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C. C. GIBBS,
LAND COMMISSIONER.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

June 1 1902

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Howe Chas Rogan

Austin
 Sir: I wish to call your attention to the conditions of certain blocks of surveys in Deaf Smith County -

In 1887 certain parties purchased the following sections -

24	sections	in	Block	M 7
50	"	"	"	K 3
22	"	"	"	K 4
48	"	"	"	K 7
144	in all -			

Being at that time the Surveyor of the Oklahoma Land District and Deaf Smith County being a part of the Oklahoma Land District, I was employed to survey and mark the outside boundary of these sections.

I appointed Mr W. W. Pritchell to make the survey. He found and identified the N E corner of section

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135 block M7 - We also found and identified
 the N.E. corner of section 10 in
 block K5 - but found no corners between
 in blocks K3, K4, & K5 - all being on the
 plain - The distance between the corners
^{mentioned} was found to be very excessive - I have
 not the data at hand now to show what
 this excess is, but we made the survey
 distributing the excess -
 When I submitted the matter to Commissioner
 Hale, he held that ~~the~~ the excess was so
 great, the corners so far apart, and the
 field notes were merely office calls of
 most ^{all} of the sections & all on a treeless plain
 it would be best to run blocks M7, K3
 K4, K7 ^{and} K8 off from the well identi-
 fied corner at the N.E. cor of sec 135 in
 block M7 - being easily identified by its
 call for the Pierre Blanca creek, which
 has living water in it - Making it the
 more certain of identification -
 Mr Purchase also at the same time

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found the N.E. corner of section 27 block 8
The N.E. corner sec 4 Blk 7 and the N.E.
corner section 12 Blk 3 - all being
circular trenches on the prairie - with
no bearings.

Mr Hall instructed that the west boundary
line of blocks 14 - blocks 3 - block 7 ^{4th}
block 8 ^{of shape} be fixed by running course
^{4th} distance west from these last mention
ed corners -

Mr Dunchell went on the
ground the second time and made
the survey in accordance with Mr
Halls instructions. Made a map
showing how he left the work on the
ground, which I approved as the
district Surveyor of Oklahoma land
district. and filed the same in
the General Land office on January
9th 1888. see draft with county sketch
file no 1 - This map was accepted by

Counter 20618

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the G. L. O as is evidenced by the following files in your office viz P-6710. P-6712
P-6732. P-8867 -

Making this survey in accordance with Mr. Hales ruling made a vacancy along the east line of blocks K3. K4 ^{and} K5 - which vacancy was pre-empted and patented

The survey made by Mr. Dwinchell, fixing the outside boundary of the 144 sections first above referred to, was accepted by the owners and accepted by Commissioner Hall, ^{and} practically all of the sections sold by the owners ^{by the State} and the ultimate school sections sold, and occupied and all improvements made in accordance with this survey -

I was not called on to survey blocks K5 ^{and} K6 - and therefore the sketch filed Jan'y 1888 did not attempt to define of the excess between the N E corner of sec 135 block M7 ^{and} the N E corner

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of section 10 block K 5. but this excess
 is still there and must be asphoned off.
 This is the object. I have in writing -
 My information is that the people who
 have settled on the school sections in
 blocks K 5 ^{and} K 6 have had them
 surveyed by running course ^{and} distance
 from two corners, which can be found,
 on the north line of K 6 - one at the
 N.E. corner of 10 ^{and} the other at the N.W.
 corner of 91. Where the settlers on
 the school sections in block K 4 ^{and}
 block K 7 have settled according to
 the Duichell survey; that is by
 measuring from the corner on the
 Tierra Blanca - the same being at
 the N.E. corner 135 Block M 7 -
 The present county surveyor of Deaf
 Smith county asphons of this vacancy
 excess by putting it all in a vacant
 strip, something over a half mile wide

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between blocks K 4 ^{and} blocks K 5 ^{and}
 also letting it extend west between blocks
 K 6 ^{and} K 7 - which will cause less con-
 fusion than any other disposition that
 can be made of it.

Field notes of block K 5 call for block K 4
^{but} H. B. Hedrick made surveys 1 to 6 inclusive
 in block K 5 when J. M. Sumner field
 made survey 10 in block K 4 -

H. B. Hedrick also made the surveys
 in block 8 ^{and} the field notes of sections
 1 to 6 in block K 5 call for the sections
 along the west line of K 8 -

The field notes
 of section 1 Blk K 5 call to begin on
 sec 10 blk K 4 - but as section 1 bears
 date three or four days before Sum-
 -nerfield made section 10 in K 4, it
 is evident that this is a paper call ^{and}
 the surest way to run off sections in
 block K 5 would be to begin at the
 corner made ~~by~~ ^{on} the ground

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either at the N E corner of sec 10 or at
the NW cor of 91 blk K 5 - and give their
course ^{and} distance -

By establishing K 5 from the two known
corners along its north line - by course
^{and} distance ^{and} fixing block K 6 by course
^{and} distance from the corner at N.W. corner
91 Blk K 5. Makes all of this exers fall
in a vacant strip between blocks K 4 ^{and} K 5
^{and} between K 6 ^{and} K 7 -

As Mr W. D. Puchner goes to Deaf Smith
County very soon, please give him
written instructions how to fix the
south line of block K 5 ^{and} block K 6 -
Would also ask that you file this
letter in Deaf Smith sketch file, with
sketch no 1 - as a matter of explanation -

I am

Yours Respectfully

W. S. Mabry

P.S.

I want add, that I don't mean that this
letter is intended to bind the
owners of the land referred to as to their
boundaries, should the land office shall be advised -

Deaf Smith Co.
Sketch file 1A

Letter of explanation
 by W. S. Mabry former
 District Surveyor Oldham
 Land District, dated June 1/1902
 as to the removal of blocks
 M7, K3, K4, K7 & K8
 in Deaf Smith County
 by his deputy W. D.
 Twichell, see sketch no 1
 Deaf Smith Co. plat

Filed June 3/1902
 Charles Rogan
 County Clerk
 By E. von Rosenberg
 Draftsman.

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construction in the blocks to the
 place by a former owner
 W.S. Mabry

