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General Land Office, Austin Texas:

Gentlemen:

I wish to report to you the apparent existence of two small tracts of State Land in the Northwestern part of Denton County. immediately Northwest of the Bolivar community.

The first contains approximately 13.34 acres of land and is bounded on the West by the Robert Howard Survey, North by the Juan Flores Survey, East by the Daniel Boone Survey and South by the BBB & CRR Co. Survey. Tract is approximately 166 fest wide (E & W) by 3502 fest long (N & S).

The second contains 2.14 acres of land and is bounded on the West by the Stephen Wofford Survey, on the North by the Haynes & Bullion Survey, on the East by the John Eurns Survey and on the South by the John Teague Survey. Tract is approximately 125 feet wide (E & W) by 747 feet long (N & S).

I give approximate figures because the work has not been carried far enough to definitely prove the size of the tracts. There is, however, practically no question of their existence. They are both on lands belonging to R.B.Knox of Bolivar Texas(P.O. Sanger Tex.), and he does not feel financially able to clear them up at this time. They were discovered in locating other corners on his place, but I thought best to report their existence. acks-30.34

Very truly yours,

State Surveyor. Licensed

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State of Texas Austin

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Denton co. St. File #38

July 17, 1934

Messrs. Ballard & Ballard, Denton, Texas.

Deat Sirs:

Attention Mr. C. F. Ballard

I have only now had opportunity to look into the matter referred to in your letter of June 11th with which you enclosed your report dated June 7th.

It is not the practice of this department to pass on the correctness of surveys when resurveyed unless it is the desire of applicant to take out a patent or submit corrected field notes. In the past in a number of instances when this has been done, it has led to confusion due to subsequent work which has often changed the construction of surveys passed on.

When you were in the office recently, I agreed to write you in reference to the group of surveys covered by your report, particularly with reference to the two areas which you believed might be unsurveyed public school land. I believe that you have constructed these surveys as well as can be done at this late date since practically all of the old identifying features have been obliterated by time. I am in some doubt as to your location of the East line of the Robert Howard Survey. There are no field notes giving metes and bounds for this eastern Robert Howard survey, merely a designations is on file. The West line of the Juan Flores Survey 416 calls to run on a course of 2 Deg. East and I am wondering if this line extended on that course should not be used as the East line of the Howard. I do not wish to leave the impression that this is necessarily true. My reason for saying this is that there are field notes of file here for a small survey of 9g acres in the name of Joseph Stratham which appear to cover the lands East of said Howard and West of the Paniel Boone Survey. The original

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field notes of this survey were made March 17, 1860 by S. P. Beebe, field notes being recorded in the surveyor's office in location Book H, Page 374. (This may possibly be Page 574). Corrected field notes calling for eleven acres appear, according to the certificate on the field notes, in same book and page. This survey was made under the Act of Feb. 11, 1858 and of Feb. 1, 1860.

It appears that the \$7.50 was deposited here for payment of patenting fees. These papers are in Land Office File Fannin Scrip 1281. According to the field notes of this survey they call to run to the Howard line, a distance of 32 varas for the South line, thence North 2 degrees West 1269 varas SW corner of Juan Flores, thence East 66 varas to the place of beginning.

The small tract of land immediately South of the J. W. Haynes and N. D. Bullion and the SW corner of the John A. Burn surveys is possible unsurveyed school land and if it has been occupied by mistake under the belief that it was part of an adjacent survey, the party now occupying it could buy it under a preference right as designated in Section 5, Chapter 271, Act 42nd Legislature, regular session.

This department has application, field note and other blanks which are used in connection with such a filing and I shall be glad to sent you any of them upon request. If there is any further information which I can give you, I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly yours

Commissioner

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