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IN RE: Clarkson filing - Duval County,
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Honorable J.H.Walker,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Walker:

You have been good enough to delay making a final decision as to the existence or not of vacancies in the vicinity of the Samuel Alexander Survey in Duval County in order to give us time to obtain from Mr. A.M. French a report covering his findings on the ground as a result of a re-survey of the lines which he ran in 1880 in establishing the surveys lying west, south and east of the Samuel Alexander Survey.

Mr. French has completed his work on the ground in conjunction with our O.E. Young and a surveying party, and has been able to retrace on the ground his footsteps as they were made in the 1880 survey. We inclose to you herewith the following papers:

Photostatic copy of four sheets taken from his original field book which have been certified to by him as being from the original book; also original report made by Mr. French under date of March 7, 1936, which will be self-explanatory; also a blue print of map showing his original work made in 1880 as replaced as a result of his recent survey.

In our opinion and in the opinion of Mr. French, he has been able to locate the original corners as he established them on the ground and particularly is he able to locate the southwest, the southeast and northeast corners of 208, the southwest and the northwest corners of 209, the southeast and northeast corners of 207, the southwest and northwest corners of 78, the southeast and northeast corners of 204, the southwest corner, the re-entrant corner, the southeast corner and the northeast corner of

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Section 205, the southwest corner of the Samuel Alexander League as set by him in 1880, being in the north line of Section 78, and being at the southeast corner of Section 205 as surveyed by him on the ground. He also runs his tie lines east and south and re-establishes his original work in that vicinity. We are not particularly interested in that part of the work and I will not discuss that further in this letter.

Inasmuch as Mr.French positively identifies the southwest and southeast corners of Section 205 as he established them in 1880, it should follow that the south line of 205 is a straight line connecting these two corners. It will not run on a true east and west course. Of course the corresponding portion of the north line of Section 78 will coincide with the south line of 205 as thus established. The balance of the north line of Section 78 will of course run east from the southeast corner of 205 as established by Mr.French and along the south line of the Samuel Alexander.

From this work of Mr.French, we believe that it is clear that he has re-established on the ground the corners which he originally established in 1880 and that there can be no vacancy in the areas under consideration.

We think it is clear, as does Mr.French, that Major Stiles did not go to the original southwest corner of Section 205 or the original southeast corner of Section 204. Mr.French definitely establishes the original southeast corner of Section 204 and the original southwest corner of Section 205 at a point 256.6 varas south of the point examined by Major Stiles, this being the point that he identified as 3.5 varas east of a 3 inch mesquite stake marked X with a hack above and below in stone mound from which a mesquite marked X bears about south 62-1/4 west 41 varas. Between Mr.French who did the original work in 1880, and Major Stiles who was on the ground only once and that very recently, I should think that there should be no question but that the controlling effect should be given to the opinion of Mr. French as to the re-location of the corners originally surveyed by him. Especially is this true, inasmuch as he is able definitely to follow his original footsteps and to locate his corners with as much certainty as he displays here.

In view of the contents and certainty of this report, we hope that you will find it compatible with your duty to reject the vacancy filing on the ground that no vacancy exists.

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Thanking you for your kindness in extending additional time in order to give Mr. French opportunity to go on the ground and re-establish his work and to write up his report, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

Rex G. Baker
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FIELD NOTES of an attempt to follow the preliminary survey made by me in 1880 to determine the amount of land in the vacancy lying to the West, South, and East of the Samuel Alexander One League Survey in the north central part of Duval County.

In this survey I have used the field book I had on said survey.

We went to the now recognized S. E. corner of Survey No. 362, J. P. Scrip No. 1/373, also the S. W. corner of Survey No. 208, J. P. Scrip No. 1/387, a 2" iron pipe in stone mound, a Mesquite 6" lying on the ground, marked = bears East 9 varas, and a forked Mesquite stump bears N. 65½° E. 70 varas;

Thence S. 89° 55½' E. at 459.3 varas (old call 477 varas) an iron pipe for N. E. corner of Survey 359, whence West Hermanita bears S. 5° 25' E. (old call S. 5½° E.); in my preliminary work I came up the East line of Survey 359 to this corner and ran from here East 1423 varas and set the S. E. corner of Survey 208, the S.W. corner of Survey 209; at 1890 varas to a 2" iron pipe and Mesquite stake set for the S. E. corner of Survey 208 and S. W. corner of Survey 209; the land here has been cleared and there are now no trees near, but Mr. J. L. Dellis, a licensed land surveyor, told me he set this corner about three years ago course and distance called for from the old bearing tree which was then standing;

Thence N. 0° 03½' E. at 1902 varas, pass 0.9 varas, East of rock mound at 2111 varas (old call 1900 varas) set a pointed Mesquite post 5" diameter, whence an old Mesquite trunk 5" diameter, bark and sap rotted off, marked "X", mark very old but still plain, bears S. 5° E. 8 varas (old call); this is probably the original bearing tree, another dead Mesquite stump, no mark found on it, bears S. 1° 35' E. 87 varas; the patent calls for another tree marked X South 87 varas; this for the N. W. corner of Survey 209 and S. E. corner of Survey 207;

Before we found this bearing tree we went to the old trail shown on the map filed in the Land Office with the field notes of these surveys as being 950 varas South of the trail, and we measured

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South 950 varas, and after some search found the original bearing tree, as already stated. The trail is an old horseback trail from La Rosita to the Ignacia Country, and at this place also used by cattle, and is still used by them and is now a foot deep where our line crosses;

