

August 19, 1953

Mr. R. B. Durrill  
Van Horn,  
Texas

Dear Mr. Durrill:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7, 1953, and your letter of protest, dated August 8, 1953, in regard to the survey of Mr. Fred Armstrong covering Sections 6, 7 and 18, PSL, Block 63, Culberson County. It will not be necessary for you to have this protest recorded in the County Clerk's office of Culberson County. Your letter will be duly filed of record here in the Land Office.

In as much as patents have been issued on Sections 6, 7 and 18, PSL, Block 63, Culberson County, this office is not in a position to make corrections in the survey until such a time as a request is made by the owner for a corrected patent, and corrected field notes submitted therewith.

I have on file a report and sketch of Mr. Nick M. Thee, Licensed State Land Surveyor, of Marfa, Texas, reflecting result of his survey of PSL Block 77 and the adjoining surveys. Mr. Thee has used the NE corner of Section 37, Block 65, Tsp. 8, T & P Ry. Co. as the beginning corner for his construction of the T & P Ry. Surveys. This sketch and report is designated as Culberson Sketch File No. 32.

Sincerely yours,

DENNIS WALLACE, CHIEF CLERK  
AND ACTING COMMISSIONER OF  
THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Van Horn, Texas.  
Aug. 7th, 1953

Mr Bascom Giles, Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr Giles:

I have written this protest and mailed a copy to all land  
owners adjoining my land.

Should I have this protest recorded in the County Clerks  
Office, Culberson County?

What action will the Land Department take?

Please advise me as I would like to have every-thing in line.

Sincerely

R. B. Durill.

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Van Horn, Texas  
Aug. 8, 1953

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Mr. Bascom Giles, Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas

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Dear Mr. Giles:

In the summer of 1950, Mr. Fred Armstrong, State Licensed Surveyor of Pecos, Texas surveyed certain tracts of land for Paul Teas, Sr. of Dallas. This land is located in Culberson County adjoining the land that I own. The Paul C. Teas lands are in School Block 63, School Block 77, and Block 64, Township 7, T & P Railway Company Surveys in Culberson County. Running north and south in School Block 77, I own  $\frac{1}{8}$  of Section 4, all of Section 5 and 6 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 7 in School Block 77 and  $\frac{1}{8}$  of Section 26 in Block 65, Township 7, T & P Railway Company Survey.

In surveying the land for Mr. Teas, Armstrong started his survey from the northwest corner of University Lands, Block 48. Their survey was made in 1937 and no lands in the County were ever laid off from it. In going north along the east line of School Block 77, Armstrong kept bearing west; thus taking in certain portions of my land. From all past surveys, his course north and south is not correct. His survey bears much further west than any survey in the history of surveys along this boundary line.

I have sold the north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 4 in School Block 77 and the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 26, and all of Section 38, Block 65, Township 7, T & P Railway Company Surveys in Culberson County. On account of his conflicting survey, I am unable to designate the boundary line of these three tracts of land.

For over a year, I have attempted to get everybody concerned to co-operate and have a new survey made starting from the T & P Survey 37, Block 65, Township 8 which was the Kuechler Survey corrected by Paul McCombs from which the lands were originally laid off. All efforts have failed. I cannot afford to accept the wrong survey because all the lands in my ranch will be out of line and I will be short of land. In the face of this fact, there is only one thing for me to do and that is protest the Fred Armstrong Survey with the Land Department at Austin.

Yours very truly,

*R. B. Purcell*

Copies to:  
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Dallas 2, Texas

Paul C. Teas Jr.  
Van Horn, Texas

A. F. Walker  
Route 2  
Sudan, Texas

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Lone Star Trading Post  
Lubbock, Texas

Tom Franklin  
Van Horn, Texas

Raymond Franklin  
Van Horn, Texas

J. E. Franklin  
Route 1  
Abernathy, Texas

Valerie Schneider  
Route 45  
Lubbock, Texas

Stevens & Hall  
Ray Stevens  
Van Horn, Texas

M. O. Webb  
Box 2728  
Odessa, Texas

Jess Taber  
Van Horn, Texas

Fred Armstrong, Surveyor  
Pecos, Texas

*Handwritten notes:*  
Cates & McPherson  
Tom Franklin  
Raymond Franklin  
J. E. Franklin  
Valerie Schneider  
Stevens & Hall  
M. O. Webb  
Jess Taber  
Fred Armstrong

BY *[Signature]*  
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BASCOM GILES, COM'R

By [Signature]

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R. B. Durrill of  
the Fred Armstrong  
survey of Sections  
6, 7 and 18, P.S.L.  
BLK. 63 dated  
Aug. 8, 1953.  
G.L.O. Reply  
dated Aug. 19, 1953

Bascom, Texas  
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Richard Brown

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