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Branch C. Masterson.
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Galveston, Texas, April 8, 1901.

Hon. Charles W. Rogan,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I hand you blue print of my blocks of land in Edwards County. All the surveys surrounded by heavy lines belong to me. They are marked "M".

Very truly yours,

Branch C. Masterson.
(per J. H. M.)

SKETCH
Showing Land of
BRANCH T. MASTERSON
EDWARDS COUNTY
TEXAS
2000 V&I IN.



NOTE. B.T. MASTERSON'S SECTIONS ARE ENCLOSED BY THE HEAVILY SHADDED LINES AND DESIGNATED BY THE LETTER "M"

COPY OF
REPORT MADE BY WILL L.
BONNELL, DEPY SUR
BEXAR DISTRICT

IN THE S.W. CORNER OF BLOCK AF IS A LARGE PLATEAU OF BLACK JACK TIMBER AND A SAND STONE CROPPING OUT.

THESE ARE THE MAIN FEATURES. THE VALLEY OF CEDAR IS QUITE WIDE AND IT HAS SEVERAL HEADS WHICH, BACK FROM THE MAIN VALLEY, CONTAIN SOME GOOD BODIES OF LAND COVERED, IN SOME CASES, WITH CEDAR OF LARGE GROWTH WHICH GROW IN SUCH LOCALITIES AND TALLER AND STRAIGHTER THAN THE CEDAR WHICH GROWS IN THE HILLS.

THE GRASS IN ALL THE HEADS OF THE NUECES IS A MESQUIT RANGE AND MAKES A FINE STOCK COUNTRY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FARMS OPENED ON THE PREEMPTIONS WHICH YOU SEE ON SKETCH, ALL OF WHICH PRODUCE WELL.

NORTH OF COULSON'S PREEMPTION ON SURVEY NO. 13 ARE SOME CROPPINGS OF QUARTZ AND THOSE MINERS, WHO WERE PROSPECTING IN THAT COUNTY, CLAIMED THERE WERE GOOD INDICATIONS OF PAYING SILVER ORE.

THERE ARE SOME EXTENSIVE RUINS OF OLD SPANISH MISSIONS AT CAMP WOOD AND BELOW THERE, AND REMAINS OF CANALS, AQUIDUCTS ETC. WHICH GO TO SHOW THAT THAT COUNTRY WAS ONCE UNDER GOOD STATE OF CULTIVATION.

THE GRAPES WHICH GROW THERE ARE NOT A TEXAS VARIETY AND EVIDENTLY WERE FIRST PLANTED BY THE JESUITS.

EDWARDS COUNTY HAS HAD HER ELECTION AND THE COUNTY SEAT IS BARNSDALE WHICH IS WITHIN SIX MILES OF THE EAST LINE OF THIS TRACT. A NUMBER OF HOUSES HAVE BEEN BUILT THERE AND A TRI-WEEKLY MAIL RUNS THERE FROM UVALDE, SO THIS LAND IS NOW IN THE SETTLEMENTS

RESPECTFULLY YOURS
(SIGNED) WILL H. BONNELL
DEPY SUR

THIS BLOCK, 23 SECTIONS J. & AF, IS WELL WATERED AS CEDAR CREEK WHICH IS A BOLD RUNNING STREAM OF WATER, RUNS NEARLY THROUGH THE BLOCK FROM N.W. TO S.E. THE BOTTOMS ALONG CEDAR CREEK ARE VERY RICH AND COVERED WITH HEAVY TIMBER, SUCH AS ELM, BURR OAK AND CHERRY ON THE HILLS TO THE NORTHWARD ARE LARGE QUANTITIES OF HEAVY CEDAR FROM WHICH THE CREEK TAKES ITS NAME.

TO THE SOUTHWARD THE COUNTRY IS MORE OPEN, ESPECIALLY ON THE HEAD OF SPRING CREEK, WHICH IS THE S.E. CORNER OF THE BLOCK.