

COPIES OF LETTERS

(Parenthetical insertions by
Frank F. Friend.)

Letter No. 1:

"Belknap, Texas
April the 11th 1889

Mr S.A. Thompson

Ft. Davis, Texas

Dear sir I understand from Mr. E M Powell that you made the survey of Archer County School Land in Crockett Co Texas on Live Oke Creek. My Bro & I own the Archer Co land and last summer parties owning G C & S F RR Co Block No 1 had their land surveyed which conflicted and run in on Archer Co land 1113 vars. Do you know who surveyed G C & S F RR Cos land and where they commenced to doe the work doe you remember which side of Live Oke Creek the N.W. corner of University Blk No. 6 is and is not that the corners that G C & S F RR Co lands are tied to. and doe you know whether the Archer Co land was ever actuly surveyed on the ground or not and wheather the other land was or not. I want to ask you how much you would charge per day to come to Crockett and survey and straighten the matter out would want the work done in July or Aug next would want you to prepare your Self with field notes and data sufficient to doe the work correctly. Please let me hear from you and tell me all you know about the land and wheather you can come and doe the work and what the charges will be adress

J. H. Graham

Belknap, Young Co Texas "

Letter No. 2:

"(Ft. Davis, Texas)
April 19, 1889

J. H. Graham, esq
Belknap Texas

Dear sir:

Yours regarding work on Live Oak came in my absence,

"I will examine the matter and write you in a few days. I built the inside corner of the four leagues of the Archer Co School land and think will have no trouble finding the corners

Yours Truly

S A Thompson "

Letter No. 3:

"(Fort Davis, Texas)
April 19, 1889.

E M Powell esq
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I want to do some work for J H Graham, on Live Oak Creek, and would like to have my original note book, for the work. Please see if you can find it among your papers and if you will do so would like to have you loan it to me for a while. I have one of the old field books here but it only contains the work on head of S Concho. the book - I want has the

connecting line to old Ft Territe in it and the
Archer Co school land work &c.

"If you have any of the old sketches of the live oak
country I could use them to advantage

"Dee Bois is in Elgin, I will see him in a few weeks
regarding the sec #25.

Yours truly
S A Thompson"

Letter No. 4:

"Dallas, Texas
22nd April 1889

Mr S A Thompson
Ft Davis Texas

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 19th Inst Rec'd and I have just looked
every where I can think of for the original field book
of the work on Live Oak creek in Crockett Co. but can-
not find it. Enclosed herewith is two sketches,
or tracings of that section (?) of the country, they
will help you a great deal, as they have many of the
corners marked on them --- Please return these as soon
as you are through with them, for I have no others --

"It seems to me that I sent the book you ask for to
Gage a long time ago. Is it not a thin pocket book
covered with fair (?) leather, or sheep skin.

Ys Respty

E. M. Powell "

Letter No. 5:

"(Ft Davis, Texas)
April 25th 1889

E M Powell esq
Dallas Texas

Dear sir

I have rec'd yours of 22nd with sketches enclosed
which I will use and return. I dislike to trouble
you further but the book I have here has not got the
live oak work. It is a fait (?) leather book, but
the one I need has the work I did that winter after
you went to Stockton and has the work I did hunting
for R M Thompsons University work, and my line from
Griersons Sps.

"If after looking again you do not find it do not
trouble further, but if I had it I could follow my
old line much easier

Yours truly
S A Thompson "

Letter No. 6:

"(Ft. Davis, Texas)
May 14th 1889

J. H. Grahm
Belknap Texas

Dear sir

Ref' to the Archer Co School land I have not been able to find my old note book yet, but I will be in Austin on the 20th of this month and will get all data needed while there, for to work of re-survey.

"As to the charges for the work for Self, one man and team (?) and Grubb I charge on work here \$10.00 per day. I figure that it would take me all of five days to get to the work and same for return, and the time there of course depends on the amount of work you wish done. At the time I built the corner on that land we dug out a spring near the corner, which one of my men claimed was permanent water. at that time I doubted it, but a year or two ago I mett (?) a cow man who said they had permanent water in that locality. I have thought since that it may prove to be the place I found.

"Should you have the work done would you meet me on the ground, or come here first.

Yours Respty
S. A. Thompson "

Letter No. 7:

"Belknap Texas
May the 23rd 1889.

