

J. F. WINANS
COUNTY SURVEYOR
EDWARDS COUNTY, TEXAS

ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS

Feb 25, 1915

Hon. J. Robinson, Com. Gen'l Land Office
Austin Texas

Dear Sir: -

I am mailing you a lot of field notes addressed to Mr. H. M. McCaleb, in your care. The applicants desire him to file them in person, if he is not kept away at home, in which case he is to phone you. But if ~~you~~^{he} fails to be there on or before Tuesday morn, March 2nd, please open and file same not later than Tuesday morning, March 2nd, and oblige.

Yours Very truly

J. S. Proppers, Deputy
Surveyor, Edwards County,

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Don J. Robison, Com. Gen'l Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:— I learned from Mr. F. M. McCabob that you seemed to take a very erroneous view of certain facts connected with the location of vacant land recently in the western part of this county by finding the original corner and lines in Bartons work in Val Verde county, which was filed in your office March 20th or 4th, I am very sorry of this and am writing this to try to put this right.

In my past dealings with you, and in my visit to your office last Summer, I formed the highest opinion of you personally, as a high type of true sincere manhood entirely above being influenced by "Pull" etc, and my agreement to investigate this question without fee until the Land Commissioner should approve. Same was not prompted by an idea that I or anyone associated with me had any "Pull" with your office, but because I thought you were entirely conscientious and fair and would readily recognize a vacancy that really and surely exists by the

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original corners and lines on the ground, which are the end of the law in boundary questions.

I had already been goaded by concience and complaints of citizens of this county into searching some for these corners, and had found enough to convince me that many of these corners could be identified with sufficient certainty; and knowing where practically all ~~these~~ surveyors had started to hunt these corners, I could see why they had not found them, but cannot see why they seem to have hunted only from the corners of the Block A C & M Ry co. on the north. I do not see why Mr Barton should have been supposed to put his corners in position with those on the north, any more than those on the West - which he did, as Cassin's work on the north proved to be about a mile further east than was supposed when Barton located Blocks B, D, & L.

Again assuring you that it was because

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I had the utmost confidence in your fairness and sincerity, and freedom from bias or prejudice, that I would agree to do work that way - as I thought that as sure as we proved to you that a vacancy existed you would recognize it and I did not want to take their money for nothing - and that I still believe you will do the right thing, as you see it, I remain

Yours Very truly

J. P. Pickens, Deputy Surveyor

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State of Texas }
County of Edwards } I, J. F. Winans, County Surveyor of Edwards County,
Texas, hereby certify that I assisted deputy Surveyor T. S. Pickens
in finding the original corner in Block B-Val Verde, T.C.
& S. To Ky. Co. in Val Verde County, and making the con-
nections between same, and that as described in his
certified statement hereto attached and that I believe
them to be the true original corners in said
Block. Given under my hand at Rock Springs, Texas, this
22nd day of Feb. 1915.

J. F. Winans County Surveyor,
Edwards County, Texas.

Received March 3rd 1915

Statement of Connections and Original Corners Identified
By T.S. Pickens.

In Blocks B, D & L, in Val Verde County, affecting said Blocks
Blocks B, D & L, of the G.C. & S.F. Ry. Co. in Edwards County.

State of Texas)

County of Edwards)

I, T.S. Pickens Deputy County Surveyor of
Edwards County, do hereby certify that I made the following
Connections and findings, to wit:-

In April, 1912, while I was County Surveyor of this
County, I was in Val Verde County, stopping at the home
of Mr John Galloway, who owns a ranch near the mouth
of mail trail draw, mostly in Block L, G.C. & S.F. Ry. Co., for
the purpose of finding some of the original corners in said
Block for a most convenient and definite starting point
to survey lands in Edwards County which would be governed
by said corner or corners if found. This trip was prompted
by expressions of dissatisfaction on the part of some of our citizens
with the long course & distance surveys from the S.W.
cor. of Block No. A, C. & M. Ry. Co.