Thence, from post, N. W. corner of Survey 209, and S. E. corner of Survey 207, N. $0^{\circ} 06'$ E. at 922 varas a branch at 970 varas the trail at 1685.6 varas pass 3.1 varas, east of stone mound probably set by some one for the S. E. corner of Survey 204 and N.E. corner of Survey 207, at 1898.9 varas (old call 1900 varas) set a 5" pointed Mesquite post, whence the place where once stood a Mesquite tree 10" diameter marked X bears S. $62\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 41 varas, this for the N. E. corner of Survey 207 and S. W. corner of Survey 205, and it is in the South edge of a valley; the trunk of this tree is broken in three pieces and has been dead many years, the piece marked X is on the third piece from the bottom and was about 4' from the ground as the tree originally stood;

Thence N. $0^{\circ} 07\frac{1}{2}'$ W. at 253.6 varas pass 3.5 varas East of 3" Mesquite stake marked X in stone mound, whence a Mesquite tree marked X bears S. $62\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 41 varas, (doubt if this mark is 40 years old) at 2174 varas to a new post about 4" diameter marked \equiv on East side, said Mr. Dellis told me he set this post where the old post, nearly rotten, was standing a piece of wood which might be a piece of the old post is near by, from this post, an old Mesquite stump 3' or 4' high bears N. 87° E. 30.9 varas (the original call N. 86° E. 31 varas); the top of the tree is lying on the ground as it fell and is marked X and is doubtless the original bearing tree; other Mesquite trees have been recently marked, one 6" marked X bears S. $6^{\circ} 55'$ E. 24.3 varas, another 10" marked X bears S. $44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 27 varas, for the N. E. corner of Survey 204;

Thence East at 1121.9 varas cross the West fence of the Samuel Alexander League 1129.4 varas to the West line of the Alexander League (call in preliminary survey 1100 varas);

Thence to the original post, still standing, called for in the Samuel Alexander patent as being 3115 varas North of its S. W.

corner, and thence S. $0^{\circ} 03'$ E. at 1242.4 varas pass the point 1129.4 varas, East of an "in" corner of Survey 205 and N. E. corner of Survey 204, 3166 varas (old call 3115 varas) to the S. W. corner of said Alexander League as determined by the bearing tree as called for in Survey 205, a Mesquite marked X bears S. 27° W. 27 varas; from the corner, so set, the rock mound at fence corner bears N. $84^{\circ} 34'$ W. 18.7 varas, from the rock corner a fence quite old runs about North and one about East, back to point 1242.4 varas on West line of Alexander Survey;

Thence East 5744.3 varas (old call 5700 varas) to the original post called for in the patent of the Alexander Survey, 1900 varas North of its S. E. corner, and also as being the S. W. corner of Survey 383, from this post a dead forked Mesquite 10", one prong rotten and broken off, marked = bears N. 53° E. 5.2 varas; this last line across the Alexander League we have called East and used as a base;

Thence East 1523.4 varas set a hub on the West line of Survey 591, 322.2 varas (old call 315 varas) South of the S. E. corner of Survey 383, which corner is identified by bearing trees both dead for many years, the one marked V lying on the ground, the one marked = still stands, probably the original bearing trees;

Back to hub at 1523.4 varas, thence South at 1577.8 varas (1577.8 plus 322.2, = 1900 varas) for the S. W. corner of Survey 591, hunted for old corner, found nothing;

Thence East, for South lines of Surveys 591 and 592, at 1961.1 varas cross signs of old fence running South and fence runs North, at 2989 varas cross branch (old call 2980 varas) at 3673 varas cross creek (old call 3630 varas), at 3867 varas passed post on line, whence a 14" Mesquite marked + bears N. 30° W. 1.2 varas, a Mesquite stump, the top cut off, marked + bears S. 76° E. 8.3 varas; this is a comparatively new corner, and set for S. E. corner of Survey 592;

Then to locate the West lines of the surveys lying East of the vacant area on my preliminary work, I ran a random line and now attempt to follow same with the following result:

From post at 3867 varas, East 422 varas, thence South 348.9 varas to a point whence a 6" dead limb on a Mesquite tree 12" in diameter bears South 3 varas;

Thence West 60 varas; thence S. $0^{\circ} 42'$ E. 562 varas (old call 542 varas) to a point on East side of knoll, whence a 12" dead Mesquite, one limb 8" in diameter marked X bears S. $44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 41 varas (old call), North end San Cajita bears N. $69\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. (old call), South end San Cajita bears N. $73\text{-}3/4^{\circ}$ E. (old call N. $73\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E.); these two points with bearing trees and hill are marked and noted on my preliminary survey;

Thence S. $0^{\circ} 15'$ W. 4137.1 varas (old call 4020 varas);

Thence West 160 varas (old call) to present fence corner, whence a Mesquite marked H bears S. 31° W. 4.3 varas. When I was here before, a post marked H was standing where the fence corner now is, and is now lying on the ground; this is the East S.E. corner of Survey No. 90.

I used in making this survey, Mr. Daniel's party of the Humble Oil and Refining Company:

R. L. Daniel, Chief of Party,

R. M. Wiley, Transit,

L. F. Stovall, Chain,

H. W. Rogers, Chain.

Mr. O. E. Young, Assistant Engineer of said Company, also accompanied me.

SURVEYED, Wednesday, 19th February to 22nd February, 1936.

A. M. French

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See accompanying Report.

I hereby certify that the foregoing survey was made
in the manner herein set forth, and is correct to
the best of my knowledge and believe, and that the marks stated
therein were so found, and existed on the ground when we made
the same, and that the plat, or even date, made to accompany them.

Corpus Christi, Texas

March 7, 1936

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