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Hon. J. H. Walker, Comm. General Land Office Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

In connection with the survey of the south onehalf of G. B. & C. N. G. R.R. Section No. 226 for patent to F. E. Chernosky. Said survey being located about 27 miles North 30 deg. West San Diego in Duval County Texas.

In beginning at the accepted and recognized north east corner Section No. 224 and as the same is indicated by fence lines on the ground, I ran west at 393.4 varas found a fence corner, the south east corner of Section No. 225 and the south west corner of Section No. 222. Continuing west an additional 1155.5 varas I found a pointed Mesquite stake in fence corner which is claimed by the owner of Section No. 225 as being the original corner stake for the south east corner of Section No. 226 and the south west corner of Section No. 225. Continuing on an additional 1234.4 varas I found a Mesquite stake claimed to be the south west corner of Section No. 226 and the south east corner of G. C. & S. F. R.R. 307 and continuing west an additional 2600 varas the call on the south line of G. C. & S. F. No. 307 to a 5 in. pointed Mesquite stake, the south west corner of said Section No. 307. From this point I ran north and at 889.7 varas found a point from which a Mesquite marked with an L bears S. 67 deg. E. 34 varas. I brought a part of this last tree in and the Mexicans in this vicinity identified the same as being a Coma. These two trees satisfy and fit the trees called for at this corner of G. C. & S. F. No. 307. I also found on the ground both of the Mesquites marked as called for at the beginning corner of the said G. C. & S. F. No. 307. The tree marked H bears S. 57 deg. E. 32 varas as against the original call of S. 02 deg. W. 82 varas. The actual fences and the line joining the two sets of trees on this line of the said Section No. 307 is delineated in detail on the accompanying map No. 3592.

I was not able to identify any of the other original corners of the G. C. & S. F. section nor G. B. & C.N.G. Ry. section Nos. 225 and 226. The east line of Section No. 307 calls to be 1560 varas in length. Between the fences on the ground this line measures 1491.1 varas. The common line between 226 and 225 in each instance calls to be 1560 varas, while the distance between the fences on this line is 1495.5 varas.

From the condition of the fence on the north or near the north line Section 226 I would judge the same to be of recent construction, however, as to the age of the same I am not in a position to make a definite statement. The fact that there is a fence south of the north line of the G. C. & S. F. No. 307, as the same has been patented, and also south of the north lines of Sections 225 and 226 as called for in the original notes, would not indicate to me that the sections should be cut short by someones inclosure, and the length of the lines north and south should be as patented and as surveyed.

In the field notes which I was finally able to obtain, through no assistance of any of the county officials in Duval County, and which notes so obtained were photostatic copies out of your office the only trees called for were those mentioned at the two western (upper) corners of Section No. 307, which I am satisfied are the original trees as we found them.

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Judge C. H. Chernosky and Mr. A. C. Stimson, a former licensed state surveyor, were present on the ground when these trees were found, so that there can be no question as to their location or as to the marks found thereon. These trees would tend to substantuate the original field notes of the three sections 307, 226 and 225. With these facts before me on the ground and finding the south east and south west corners of Section 307 on the ground with the proper distance between and the south east and south west corners of Section 225 on the ground and checking within 3½ varas I used the corners as found and put the excess between 307 and 225 in Section No. 226 and allowed the south half of 226 one half of the north and south distance of it's east and west lines as called for in the original notes and also as called for on the east line of Section 307 as patented and the west line of Section 225 according to it's original notes.

From the south east corner of Section No. 226 following the fences, as indicated on Map No. 3592 here accompanying, I get a fairly accurate closure being about 1 vara off north and south and 4 varas east and west. This is well within the engineering error allowable and also within the allowable area of the General Land Office. The country is very rough and this possibly accounts for the error of closure.

Respectfully submitted this the 9th day of April, 1935.

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Sketch File No. 358 35B Duval County Extreme N. Central part, by Boyles Filed Apr. 24th, 1935 J. H. Walker, Comm. Attle File Clerk Counter 21374 Descriptive: for Sk. see "3.5 A." 25. mi . N.30°W. From San Diego.