Mr S A Thompson

Ft Davis, Texas

I am in receipt of yours of the 14 inst and will say That it is no trouble to find Archer Co Leigue No 1 we have a ranche on it and can find every corner. Finding the Archer Co Land is not the trouble The trouble is in running (?) G C & S F RR Co Blk No. 1 it conflicts and runs in on the Archer Co Land to a distance of 1113 vars it also conflicts with all other lands west of it its full length. so you see there is other parties interested in having a correct survey made the G C & S F RR Cos owners have all readdy had their land Surveyed twice once by W J Mosely of Midland Texas and once by Archibald Bogle (?) of Val Verda Co Texas and both times nearly a like What is needed is the true starting point the Archer land calls for University section No 6 ⁶⁰ N W thence 4 miles North and 2 miles W I dont know what the G C & S F calls for the matter will have to (be) studied and the Surveyor made acquainted with the hole business for I want the survey that I have to pay for to be correct and Able to stand up in Law I think your price rather high but for a job that will settle the trouble I am willing to pay almost any price. I want you to make yourself thourally acquainted with the matter and I will let you hear from me again as to when we can have the work done As there is other parties interested I want to see if they wont all whack up If there is any thing more you wish to know adress

J. H. & N. H. Graham at Midland Texas.

My Bro lives on the ranche and is there all the time

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I will be at the ranche through July and August and will figure to have the work done while I am there. I will say I dont believe there is any conflict They commence on the west side of Live Oke Creek at a pile of rocks and call it University No 6 there is an other pile of rocks on the east side of the creek which I think is the University (?) corner (?)

J. H. Graham "

Letter No. 8:

"(Ft. Davis, Texas)
May 30, 1889.

J. H. Graham esq
Belknap Texas

Dear sir

I have just returned from Austin. I ordered a working sketch of the Archer Co School land and the G C & S F Blk which will be forwarded in a week or two. In regard to this matter I wish to say before you are at further expense, that if both Mr. Bogle and Mr. Mosley began their work at the beginning corner of Blk #29, University Lands, and ran up from them (?) to determine the position of sec #6 there is no reason to think that they are wrong; but if they simply take the rock md near the head waters for the corner of #6, there is a chance that they are in error. When I went in there I was told by Mr. Barton how to find the NW cor #6, a large Rk Md 6' high &c,&c. I never found it, it had not been built, and I had to run down to old Ft Lancaster for a connecting point, the same to which Blk 29 is tied to. Now if you or your Brother know that _____ (word did not copy) work that has been done was run from the beginning _____ (word did not copy) of Blk #29 you can determine to a reasonable degree of certainty whether their work is right.

"I have not yet found my old field book, but hope to find it, but have to say that the matter in question will be settled by a line from the beginning corner of section #1 Blk 29, University Lands, to the inside corner of the school land for I know that the NW corner of Sec #6 was not built when I first went in there to find it. I remember of being asked some years ago if I had not found it, and who ever it was spoke to me of it claimed to have found it, and described a mark that I had left on my line down the valley.

"I would be glad to know as soon as possible if I am to come over for you (?), or rather want to know some time beforehand, as I have a great deal of work

Yours Respty

S. A. Thompson "

Letter No. 9:

" E. M. Powell
Dealer in Texas Land
office 1007 main St
Dallas Texas 17th June 1889

Mr. S. A. Thompson
Ft Davis, Texas

Dear sir.

Having just moved my office, I have had a pretty good

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chance to look for the field book you asked for in your letter of 25th April ---

"I had the book in mind all the time, but did not see it --- I think you or Gage must have it

Yrs Respty

E. M. Powell "

Letter No. 10:

"San Angelo Texas
3/15/31

Mr. Harold Thompson
Ft Davis Texas

Dear Sir:

Your father did a lot of surveying in Crockett Co., Tex. along in 1880-1881. Blocks AB & CD & OP & UV WK and BB all Crockett County. I wish you (would?) see if you can find his field books on this work, suppose you know the field book is the small book the surveyor carries in the field. I will give \$25.00 for the use of them for 60 days I have been working on these surveys lately. Please look carefully for them.

"Do you know where Mr. H. C. Barton lived about the same time or where I could find his books. Please write me at your earliest on this

Yours truly

Bob Reid "

BOB REID'S ENVELOPE

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~~Wm. E. Davenport~~ 901 N. Van Buren
~~Western Reserve Life Bldg.~~
San Angelo, Texas

Stamp.



Mr. Harold Thompson
Ft Davis
Tex.

Copies of ten letters taken from the private files of
S. A. Thompson, deceased, formerly Fort Davis, Texas.
These records are now in the custody of Meade and
Metcalf, Marfa, Texas.

*accompanies F.F. Mink's letter of
May 2nd, 1934, from San Angelo.*

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