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Report on J.B.Peal survey.
Duval County, Texas.,

Laredo, Texas, June 22-1936.,

Hon. J.H. Walker,
Land Commissioner,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report that Mr. J.B. Peal, of this county, who owns, lands along the west line of Duval County, Viz:- surveyes Nos., 790-792, 794-296-390 and 383, engaged me to make a survey of his lands and find the original corners.

We spent two weeks on this survey, accompanied by a competent surveyor of the Magnolia oil Co., Mr. Webb, and also Mr. C.A. Douglas, a local surveyor of this county, and I am enclosing sketch showing our findings.

The bearings or witness trees noted in the original field notes along the west lines of these surveys, were never found, altho a thoro' search was careflly made of each area, and every dead tree, and standing mezquite was examined for any marks, but none were found to have any cuts or surveyors marks to actually tie one to the point noted as the corners for any of the individual surveys.

The N.W. Cor., of 790, calls for the Hermanas, hills, the bearings we found on these hills does not coincide with the original bearing, however, if we moved five varas south of this point the hills would not be visible, if we moved two hundred yards North of the point where I established the N.W. of 790, the hills were visible all along except in a small swail about forty varas north of the point where we placed the 2" pipe for N.W. Cor., and if we moved this corner east it would be lost in view of the hills mentioned as it would go over the crest of the hill it is situated on.

The north line of 790, is along its original position as I found evidence of dead mezquite trees down, but with the usual /// three hacks which was the usual manner of marking line trees, and this line as run, we hit the S.E. cor., of survey No. 792, at which point there is a fence corner, dividing the Peal and Peters ranches, and at which place the original bearings called for N. 47 W 25 vrs, is still standing with the marked limbs broken and dead and only some very dim cuts or hacks are visible, however it is sufficient to establish it as the original witness tree., The creek which should have been crossed at a point 240 vrs east of the N.E. of 790, we cross it at 220 vrs, it runs N 65 W, we could not be south of the line as it would place our corner south of the true S.E. of 790, nor could the line be north of the line as run as it would also place us too far north of this tree.

The witness tree at the N.E. of 790, which called to be S 70E 1 5.5 vrs, we found a large tree marked, with the hacks evident, altho the blazed part of the tree was rotted off, however to have been the original witness at the N.E. Cor., of survey 790, We marked this old tree a 12" Mez /X/ S 83-20'E 12.5 varas, which is where we placed our N.E. of 790, to meet the call of 320 varas West of the S.E. of 792, another mezquite we found whcih we marked S 27-25'E 16 vrs /X/ 8" in diam.,

This location of the N.E. corner of 790, fell 25 varas west of the fence corner now on the ground, and makes the east line of 790, 1901 N 01-20'E of the S.E. Cor., as established by me, which S.E. corner was relocated from the N.E. Cor., 86 733, which is a large stone and witness tree still standing. (The Parilla hill called to be S 07E of the N.E. of 733, is evidently in error as this hill is several miles to the east of this point. The S.E. of 790, is well tied to the N.E. of 733, and the S.E. of 789, which is also on the ground and duly noted on sketch.

Mr. J.J. Dix, I am advised by Mr. Peal ran his east line of his ranch the east lines of surveys Nos. 790-792-794-796- and 383; I tried to follow his tracks, which was as follows:- he began at the S.E. of 789, which is a very well recognized corner, a large conglomerate stone, 90 varas North of the S.W. corn. of survey No. 33, an old corner with all three witness trees still up; He ran west, 1903 whence he placed a ~~fehd~~ a corner, where the S.E. Cor. of Peals pasture is situated, having passed some 86 vrs south of the N.E. cor., of 733, and placing his S.E. of 790, 293 vrs west and 86 vrs ~~south~~ north of the N.E. of 733, as he evidently ran west from the S.W. of 33, an old fence line being the old north line of el

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Rancho Solo pasture, he then ran North and at 86 varas placed a stone for the S.E. of 790, whence he continued his line North and at 1901 vs. placed the N.E. of 790, which placed it some 25 varas east of its true position, however from here he ran east and at 295 vrs he hit the true S.E. of 792, where he evidently found the bearing tree and they placed the fence on his corner;

He then ran North along east line of 792, to its N.^h.cor., as placed by him, thence West 820 vrs where fence is some 10 vears East of where I placed the S.E.cor., of 794; He then ran North to where he placed his N.E., of survey 794, where fence is on now and a 2" pipe for corner, ~~and corner~~ and corner is just on the east slope of a high ridge where the Hermanans hills called can not be seen, unless one moved the line 160 vrs west to the crest of the ridge where one of the hills is evident, otherwise the call of 820 varas, that he ran west of the N.E.Cor., of 792, should have had 980 vrs to fall within a reascable distance where the Hermanas hills would have been visible; From where he ran his N.E. of 794, he ran east 228 vrs to where I found fence corner and a 2" pipe, placed for corner, in a low flat, where a lot of Retama trees were standing, but none to meet the call in field notes, however these trees are not long lived and do not last over 20 years;