After I had spent two or three days looking for origi-
nal corners near re-survey corners shown me
by Mr. Galloway and finding nothing to indicate original
work, I studied the position of the marked corners as shown
on my working sketch and decided there must be some natural
cause for the locating surveyors to have apparently disregarded
two surveys S. E. from the N.W. cor. of Sur. no 25 to the S.W.
cor. of Sur. no 33 Block L, and as the country is very rough
and mountainous here I looked for a big, open draw from
the N.W. I found just such a draw coming into
Dry Devils River about 1 1/2 miles below the mouth of mail
trail, and a little above the mouth of this draw low down
on a rather flat point of the mountain, about 140 vs
N.W. from the N.W. Bank of Dry Devils River I noticed a
prominent W.O. tree (which proved to be a close group of 5
live oaks 6" to 12" dia., of which a 6" one on E. side had been
cut off. - all ~~stems~~ sprouts from an old stump. I saw
There are some old pens near this, said to be an old sheep
camp. I saw no other evidence of old live oak timber
near the mouth of said draw and thinking it might
have been the witness to S.W. cor. of ~~33~~ ²⁵ Survey
thence ^{no follows} S 10° E 80 Varas and found five stones 4"-8"
dia. scattered in a few feet. I sighted a N 45° W course
from here up said draw, across a high hill where
said draw bends westward (cor. S.W.) and counting my horse steps
up a road in said draw until I thought I had about
gone twice 2687 vs. Here Mr. Galloway brought Mr.
Anderson who ranches ^{live} about 7 miles south of the said N.W.
cor. of 25 and he showed me a very old looking mound
12 stones 3"-5" dia. in flat clear of stones about 60 vs E. of draw
bed and I found two cor. etc. about 7" dia. burned off about 12"
This is at S. Ridge on

high on S.E. bank of drain, bearing 549° and $550^{\circ} E 47^{\frac{1}{2}} N$ vs. from said mound, Mr. Anderson said he found this mound while following his goats and had known it a number of years. I now feel confident that this is the original Common Corner of Surveys 23-24-25- and 26, Block L. No other timber near this place.

I Surveyed thence North and at 1900 Vars am on steep, rocky hill side sloping S.E. whence a lone ced about 7" dia at brink of this hill br $N 56^{\frac{1}{2}} W$ West 5 vs. found some large old ced. Stumps burned off at top of ground scattered about on this hillside, and a grove of cedars about 100 vs long E & W at foot of hill S. of draw flowing West is South about 300 to 350 vs, but found no old mound here.

I chained on North 280 vs to top of divide and then sighted and stepped North and next mile was in a shallow draw about 40 vs. S.E. of a bunch of ced limbs of or sprouts but found no. rock mound. - one or two other cedars in the sight, but no other timber. Continued North another mile and was on a big open hill, no timber near. This was on April 25 and 26, 1912.

On Jan 25, 1915, assisted by County Surveyor J. F. Winans and Surveyor H. M. McCaleb, I began again at ~~the~~ my supposed S.W. cor of 33, Block L. described on page 1, a steel pin from which 4 L.O. & one stump - 6"-12" dia, sprouts from ~~an~~ old stump bear $N 10^{\circ} W 80$ vs. This cor. is now on a wire fence running E. & W. being Mr. Bridges North pasture fence, said to have been built on the South line of Block L. as surveyed by Mr. Saunders, County Surveyor of Sutton Co. in 1914 from the S.W. cor. of Block A. C. & M. Ry Co.

