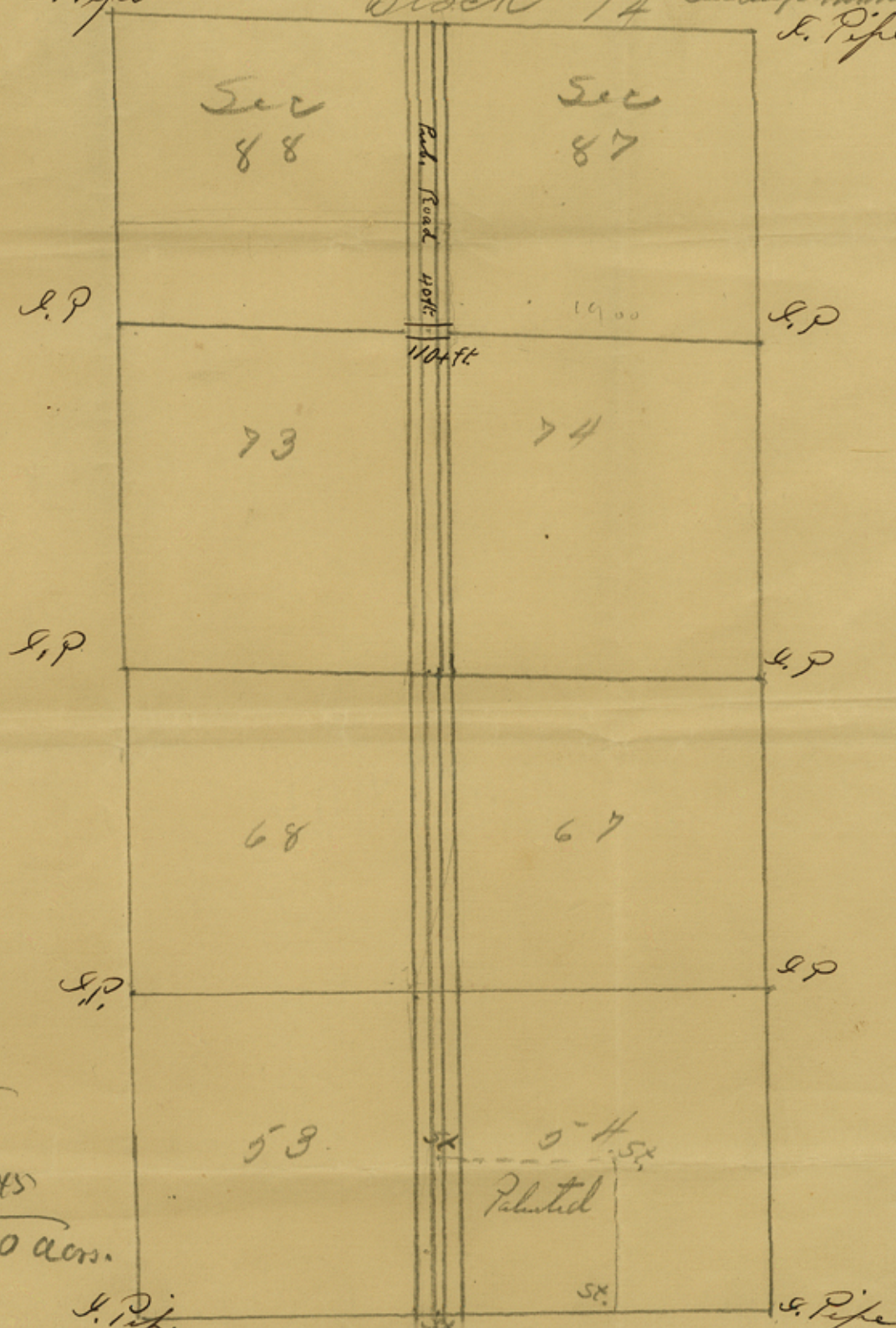
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S. Pipe Block 14 Callingsworth Co. S. Pipe



1912  
 2008  
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 15296  
 3824  
 3839296 / 5645  
 23870  
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 45229  
 45160  
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 696

680 acrs.

Excess strip 110 ft.

Iron Pipe corner

Iron Pipe corner

H. 950  
J. Thompson  
160 a. ptd.  
950

1900

87

Wm Kirbie  
320 Acres  
2008. ptd.

1054  
70td.  
1900.

I.P.

1900.

I.P.

73

74

1900.

I.P.

1900

I.P.

68.

67

70td.

1900

I.P.

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53

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70td

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Iron Pipe corner

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Austin Texas

May 3/1915  
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Chief Draftsman

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for Gen. Collins

County 18886



General Land Office,

State of Texas.

Austin.

May 5, 1915.

J. T. ROBISON, COMMISSIONER.  
~~J. H. WALKER, CHIEF CLERK.~~  
J. M. MELSON, CHIEF CLERK

Mr. S. T. Smith,  
Wellington, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 28th ultimo enclosing a sketch representing some sections in Collingsworth County and you have noted thereon the public road with reference to these sections.

It seems what you want to know is, whether public roads should be respected in case subdivision field notes are made for the school sections. You are advised that under the law a purchaser or owner of the school lands, a part of which is covered by the public road, must pay the state for all of the land, that is to say, the strip covered by the public road cannot be excluded so far as the state is concerned.

The enclosed rough pencil sketch shows the sections as they have been re-surveyed with iron pipe corners established on the ground. You will note that the individual sections are confined to 640 acres each, and the school sections have the excess.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF TEXAS

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Collingsworth  
County Sketch  
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Smiths Letter & Ex-  
planation

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