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Dickens County
Report by Kyle Spiller in 1950
of corners in "Spur Rancho" in
Crosby, Dickens, Garza and Kent Counties

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In the latter part of 1947 and the early part of 1948, I was employed by Girard Trust Company, Trustee, et al, and S. M. Swenson & Sons to do some surveying in Crosby, Dickens, Garza and Kent Counties, Texas, in the area commonly known as the "Spur Ranch". The purpose of this work was to identify and re-mark certain section corners originally made by L. C. Wise in 1882. Some of these corners were beginning to deteriorate due to the ravages of time and the elements.

In doing this work, I ran such lines as were necessary to locate the corners that I had been instructed to identify and re-mark. I was ably assisted in this work by Mr. J. E. Swenson of Spur, Texas, who is very familiar with the work done by Geo. M. Williams, who surveyed all of Block 1, all of Block 2 and all of Block 8, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Surveys. Mr. Swenson spent many years on the Spur Ranch and is very familiar with the boundaries, lines and survey corners.

The purpose of the work I did in this area was to re-mark enough corners in Blocks 1 and 2, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey so that the lines of the surveys and blocks could easily be reconstructed.

At each corner that was re-marked, I set a concrete marker 4"x4" and 30" long. This concrete marker was formed around a 3/4" steel rod. We also set 3/4" steel rods for reference markers.

The survey corners re-marked are as follows:

- ✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 73, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY.

This corner was found marked by a set stone marked SE99 and an iron pipe driven beside it. This stone and pipe were set by Geo. M. Williams. I set a concrete marker, as above described, marked NW73, from which a steel rod driven 1 foot 3 inches in ground, marked 1, bears East 37 feet, another steel rod marked 2 driven one foot 3 inches in ground bears West 18 feet, concrete marker extends 7" above surface

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of the ground; a bald knob bears North $4^{\circ} 03'$ East. The number 1 witness rod is 5.8 feet East of fence corner.

✓ THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 41, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY.

This corner was identified by an iron pipe and a set stone marked NW42 set by Geo. M. Williams. I set a concrete marker marked NE41 and SW61, from which a steel rod marked 3 driven 1 foot 3 inches in ground bears South 14 feet, another $3/4"$ steel rod marked 4 bears North 20 feet. A windmill bears South 61° East, a concrete marker is 30.2 feet West of fence and 150 feet North of Callis Ravine.

✓ THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 15, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY.

This corner was identified by an old stone mound made by L. C. Wise in 1882. I set a concrete marker marked NE 15 and SW33 on the edge of a brakes West of Little Panther Canyon, about 150 feet South of small ravine, a $3/4"$ steel rod, marked 5, bears North 46 feet, a $3/4"$ steel rod, marked 6, bears South 46 feet.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 25, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY.

This corner was identified by an old stone mound made by L. C. Wise in 1882, a large cottonwood was dead and lying on the ground, the stump of which was 191.3 varas North 39° West from the stone mound. I set a concrete marker which extends 9 inches above the surface of the ground, marked NW 25, 15 feet South of fence, and a hackberry 4" in diameter, marked X, which bears South 74° West 44 feet, another hackberry marked X bears North 36° West 123.5 feet, steel rod marked 8 bears North 68° West 31 feet, steel rod 1" in diameter marked 7 bears South 35.5 feet and extends 7 inches above the surface of the ground. This corner is 74 feet East of the present channel of Marblebank Creek.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 24, BLOCK 2, GARZA COUNTY.

This corner is very near the line between Garza and Kent Counties. At this corner I found an old set sand stone marked NW 24 and a 1-1/2"

iron pipe on the SW slope of knoll, made by Geo. M. Williams, from which an X on natural rock bears North $70\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 15.4 varas. I set a concrete marker marked NW2⁴ on the East side of the iron pipe and sand stone, from which a $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 13 bears North 71° East 42.5 feet, another $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 14 bears North $87^{\circ} 30'$ West 63.1 feet, a tank dam bears North 67° West.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 141, BLOCK 2, CROSBY COUNTY.

