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Dear Smith Co.
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Sketches and explanation
by Capt. A. S. Howren
Capital Syndicate Surveyor
as to correcting surveys no. 5 & 20
Ask A. out of conflict with
Capital Survey 357 1/2, 367
373 & 374 in de of Smith Co.

Com. G. L. O...
John J. Terrell,
Austin, Texas.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
THE WESTERN LAND AND IMMIGRATION
AMARILLO, TEXAS.



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Amarillo, Tex., Nov. 15, 1905:

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir:

I enclose sketch showing conflict of certain surveys with Capitol Leagues Nos. 357-1/2, 373 & 374-Deaf Smith County. These surveys were made by Mr. G. R. Jowell, County surveyor of Deaf Smith County, and field notes filed in the G. L. O.

The South lines and corners of surveys 5, 6, 7, & 8 in the name of M. V. Robertson, and 9 & 10 in the name of A. P. Sims, being inside of the Capitol Syndicate pasture. I was directed by said company to locate the North line of leagues 373 & 374, which I did from the well defined original S. E. corner of Capitol League No. 366, by measuring thence South 2314 varas to a point for the S. W. corner of League 367, Thence East 3115 varas for its S. E. corner, Thence North 947 varas to a point for the most northern N. W. corner of League 373, Thence East 11,533 varas to a point for the northeast corner of League 374, which was located from its S. E. corner, defined by four (4) old pits in a lake basin, which bear East 360 varas.

I then ran the South line of Blk/K11 from its S. E. corner, made by W. D. Twichell- (so stated)- and found all the North corners of surveys 3 to 8 inclusive

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in this line, but the south corners of the same, and also 9 & 10 are in conflict with Capitol Leagues 373 & 374, as shown by the sketch hereto attached.

I am authorized by Mr. M. V. Robertson, Mr. A. P. Sims and Miss B. Griffith to obtain your ruling as to the manner of correcting ~~of~~ these surveys. Will each individual survey lose the land, in conflict, or will priority of applications have precedence, giving to these persons their full complements of 640 acres in each survey, and allowing the deficiency to fall on the last applicant on the north end of the vacancy? This is what they claim, especially as Mr. Jowell was aware of this conflict before he filed the last application. So they contend. In regard to the conflict of J. C. Ma^urk's surveys with Capitol League 357-1/2, your correspondence will show that you instructed Mr. Jowell to correct these surveys, either late in 1902, or early in 1903, but he failed to do so. By instructions from your office I made out corrected field notes of Capitol League 357-1/2, and I suppose they are on file. Not one of the persons interested in these lands has any confidence at all in Mr. Jowell's surveying, but he is the duly qualified County Surveyor, and they have no recourse. As a matter of convenience and at their request, but without authority, I placed corners for them in the South line of block K.11, and North line of Leagues 373 & 374, so that each survey will con^{tain} 640 acres, provided you allow such correction.

Please notify me as early as convenient what your ruling is in regard to the corrections necessary.

Yours truly,

A. S. Howson.



General Land Office.

State of Texas.

Austin.

December 21, 1905.

JOHN J. TERRELL, COMMISSIONER.
J. T. ROBISON, CHIEF CLERK.

Mr. A. S. Howren,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 15th, ult, was duly received. On account of several very urgent matters your letter has been delayed.

After going over the sketch together with the letter of explanation as to the conflicts between surveys No. 5 to 10, block A, with Capitol leagues No. 377 and 374 and surveys 17, 18, 19 and 20, block A, with Capitol league No. 357 1/2 in Deaf Smith county, made under Act of February 23, 1900, by Y. R. Jowell, February 1903. I would state that your idea of correcting surveys 5 to 10 will be satisfactory, also correcting surveys 11 to 16 giving each 640 acres and surveys #17, 18, 19 and 20 should be corrected out of conflict with league No. 357 1/2 as per blue print copy herewith. I am sending you two blue prints, one from your first sketch filed February 4, 1904 - they do not agree as to the distance between the most eastern boundary line of league #357 1/2, and the West line of block K 11, the former has it 1082 1/2 varas, while I make it 1306 varas, according to your last sketch - explanation required. I desire to instruct the county surveyor to make the necessary correction, that is return corrected field notes according to your survey as a basis, hence I would like very much for you to go over the entire matter as to its correctness before instructing him to return the corrected field notes for the several surveys.