Thence with said fence, West at 940 feet another fence runs North (supposed S.W. cor of Sur 28) in all 1315 feet. Thence $N 45^{\circ} W$ at 1403 ft. and 2926 feet points on N.E. Bluff Bank of draw at 10970 feet top high E. Bluff Bank same draw, at 8832 feet was on west point of mountain, in all $N 45^{\circ} W$ 13231 feet and North 1166 feet to point in flat. Thence $N 14^{\circ} W$ 42 feet to old mound of 12 stones well piled up and above described as the original Common cor. of Surveys 23-24-25-26- Block L. This run was made with a good transit and Stadia Rod measurement and is equal to 3803 vs North and 3844 vs West, hence the steel pin started from is very probably at the SW cor of Sur 28, Blk. L.

On Dec. 6, 1914, assisted by County Surveyor J. F. Winans and Chester Winans, I began again at above mentioned steel pin set by me for the Orig. S.W. cor of Sur 33 $S 10^{\circ} E 80$ vs from the old L.O. stump and big sprouts, and surveyed thence East with said Bridges fence at 110 vs N. Bank of Dry Devils River at 450 vs S.E. Bank of same, at 1567 vs said fence turns South (Saunders' SW cor of 33, said to be) 1901 vs to point about 20 vs West of Sonora-Arl Rio Road.

Thence North ^{N 10⁰ 20⁰} at 1600 vs about middle of Dry Devils River. 1900 vs to 3 rocks on S.E. side of hill about 300 or 400 vs West of the mouth of Mail Trail Draw a bunch of ced. limbs or small bushes N about $65^{\circ} W$ about 80 vs. could see a few other cedars 150 yds or so westward no other timber in sight

I hence $NO^{\circ}20'E$ at ¹⁶²¹ ~~Sto. ind~~ ^{made} on top of high mountain or hill whence a lone ced. on said hill-top bus W. about 150' and N about 10' at 1900' in bed of deep short gorge with steep, rocky sides and made a stone mound 52' further N. on W. bank of said gorge which runs N. about 200' then N.W. a lone cedar in bed of said gorge is N. about $3^{\circ}E$ about 150' ^{no other timber except on occas} ~~Signal cedar is near here.~~

Thence $N20^{\circ}E$ 1701' to White-head's South pasture fence which was built several years ago. Supposedly on the South line of Block D, I set a stake here.

On Jan. 26, 1915, assisted by County Surveyor J. F. Winnow and F. M. Mc. Caleb began again at above mentioned stake on Whiteheads fence, 1900' $S89^{\circ}40'E$ & 5501' $NO^{\circ}20'E$ from SW cor 33 and, using transit and Stadia rod, surveyed there $N199'$ made small stone and ~~down~~ down on S.E. point of mt about 20' N.W. of drain, and about 50' south of draw flowing west. No timber in sight of here except plenty of shin oak bushes up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " dia and some bunches of Kiinikiinic bushes. Thence North at 1900' made small stone and on west slope of steep rocky hill. Thence North 215' and West 90' to a very old looking mound of 5 large stones on same hillside whence a ced. about 7" dia in drain flowing west bus $S10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}W$ 180' ^(not 100'). This is probably the original N.E. cor. of Sur. no. 66. Block D. Several other ced. trees and stumps in an easterly direction from the one just mentioned, 10 to 50 yds distant, along said drain and about head of same. From this old Sto. ind. another old looking mound of 14 small stones well piled on a solid rock bus $N68^{\circ}E$ 54' and from this mound a ced. stump 6" dia 1 foot high bus $S8^{\circ}W$ 147'. Surface measure down steep hill. The Whitehead fence referred to above is a little N of the top of a backbone and from the mile mark I made 199' N. of same near S.E. cor. of Sur. 66, an old looking and large Sto. ind. bus $S14\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}W$ 117' - probably an old re-survey mark.