At this corner I found a pile of stone and a flat stone marked NW1⁴1 in a plum thicket on the South slope of a ravine 65 feet West of a shallow draw, from which a cottonwood 20" in diameter in a deep ravine bears North 17° West 362 feet. I set a concrete marker marked NW1⁴1, from which a $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 9 bears South 74° East 100 feet driven on the East side of a shallow draw and extending 9 inches above the surface of the ground, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 10 bears North 74° West 100 feet, a peak on mountain range bears North 55° East. In the description of this corner given in field notes made by L. C. Wise, he calls for a bearing on McKenzie Peak as North 74° East. I had some doubt that the peak referred to by Mr. Wise was McKenzie Peak, locally known as Dickens Peak. After extensive work, I discovered that it was not possible to see McKenzie Peak from this corner. The peak referred to by Mr. Wise is a peak situated near the SE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Survey 5, H. T. & B. R. R. Co., Block A. This peak is very similar to McKenzie Peak and, so far as I could learn, was unnamed and I gave it the name of Gudemen's Peak.

✓ THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 14, BLOCK 2, GARZA COUNTY.

This corner was identified by a stone marked SW1⁴ and an iron pipe on the North slope of a rocky bluff about 400 feet South of a small creek. I set a concrete marker marked NW⁴B7 and NE²⁴B8 and SW1⁴B2 on the South side of the original corner and iron pipe, from which a $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 11 bears South $51^{\circ} 30'$ West 28 feet, another $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rod marked 12 bears North $17^{\circ} 30'$ East 70 feet,

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South tip of prominent rock ledge on North bank of creek bears North 45° West. This corner is the most Western SW corner of Block 2 and the NW corner of Block 7 and on the East line of Block 8.

✓ THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 180, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

This corner was identified by a set stone 5"x10" marked NE 180. I set a concrete marker marked NE180 on the East bank of a small draw, a $3/4$ " steel rod marked 15 bears South 54° West 15.8 feet, another $3/4$ " steel rod marked 16 bears North $54^{\circ} 30'$ East 49.2 feet. The original corner found here was made by L. C. Wise in 1882.

✓ THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 387, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

This corner was identified by an old stone mound made by L. C. Wise and an iron pipe set by Williams. I set a concrete marker marked 2W387 in North and South fence line, from which a $3/4$ " steel rod marked 17 bears South $67^{\circ} 26'$ East 26.9 feet, and another $3/4$ " steel rod marked 18 bears North $0^{\circ} 09'$ East 40.1 feet. The East point of a peak bears North 40° West and East point of small flat peak bears South 52° West. An X on natural rock bears North $35^{\circ} 15'$ West 14.4 varas. This corner is on the SE slope of a high prairie ridge. McKenzie Peak bears North 61° East. An iron stake in a pile of stone for the SE corner of Survey 1, Block A, H. T. & B. R. R. Co., bears South $0^{\circ} 03'$ East 124 varas.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 363, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

This corner was identified by stone mound and an iron pipe, from which a stone marked SW4 and an iron pipe for the SW corner of Section 4, Block A, H. T. & B. R. R. Co., bears North $89^{\circ} 37'$ East 445.7 feet. I set a concrete marker marked NW363, from which a $3/4$ " steel rod marked 20 bears East 53.4 feet and a $3/4$ " steel rod marked 19 bears South 4° East 25.6 feet, and the West end of a hill bears South about 3 miles.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 13, BLOCK 1, AND THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 1, BLOCK 2, KENT COUNTY.

At this corner, I found a stone marked NW13 and an iron pipe driven in the ground on the South side of the set stone. I set a 3/4" steel rod marked 22 North 31° 20' East 29.3 feet, and a 3/4" steel rod marked 23 South 84° 15' East 96.8 feet. This corner is in a mesquite flat 75 feet North of gyp mound. The North point of a knoll bears North 7° 30' East about 200 feet.

✓ THE SE CORNER OF SURVEY 1, BLOCK 2, AND THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 13, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY, AND THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 1, JOHN RODMAN.

At this corner I found a set stone marked SE in a pile of stone, and a 1 1/2" iron pipe driven in the ground. This corner is about 1000 feet NW of the Salt Fork of the Brazos River and 20 feet South of an East and West fence.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 48, BLOCK 2, GARZA COUNTY.

