

County Surveyor Denton County,

ELIJAH BIGGERSTAFF, Surveyor.

Denton, Texas, January 21st 1882

W. H. Abrams,
Land Commissioner, T. & P. R. R. Co.
Marshall, Texas,

Dear Sir,

In reply to H. C. Withers' letter of Jan 21st 1882, which Mr. Lepley has handed me today, I will state, as follows: There may be no vacancy between the Rabb & Williamson surveys, or west of the A. Colvin and C. B. Emmons' surveys, but there is two lines there, and all the surveys have their complement without the strip between the two lines. This however is a quarrel question on the ground. I find all the corners of the Jacob Mickler survey well defined on the ground by plain, well-marked bearing trees. The lines are plainly marked and well known to all the old citizens of the country. The corners of the C. B. Emmons survey are all well-defined on the ground. I have not run Sec-35 any farther west than the Mickler and Emmons surveys, therefore there can be no conflict between 35 and the survey west of it. Mr. Withers states that the N. E. corner of the C. B. Emmons

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mons, and the N. W. corner of the Cary Watson survey are not identical - It is true that the C. B. Emmons C. line calls for 1878 varas and the West line of the Cary Watson calls for 1900 varas - this would make a difference of 22 varas on the ground, but the Cary Watson survey calls for the corner of the C. B. Emmons survey, therefore I have not separated them - The Cary Watson survey runs East from the N. E. corner of the C. B. Emmons - 410 varas to a rock, on the N. B. line of the Wm Kirkendall, now John Pearson survey, 135 varas S. of his N. E. corner, and calls for a Black Jack, and a Post Oak for bearing trees. these rocks and bearing trees, I find correct on the ground as the papers call for - and the length of the lines strictly correct in measure - besides, they are proven by several Old citizens. Mr Withers also states that the N. line, ^{of the Steady White survey -} is 3268 varas long. It is true that the field notes of the Steady White sur calls for 3268 varas, but it only measures 2880 varas, and cannot get more than 2880, unless we ignore its old course and old

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bearing trees. All its old lines and old corners are well defined on the ground, hence the shortage on this line, which is governed by the Bridges corner, accounts for the conflict between the Travis survey on the East, and J. M. Fisher, D. Cowen, J. Parson, and M. E. P. & R. R. Co. survey No 34. This conflict, however has long since been settled between the several claimants to the land. The Travis lines and corners are established and the Fisher, Cowen and Parson surveys are losers. This, however has nothing to do with Sec 35. or the removal of old and welldefined corners.

Therefore I would respectfully insist that I have surveyed Sec 35- correctly on the ground. I cannot move these old corners and lines, without going contrary to field notes and facts on the ground. By so doing. I would involve the citizens in a series of law-suits. and be liable on my bond.

I, Elijah Biggerstaff, Surveyor of Denton County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing statements

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in relation to Section 35, M. & P. R. R. Co. Sur
and its surrounding surveys are ~~true~~ and correct
as I find them to actually exist on the ground
by careful surveying of the premises.

Elijah Biggerstaff,
County Surveyor of Denton County, Texas

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