From above mentioned mound of 5 large stones surveyed North 1900' Stadia measure and East 3' to a very old looking stone mound nearly covered up in bunch of Kiinikiinic bushes on N.W. slope of hill whence a L.O. 14" dia marked in bark very old looking and dim, yet distinct, bus $N6^{\circ}E$ 372'. This tree stands on N. bank of a drain in head of short gully about 70' west of where big road crosses said drain. This is the original S.E. cor. of Sur. no. 66. Block D. Thence North at about 550' pass 3 ft. W of Big L.O. tree 30" dia. 1900' to small bunch of stones at S.E. foot of mountain point which looks like it might have been piled up whence a L.O. bush about 3" dia sprang from small stump in center of clump of do's. bus $S15^{\circ}E$ 45' - nothing but small timber near. Thence North at 1680' pass a large Sto. mound 19' E of line capped with large flat rock chisel marked SE 59 at 1900' a very old looking mound of 9 stones well piled up on S.W. side of hill about 20' N.E. of bed of drain, at the original common cor. of surveys 62-63, 71 and 72, Block D, whence the center of a cluster of old looking cedars in head of said drain bus $S11^{\circ}E$ 80'.

Thence North 1873' & E 7' to a bunch of scattered stones which I thought might have been piled up whence the center of a mott of small L.O.'s and several old stumps & fallen trunks 4"-5" dia. bus $S6^{\circ}E$ 124' and a L.O. tree 9" dia is S. abt. 40' showing no marks and four ^{counter 21815} ind. well defi.

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Thence East $194\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ and South 40° to a very old looking mound of 17 small stones in grassy flat clear of stones about 20° N. of bed of draw flowing about $S 70^{\circ} E$ whence a L.O. tree $12''$ dia on bank of said draw and mld X plain old marks cut shallow in bark, apparently cut with light, sharp instrument, but $N 85^{\circ} W 43^{\circ}$ instead of 45 as called for. Another L.O. $13''$ dia. not marked but $N 85^{\circ} W 46^{\circ}$. This is the original N.E. cor of Sur no 71 (etc) Block A. Returned 1 mile west to the bunch of stones 14° N 60° E of the L.O. north, and surveyed thence West at (Stadia measurement) and at 1900° on in a thicket of small L.O.'s a little S. of the head of a drain in E side of ridge near top, at 1915° made small sto. ind. at west edge of thicket. Found no evidence of cor. here. About 300 or 350° West across open hill top and some 20 or 25° South is a group of 3 or 4 old scrubby L.O.'s up to $12''$ but found no marks on them, nor any old mound.

Thence West 2135° and $N 1700^{\circ}$ to a very old mound of 19 stones in Valley of Big draw flowing N.W. on West bank of same, about 18° N & east of Big road whence a prominent L.O. tree about $13''$ dia but due West 251° found no mark on said tree, a dead place on its East side extends from ground up about 2 feet, this with overgrowth above and on either side about $3''$ thick. A charred L.O. stump in bed of said draw but $S 81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. This is the old sto. mound found and described by J.S. Gray in Jan. 1911, which he said he thought might have been the original N.E. cor of Sur no 48, Block D. from this old mound a large, new looking rock mound but $N 8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 45^{\circ}$.

I believe this old mound to be the original N.E. cor. of Sur no 49 said Block D., being in a valley as called for and the tree being in exact course but 251° instead of 290° - practically a 40° error mistake, such a mistake as is rather common from thence. West, measuring with steel tape at 1630 am about 55° S. of a good size, not very old looking sto. ind. at 1772° am 4° S. of very old looking sto. ind in flat E of draw. at 1893 a point in said flat near bank of draw at side of old road whence a dead L.O. $6''$ dia, a sprout from old stump, apparently but $S 81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 94^{\circ}$. a L.O. $12''$ dia E at 175° of N. abt 50° . I believe this is probably the N.W. cor of said Sur no 49, N 648 etc.

Thence West 1832° and South 27° to a large, well-built mound of large stones on NW side of mt. point whence a cedar stump $5''$ dia, charred on top in bunch of green sprouts bears $S 74^{\circ} E 57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. I believe this is the original common cor. of Surveys 37rd 48, Block D and 66nd 67, Block B.