Respectfully,

E. von R.-
Cap.

Commissioner.

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File D²
Deaf Smith County
Sketch files

Advicing of surveys 5 to 20
in Block A made under
Act Feby. 23/1900 conflicting
with Capitol leagues
no. 357¹/₂, 373 & 374
in Deaf Smith county on
line of Oldham County
by Capt. A. S. Howrey
Capitol Syndicate Survey

Filed Nov. 17/05.

John J. Terrell
Clerk.
By Mary de Zavala
File Clerk

Survey No 111, BLK K 11, was located by me by actual survey on the ground from the old rock monument at the N.W. cor. of survey No 103, same BLK. A.S.H.

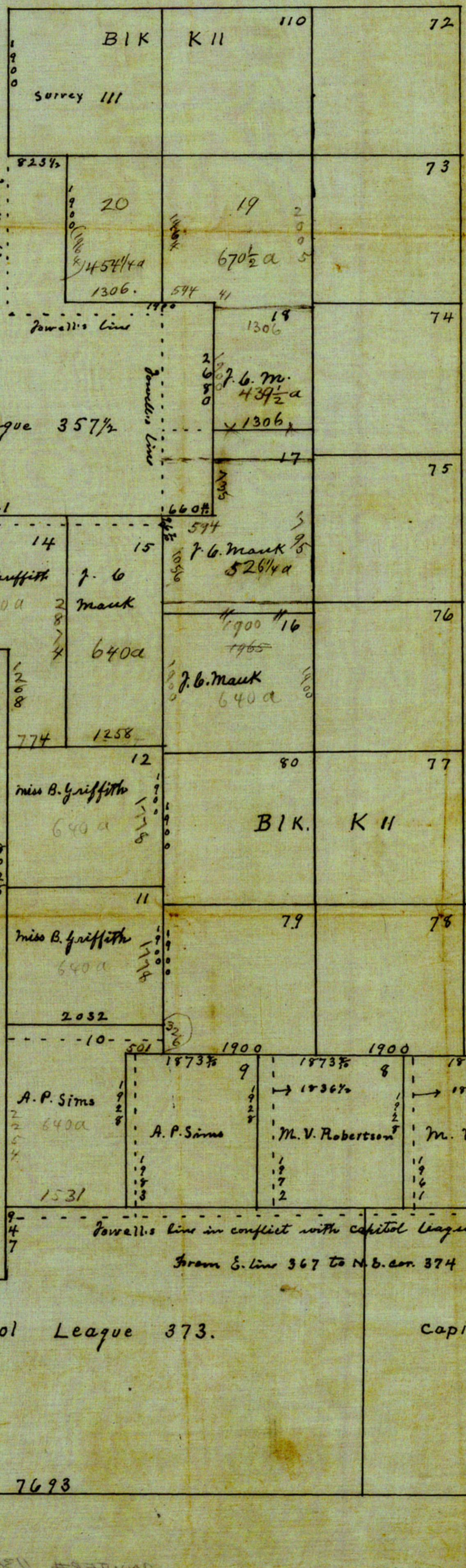
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This sketch is intended to show the position of surveys one to 18 made by G. R. Powell, Co. Surveyor of Deaf Smith County, with reference to Capitol Leagues Nos 357 1/2 - 367 - 373 and 374, and the conflict of surveys 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 with leagues 373 & 374 - also surveys 17, 18 (and presumably 20 and 21) with league 357 1/2. Dotted lines indicate lines surveyed by Mr. Powell. Mr. J. G. Mauk is the heaviest loser - 313 A. on league 357 1/2 - M. V. Robertson loses lightly out of surveys 5, 6, 7, 8, and A. P. Sims out of 9 & 10, provided they can not slide West to include full 640⁰⁰. The north line of leagues 373 & 374 is parallel with the S. line of BLK. K 11, and the vacancy between them is 1928⁰⁰ wide - and a 640 acre survey will be 1873 1/2⁰⁰ S.W.

Amarillo, Texas.
11/14/05

A. S. Howren.
X. I. T. Surveyor

For correct sketch
See sketch & explanation by
Capt Howren filed June 11/06 in
SF-4931 -
E. W. Rosenberg