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July 19, 1954

Re: SF 15420, 15421, 15422

Supplemental Surveyor's Report

Mr. Bascom Giles, Commissioner
General Land Office of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to surveys SF 15420, SF 15421 and SF 15422 in Edwards County, submitted by me to the General Land Office in June 1953.

On February 9th, 1954, I received a letter from the General Land Office advising that a report had recently been received from Mr. Ned Bishop, County Surveyor of Edwards County, in which he stated that he had found an original stone mound corner 1071 varas N. 45° E. from the original west corner of Survey 34, marked AA on the plat that you enclosed. Also that Mr. Bishop claimed to have found at 1072 varas S. 45° W., of the original east corner of Survey 34 an old stone mound in mesquite valley, designated BB on your plat, and that both of these corners were identified by Mr. Perry Mays, a chaincarrier for the original surveyor, J. A. Hunter, in 1905.

In response to your request that I check my work in view of the discrepancy between it and the work of Mr. Ned Bishop, I reviewed my own work as well as that of Mr. Bishop's in the office and advised the General Land Office on March 23, 1954, that had I found Mr. Bishop's corners at AA and BB as shown upon your plat, authenticated by a member of the original locating surveyor's party I believed that I would reach the same conclusion that Mr. Bishop did.

While most of my original survey work has been with surveys of a much earlier period, it occurred to me and to several competent land surveyors with whom I consulted, that it was indeed odd that a survey, although it was made as late as 1905, would so perfectly fit the surveyor's desire to make an equal division of the original Survey 34. I was also disturbed by Mr. Bishop's statement that my corner marked B on your plat did not exist and that no stone mound had ever been there.

In view of these circumstances, I took the opportunity to return to Edwards County and go on the ground to review the work in the vicinity of the corners A, B, AA and BB as shown upon your plat. The corners A and B being the stone mounds that I found and the corners AA and BB are those of Mr. Bishop as indicated on your plat.

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On June 14, 1954, I went on the ground in company with several of the interested parties, including Mr. J. L. Greer, the land owner. We first went to the old rock mound marked A on your plat which is situated slightly back from and NE of the bank of a very steep gully. It is very hard for me to put an exact age upon a stone mound, but I do say that it is very old, is substantially erected and is similar in every respect to the great number of other original survey corners of this character that I have found in my work through the years. Some 132 varas NE of the corner marked A a very new rock mound, recently made by Mr. Ned Bishop was found, this being the corner marked AA on your plat. I knew immediately that the mound had been constructed since I was last there for I had passed within one step of it at least twice. An inspection of the rocks comprising this mound clearly revealed the earth stains on them, thus showing that they had only recently been moved to the mound from their natural positions in the ground. The earth under the mound itself looked as if it had only recently been exposed to the sun and elements. A search was made through the mound in an effort to find a pattern of old stones that would indicate a remnant of an old mound, but none was found. Mr. Greer mentioned that he was not present when Mr. Bishop worked at this corner.

We then went to Mr. Bishop's corner marked BB on your plat and again found a very new stone mound, complete with fresh earth stains on it's rocks and signs on the ground under it that it had not long been protected from the elements. Mr. Greer told us that he was present and saw Mr. Bishop build this mound. This mound is near the edge of a mesquite valley, but is surrounded on three sides by land that is strewn with large stones. Some 15 or 20 varas NW of Mr. Bishop's corner marked BB on your plat, Mr. Greer pointed out where he thought Mr. Mays indicated the original S corner of the NE 1/2 of Section 34. At this point there is what appears to be a large stone with several fragments broken from it. I would not call it a mound or the remnants of one.

The rock mound at the corner marked B on your plat was pointed out to Mr. Greer. It is an old mound similar in every detail to the one at the corner marked A.

On June 25, 1954, I received a copy of a communication from Mr. Bishop to the General Land Office indicating that he had found other information sustaining his survey. My thought in regard to this is that there is not anything that could be found anywhere that would make the corners that I saw at AA and BB as shown upon your plat, as much as two years old.

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I have no interest in the outcome of the Greer applications. My entire purpose is to protect the position of mutual trust and respect that has existed between me and those in the General Land Office who have processed the original survey returns through the years of my experience there.

As there is reasonable difference in the reports regarding the existing facts at corner A-AA, B-BB, I would like to see a competent person from the Land Office make an inspection on the ground to see which of these reports is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip G. Young

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STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF

I, Phillip G. Young, a Licensed Land Surveyor do hereby certify that the foregoing plat was compiled from a survey made on the ground under my supervision and according to law; that the limits, boundaries, and corners, with the marks, natural and artificial, are truly described in the foregoing plat, just as found on the ground.

This the 26th day of June, 1953

Phillip G. Young
 Licensed Land Surveyor

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