Thence $N 45^{\circ} W$ (Stadia measure) 2687° made a stone mound on west slope of hill. about 50° South is a bunch of scattered rocks 3° S.E. of a ced. $7''$ dia. and several other cedar trees scattered about S.E. & S.W. but found none marked.

Thence West 1825° & South 95° to an old stone mound of 7 stones well piled in flat clear of stones whence a Hackberry stump and pieces of old timber $6''$ dia nearly rotted but East $83\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and a L.O. stump 18 or $20''$ dia but E 34.5° this stump is in a clump of several L.O.'s. I think this is certainly the original common corner of Surveys 56-57-64rd & 65, Block B. I had seen no Hackberry timber East of here.

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Thence West 1924 VS and N 18 VS to a very old mound of 8 stones in west edge of draw bed flowing westward whence on all looking ced. about 6" dia Bursted off on N. Side by S 11° E 48 VS, the original common corner of Surveys 63-64-57² and 58.

Thence West at 1820 cross small short gully on S. edge of ^{open} divide at 1924 point. Thence North 20 VS to a very old looking mound of small stones 3" to 4½" dia in broad, flat ^{meadow head} gully flowing south, probably the original common cor of surveys 58-59-62² and 63, Block B. There is no old ced. or other timber near here. Some young looking ced. bunches westward and a few charred ced stumps indicate timber burned off years ago.

Thence North 3940 VS. and West 136 VS to a very old looking mound of 13 stones well preserved with cedar bush about 3 feet high growing in middle of it on flat North slope of low hill whence a bunch of yellow cedar sprouts from old stump by S 8° E (not N 8° W) 70½ VS a number of bunches of young looking cedar within 100 VS different directions, some few showing stumps in them, but no old timber growing near all, burned off. This is probably the original common cor of surveys 28-29-32² and 33, Block B. a newer looking st. ind. on a cut out line running N & S by N. W. about 20 VS - probably Saunders' cor.

Thence East at 1927 VS (drained) ~~and~~ 4½ VS North of a very old looking mound of small stones in flat, probably the original common corner of surveys 27-28-33 and 34. A point 53 VS N 67° E of this mound is in the bed of a draw showing considerable wash, a few bunches of young ced ~~from~~ bushes stand near but no old timber. Some live oak in sight 200 or three hundred ~~yards~~ eastward (down the draw).

continued East and at 3853 VS (1926 VS E. of last old mound) on 1 ^{1/2} m. N of very old looking st. ind on South side of large thicket small L.C.'s up to 3½" dia - probably the original common cor. of surveys 26-27-35² and 36. - bearings not found. A point N 22° W 57 VS is in the N. edge of said L.C. thicket, a part of which appears to be sprouts from stumps nearly rotted out, and a group of large, beautiful L.C.'s is on or about the same course about 100 VS further I could not see them from the old mound but went and looked at them and found no marks except one of them about 18" dia had a large chip cut out of it about 3½ feet from the ground on the side next to the old mound. A point S 88° E 47 VS is in a thicket of young L.C.'s and old stumps about here show that some trees have been cut down and many burned out years ago. Thence East at 1900 VS am on S. bank of rather flat L.C. draw flowing westward, 914 three stones found lying together in bed of drain and a point S 26° W 10 VS is in ~~the~~ thicket of small L.C.'s and 50 VS North of here is the South edge of large open low hill side having no timber. No cedar timber near here.

Thence East 1900 VS made small stone ind. on west bank of flat draw in Valley whence old pronged. N 10° W 6 VS a younger

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looking prongy ced. brs $S70^{\circ}E$ 20 vs., a big ced. and big L.O. Stumps near each other $S40^{\circ}E$ 43 vs. a ced. 9" $N46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}E$ 40 vs. a ced 9" $S38^{\circ}E$ abt 54 vs. a L.O. 9" $S7^{\circ}E$ abt 32 vs.