At this corner I found a set stone marked NW48, a 1 1/2" iron pipe driven on the West side of stone, and a cedar post set on the East side of the set stone. I set a 7/8" steel rod marked X North 33° 13' East 54 feet, and another 7/8" steel rod marked X South 41° 52' West 75.2 feet, a 1 1/2" iron pipe driven in ground at the side of a cedar post bears South 2° 15' East 37 varas for the NE corner of Survey 48, Block 8. This corner was re-marked for the reason that the line between Block 2 and Block 8 changes direction at this point.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 330, BLOCK 1, AND THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 359, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

To locate this corner, I began at the SW corner of Survey 387, Block 1, which is an L. C. Wise corner and is hereinabove described. I ran South 0° 03' East 124 varas to a stone marked SE1 for the SE corner of Survey 1, Block A, H. T. & B. R. R. Co.; THENCE South 10° 47'

West 1937.6 varas; THENCE South $0^{\circ} 23'$ East 1900.8 varas; THENCE South $89^{\circ} 37'$ West 1970 varas. This point is in a public road. I dug in the road bed for the old corner and found pieces of stone which I believe to be part of the original corner stone. Here I set a concrete marker marked NW330 and SE360. The top of the concrete marker is one foot below the surface of the road. A $3/4$ " steel rod marked DC bears North $37^{\circ} 27'$ West 42 feet, another $3/4$ " steel rod marked DC bears South $37^{\circ} 27'$ East 42 feet. At a point 273.5 feet North $89^{\circ} 23'$ East from this corner McKenzie Peak bears North $54^{\circ} 23'$ East. This corner is 175 varas South of Dockum Creek. A cottonwood tree on Dockum Creek bears North $7^{\circ} 55'$ East.

✓ THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 358, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

To locate this corner, I ran from the NW corner of Survey 330, Block 1, North $89^{\circ} 37'$ East 1970 varas. This point fell in the public road. I set a concrete marker marked SW358 and NE330 in road bed one foot below the surface of the ground. A $3/4$ " steel rod marked ACS bears North $17^{\circ} 13'$ East 31 feet, another $3/4$ " steel rod marked ACS bears South $53^{\circ} 03'$ West 59 feet. A cottonwood marked X, 18 inches in diameter, bears South $47^{\circ} 32'$ West 183 feet, and a cottonwood on the North side of Dockum Creek bears South $3^{\circ} 45'$ East.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 401, BLOCK 1, AND THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 403, BLOCK 1, AND THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 402, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

At this corner I found a set stone in stone mound marked NW401 made by L. C. Wise in 1881, and an iron pipe driven by the side of stone mound by Geo. M. Williams. This corner was so well preserved that I did not think it necessary to set a concrete marker. I did, however, set a $3/4$ " steel rod North 77° E. An X on a natural rock bears South $51^{\circ} 45'$ West 20.3 varas, a steel rod on the East point of Hayrick Mountain bears North $45^{\circ} 39'$ West. U. S. C. & G. triangulation station marker on top of McKenzie Peak bears North $82^{\circ} 38'$ East.

✓ THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 403, BLOCK 1, THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 404, BLOCK 1, AND THE SW CORNER OF SURVEY 408, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY.

At this corner I found a stone mound consisting of 6 large stones, one marked NE403, made by L. C. Wise, and a 2" iron pipe driven in ground by Geo. M. Williams. A large cottonwood marked X (very old) bears North $28^{\circ} 33'$ East 298 varas (this is original tree marked by Wise). This corner is under an East and West fence and 167.8 feet West of a point where said fence turns North. From this corner I set a $3/4$ " steel rod South $50^{\circ} 25'$ West 32 feet, and another $3/4$ " steel rod South $89^{\circ} 33'$ East 40.8 feet. From a point 239' North $45^{\circ} 08'$ East of this corner McKenzie Peak bears South $83^{\circ} 25'$ East.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 300, BLOCK 1, DICKENS COUNTY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "MATADOR CORNER".

This corner is in a public road. The post oak witness tree called for by L. C. Wise has been destroyed and where it stood the land is in cultivation. The West end of Soldiers' Mound bears North $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East and the East end of said Mound bears North 41° East. I set a concrete marker marked NW300 in road intersection and below the surface of the ground, a $3/4$ " steel rod marked 300 bears North $43^{\circ} 10'$ West 37.3 feet. I drove a steel rod in the ground on the top of Soldiers' Mound near the East point of the Mound and one near the West end of the Mound. The distance between the two steel rods is 1228.5 feet and the direction between them is North $66^{\circ} 18'$ West. A line connecting these two points passes 2 feet South of a stone monument on the Soldiers' Mound, which is 652.5 feet from the Western steel rod. The bearings from the U. S. C. & G. triangulation station on the top of McKenzie Peak to the monument on Soldiers' Mound is South $2^{\circ} 47'$ West. The bearing from said triangulation station to the NW corner of Survey 401, Block 1 is South $82^{\circ} 38'$ West.