Mr.Dix, from his S.E. of 796, which he placed 228 vrs. east of 794, ran North to where the present fence line is, and where I placed a 2" pipe and he then ran west 504 vrs to a corner, and thence North to the south line of survey No.901, which distance I find to be 1627 vrs, and not 1274 vrs as called for, as the south lines of the surveys 901-902, were evidently brought down by the locations of the S.W.Cor., of 902 which is noted as being N 03-56'W 1622 vrs of the N.W. of 796, which is quite rroneous, as the N.W.Cor. of survey 902, is standing original stake and witness tree, and its southwest corner has a fence on it, and the witness tree is now a stump, but quite evident on the ground, this is sufficient to define the west line of 902 and also the south line of 902- and 901.

The call that we have for 322, which states that from its north east corner on the west line of the D.C.S.L., survey 196, to the S.W, of 196 it calls for 1100 varas, we found it to be 1319 varas, as the south line of survey 196, is correct on the ground as it has an original corner the N.W. of survey 40, and the N.E. of 321 on the ground and well known and long recognized as the true corners of these surveys, which makes a fence line situated along the north line of 321, the south line of 196 to be correct and as true to the original line as could be found.

The east lines of surveys Nos., 72-73-115-114-111, were all located from their original corners along the west line which line has all of the original corners of these surveys still standing as established by A.M. French surveyor of Corpus Chrisit, we placed concrete monuments at the corners along the east lines of these surveys;

The corners to survey 734-733, N.E. and N.W. of 733 are on the ground with their witness trees standing, this tied our south line of 790 and 789, and was the only true evidence of any original survey line except the old line tree found along the north line of 790 which are on the ground and of sufficient evidence to establish the lines of 790, and the excess distances that we found east and west of these surveys, are caused by the witness trees on the N.E. of 790 and S.E. of 792, that compelled me to allow this excess in them, and to meet the calls of the N.W. of 790 with the Hermanas hills, which excess had to be carried to the the surveys north up to 796, however it allowed sufficient excess in the surveys 390 and 383 to make them more than excessive, of their original call for acreage.

The Fence line as run by Dix along the east line of surveys 790-792, 794-and 796, is understand was placed in 1891 and it has been the old recognized division line between Peal and Peters and they have never had any disagreement over it, and I accepted it as the true line of some of the surveys as far as I could, except in the east line of survey 790 and the east line of 794, where it would not agree with our lines; the west lines of these surveys we ran from the northwest corner of survey 790, and where we intersected the north line of each survey as run westward from the fence corner at its N.E. or S.E.Cor., we made the corner, as we had spent two weeks with a crew of fourteen men to find what facts we could to so establish the lines that the oil companies and owners would be satisfied and also to satisfy the calls in the surveys; and we trust that it will meet with the approval of your department. Very respectfully,

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Hon. J. H. Walker,
Land Commissioner.,
Austin, Texas.,

Dear Sir:- I am herein enclosing field notes to Duval County surveys Nos., 383, and 796, recently surveyed for Mr. J. B. Peal of this County the present owner.,

By the same mail I am mailing a tracing of the lands surveyed, which have been mentioned in my report and letter of some days past.

I have today received the field notes from the surveyor of Duval County who advised me had been away from San Diego hence the delay in getting the notes recorded.

Mr. Peal was in my office a few moments ago, and asked if I had heard from you in reference to the balance due on his lands, and what the land office had done about them, I trust that the field notes will not be held up, even tho', there is nothing to prove that we hit the original corners, other than the S.W. and S.E. of 789-790, which are the only ties we actually had, and which caused me to re-survey them as they were, however two other surveyors had tried to relocate them before me, and when I did the work, I had the cooperation of two very good surveyors, Webb of the Magnolia and Douglas of this City, who were fully satisfied that we could not have done better after two weeks of hard work on the ground, as the land is very brushy, it is almost as dense as a tropical jungle, prickly pear, mezquite, granjeno are as thick as grass in this area.

Thanking you for your early attention to this, and hoping that the field notes to the other Peal surveys will be returned me before next week that I may forward them to the land office, I am,

Yours truly,

E. J. Foster

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Duval County
by E. J. Foster
Statement

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J. H. Walker, Comm.

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Hon. J. H. Walker,
and Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:— I am herewith enclosing field notes to Duval County surveys Nos. 388, and 389, recently surveyed for W. J. D. Bell of this County the pre-

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