Thence East 1983 vs. ^{end North vs. to} a small stone mound of 9 small like stones in place clear of ^{very old looking} stones, ^{very} high, open prairie. No timber near. I think this is the original common corner of Surveys 23-24-37 and 38. a scattered sto. mound not so old looking. Id East $64\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ vs. and North 37 vs.

Thence East at 1916 vs. am 10 vs. South of a very old looking mound of small stones on North slope of a hill, no timber near except small, young looking bunches of cedars

Thence E 1909 vs. to a very old looking stone mound in small open space in grove of Live Oak and ced. timber on North slope of hill whence an old dead cedar tree 20" dia. brs $S35^{\circ}W$ 22 Varas and a L.O. 12" dia brs $N65^{\circ}W$ 16 Varas - the original common corner of Surveys 21-22-39 and 40 - Block B. These trees show no marks, except that a strip of old bark on the old cedar appears to have been cut diagonally at lower end.

Thence East 1900 vs. to a very old looking mound of 9 stones well piled up on a L.O. Ridge whence a L.O. stump 10" dia and 1 foot high brs $S86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}W$ 75 Varas - the original common corner of Surveys 20-21-40 and 41, Block B.

Thence South at 1900 vs. made a stone mound in a draw flowing N.W. continued South 3789 vs. and West 71 vs. to a very old looking mound of 9 stones on N slope of L.O. Ridge abt 10 vs. North of a Live oak thicket whence a L.O. stump and dead L.O. trunk 6" dia brs $N32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}W$ 12 vs. - the original common cor of Surveys 50, 51-70 and 71, Block B. Thence $S45^{\circ}W$ at 1987 vs. leave Live oak timber and enter open divide, at 2687 vs. a point on high, open and wide divide, and from a point W vs. E east of this the center of group of 5" old cedar trunks, 5 and 6" dia brs North 15 1/4 vs. These cedars are dead and down and a small bunch of young green cedar now stands among them. This is the only evidence of an old cluster of cedars near here and must be the cluster called for as bearing "North about 200 vs." from the original common cor of Surveys 69 and 70 - Block B and 40 and 61, Block B. but failed to find the old mound. Considerable surface rocks here.

Thence South 86 vs. and West 2021 vs. to the old stone mound in Valley, above described as original N.E. cor of Sur no. 49, Block D.

Thence South 1900 vs. am on East edge of open divide $7\frac{1}{2}$ vs. East of a well made new looking mound, probably made by J.T. Gray in 1911. and from a point about 10 vs. East of me a L.O. stump, cut off about a foot high brs $S85^{\circ}E$ 86 vs. - no old mound found here. Plenty surface rocks.

Thence West across high, open divide at 1700 am just North of head of Ravine of L.O. bushes and a few trees & South, at 1895 vs. made small sto. md on a S.W. point of said divide, where surface rock and small L.O. timber and ^{old} burned off stumps are plenty, especially N.E., East and S. mound or marked trees found. counter 21918

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Thence South 1972 V^s and East 135 V^s to ~~a~~ very old ^{looking} mound of 20 stones on west ^{or N.W.} edge of open divide whence a ced stump in cluster small ced bushes (apparently sprouts) by N10°W 80 V^s (not N20°W as called for) another ced stump in cluster of sprouts by N44°W 76 V^s and a few other bunches of green young cedar stand between the two. No other timber near here. This is probably the original common corner of Surveys 46-47-50^{and} 51 - Block B. Thence South at 220 V^s cross a wire fence E & W. about 20 V^s West of the North end of another fence running South at 1900 V^s at South foot of steep, rocky hill. Thence E 21 V^s to an old ^{looking} well made rock mound on N. bank of draw from East. East side of said fence. Considerable young looking W.O. timber ^{and bunches of stumps} in said draw South, S.E. and SW, and West, but none north for considerable distance.

Thence South 1900 V^s to a very old looking Sto. mound on E. side of said fence on high, open hill, mentioned on Page 2, No timber in sight.