On top of Hayrick Mountain I set a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " steel rod near the Eastern point of the Mountain, from which I set a $7/8$ " rod marked HRO South $24^{\circ} 15'$ West 37.3 feet, and another $7/8$ " steel rod marked HR1 South $35^{\circ} 50'$ West 38.4 feet. The bearing from the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " steel rod on Hayrick Mountain to the triangulation station on McKenzie Peak is South $86^{\circ} 26'$ East. From said $1\frac{1}{4}$ " steel rod on Hayrick Mountain, the Northwest corner of Survey 401 bears South $45^{\circ} 39'$ East. From the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " steel rod on Hayrick Mountain, the Monument on Soldiers' Mound bears South $36^{\circ} 04'$ East.

✓ THE NE CORNER OF SURVEY 16, BLOCK 7, KENT COUNTY.

At this corner I found a set stone 3×12 " on top marked NE-7, and a 2" iron pipe driven in ground on South side of set stone. From this corner I set a $3/4$ " steel rod marked A South $1^{\circ} 32'$ East 3 feet, another $3/4$ " steel rod marked A North $88^{\circ} 05'$ East 61 feet. Brandenburg Peak, a cone shaped peak on the brakes of White River, bears South $61^{\circ} 30'$ West and a low sharp peak on the West side of White River North $61^{\circ} 13'$ West.

✓ THE NW CORNER OF SURVEY 58, BLOCK 1, KENT COUNTY.

This is a corner established by L. C. Wise. I found a set stone marked NW58 with an iron pipe driven in ground on the North side of the stone. The iron pipe was placed there by Geo. M. Williams. I set a 8×8 " concrete marker marked NW58, from which a $1/2$ " steel rod bears North 27° East $45\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and another $1/2$ " steel rod bears North 68° West 25.7 feet, hackberry sprouts bear South $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 39 varas, and a mesquite stump bears South 1° East 3.9 varas. The hackberry was called for by Wise and the mesquite by Williams. This corner is 47 varas North of the South prong of Marblebank Creek.

In my opinion, Blocks 1, 2, 7 and 8, H. & T. C. R. R. Co., can be reconstructed from these corners that I have re-marked. It is

advisable that these corners be inspected at least once every five years to ascertain whether or not they are in a good state of preservation and can be easily identified. In the event of deterioration, I would suggest that some surveyor be employed to re-mark any such corner and make a record of same that will be accessible to any interested party.

I submit herewith a map showing Block 1, Block 2 and portions of Blocks 7 and 8, with the corners that I have re-marked indicated thereon according to the legend shown on the map.

Witness my hand at Jacksboro, Texas, this 22nd day of October, 1949.

J. L. Miller
COUNTY SURVEYOR, JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

After preparing the foregoing report and map, I was not entirely satisfied that I had Gudemens' Peak properly located. I went back on the ground and set up a flag on the top of Gudemens' Peak. I then set up over the U. S. C. & G. triangulation station on top of McKenzie Peak and, after determining the true meridian by a sight on the azimuth mark set by the U. S. C. & G., I took a sight on the flag on the top of Gudemens' Peak and found the direction from McKenzie Peak to Gudemens' Peak to be South $78^{\circ} 11'$ West. I then set up the transit on Gudemens' Peak and, using McKenzie Peak for a backsight, took a sight on a flag that I had previously set up at the northwest corner of Survey No. 141, Block 2, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. in Crosby County and found the bearing of Gudemens' Peak to the northwest corner of Survey No. 141 to be South $75^{\circ} 38'$ West. I also ran in the proper location of Gudemens' Peak from the southeast corner

of Survey No. 5, Block A, H. T. & B. R. R. Co. and found my original location of Gudemens' Peak to be correct.

Witness my hand this 15th day of December, A. D., 1949.

W. L. Miller
COUNTY SURVEYOR, JACK COUNTY, TEXAS