On Feb. 10, 1915, assisted by County Surveyor J. H. Henians, I began at the small Sto mound in head of gully, mentioned before, for the common corner of Surveys 58-59-62 and 63, Block B and surveyed Thence West at 168 V^s cross wire fence 5 feet high, said to be on Saunders line N. & S. at 1900 V^s on west edge of bed of flat draw considerable cedar bunches here, most of which show burned stumps, scarcely any old looking timber standing. Found no old mound or marked trees. Plenty surface rocks and spreading bunches of Sotol.

Thence South at 1900 V^s and on open south point of divide over looking draw to south where considerable cedar bunches show several hundred V^s southward. Old timber burned off. Plenty loose rocks. Thence South at 1900 V^s at South foot of hill N side draw from N 16° to S.W. Plenty of loose rock and scattering ced. bunches, most of them showing burned stumps in them. No other timber except cedar was seen in sight of this two miles of line South here.

On Feb. 11, 1915, assisted by said Henians and McCaleb. I began again at the Stone mound we had made 1900 V^s South of Orig common cor. of Surveys 20-21-40^{and} 41, Block B, and surveyed thence East across an open divide at 1834 V^s ^{the most eastern} in head of a large ^{very} branch flowing S.E. into Dry Devils River. Plenty of surface rock and W.O. bushes, but no sign of any old timber anywhere near here.

Thence South 1873 V^s. (at 1100 V^s cross said large branch) to a very old looking mound of 12 stones in small open flat North side of draw from West whence 2 prong W.O. 12" each, the N.W. one cut off about 5 feet high, by S73½°W 150 V^s, the original common corner of Surveys 49-50-71 and 72, Block B. This is the only tree of any size anywhere near this corner. Did not find the X on this tree, but the side next to or facing the corner has been blazed a number of years ago and the blaze nearly overgrown. This blaze would doubtless have obliterated the old mark. Thence South 3740 V^s and East 168 V^s to the original N.E. cor. of Sur No. 71, Block B, found and described at top of Page 4 hereof. We returned 2 mi. North to the original N.E. cor. of Sur No. 71, Block B, above described and surveyed Thence East by ~~steel~~ steel tape measure and careful triangulation, and

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at 8000 Re-crossed above mentioned large Branch or draw, which is a Prong of Dry Devils River, and at about 2 2/3 miles crossed Dry Devils River at 7768 vs made a Stone mound on N Side of a ridge at head of short draw flowing abt. N 30° W ^{an X cut on solid} ^{for the common cor. of Survey 76-46-75 and} ^{hence East 1675 vs}
 Rock ^{76-Block B of SW 1/4 of Vacancy} ^{196 vs} ^{to a Stone mound on S Side of a draw near head}
 of same, made by J. J. Gray in Jan 1911 for the S.W. cor. of Sur 110 1, R. C. Walker. It is marked S.W. W and a L.C. 25" dia marked ¹¹⁰ ^{vs} N 71 1/2° W 111 1/2° vs. I make this cor. mound 15269 vs E and of and 1804 vs North from the original N.E. cor. of Sur no 49, Block B. as against Gray's 15265 1/2 vs E and 1900 vs North - or 3 1/2 vs more Easting, which would be more than accounted by the extra Easting he would get running the one mile north, as he was running too far to the right. This cor. mound of Gray's is, by his connection, 695 vs West and 3901 vs South of the original N.W. cor. of Sur no 151. and, by my connection, this cor. is 3931 vs South of the original S.E. cor. of Sur 37, Block no. A. therefore my S.E. cor. is 7636 vs South of the South line of said ^{Block} ^{and} 2970 vs West of said S.E. cor. of no 37. The Variation of the needle used in following these old lines was 9° 55' E.

Given under my hand at Rock Springs, Texas, this 23rd day of Feb, 1915

J. S. Pickens, Deputy Surveyor of Edwards County

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Statement of Connections Page 1- to 8 inclusive are recorded in my Office at Rock Springs, Texas, in Book 2, Private Surveys P.P. 411-416 inclusive

Rock Springs, Texas, this 23rd day of Feb, 1915

Recorded in Vol. 2 Private Surveys J. S. Pickens, Deputy Surveyor
PP 411-416. Edwards County Texas.

Supplemental Statement.

In concluding this long and tedious statement, I wish to add this Summary, and conclusion:-

I am driven to the conclusion, by the clear evidence on the ground, that the locating Surveyor, Mr Barton, did not identify the SW cor. of Sur no 60, Block A, C & M. N.E. cor. and Begin his work there (as first call in his Sur no 1, Block B might to some extent indicate) but obtained the positions of the corners he marked from the old Block of D. L. N. Surveys on the West, which were located by Jacob Seuchler, and that he made at least nearly all, if not all, of the corners that he describes as having rock mounds and bearings. A great fire swept over this county (I think it was 16 or 17 - or probably 20 years ago) and destroyed nearly all the standing ^{timber}, especially in the South and West Part of his work. The cedar in this locality seems to be of the Yellow variety, and unlike our Red Cedar on Mueces and Plains, frequently sends up bunches of sprouts from roots of old stumps. I don't think this part of the Country has been settled and used much until the last 15 years or so, and the fact that these corners were located practically a mile further west than was supposed by calls for known corners on the North, and the burning of the timber, together with the fact that many of the rock mounds

were not large enough to be very noticeable in the bunchy grasses, Sotols etc. probably accounts for the Surveyors not finding the corners before - if, as is generally understood - they have not been found before.

I recognize this as an extra clear location of original lines and corners. While the relative positions of the different corners found are not absolutely true, they average better than many of the old locations made in those days. Some of them run for miles almost absolutely true to course and distance, e.g., the whole of the most northern base line is almost practically true to course and the distances too are fine. The four most Eastern of these corners found are in fine position, relatively, and especially well identified. The N.E. cor of 37, Block B. ~~was~~ a (big) high prairie, as called for while the N.E. cor. of 39, has both ced. and L.O. bearing trees in exact position, ^{with old mound.} and is in L.O. and ced grove as called for, while the N.E. cor of 38 is well identified by interpolation and the absence of timber, while the N.E. cor. of 40 is on the L.O. Ridge as called for and has the old mound and stump of bearing, exact course and distance from N.E. cor. 39. I have ~~con~~ The fact that no marks show on trees at N.E. cor. 39, Block B is not strange as the ced. is dead and has shedded nearly all bark, while the L.O., now about 12" dia., was doubtless a small tree when marked and we all know a small L.O. carries a mark poorly at best, and the character of the few marks found indicates that he marked shallow in the bark. Such a mark shows well for several years, but is frequently entirely shedded off in 35 or 40 years.

I wish to make this additional statement about the N.E. cor of Sur no. 60, Block D. Though I found no old mound here, I think this cor. clearly identified, as I doubt if there is another old cluster of cedars so situated that you could begin at them and run South 200 vs there N 46° E ^{700 vs} and strike the timber called for (L.O.). I diagonaled Sur no. 70, Block B, twice, and in running N 45° E from a point 1900 vs East of the NW cor 60, Block A, we connected with a L.O. tree 12" dia. in S.W. side of a mott of 4 so's. having an old scar on S.W. side, which is within 3 or 4 vs of N 46° E 700 vs from a point 200 vs South of the old cluster of cedars. I ascertained this after returning and comparing the two runs and points connected with on each, and have constructed accordingly. This interpolates the Northings between the S.W. cor 69 and N.E. cor 70, making Sur 70-1946 vs N 4 S and 1890 vs E 4 N. This L.O. mott runs a little fur south into the opening than the other timber, and all this timber N.E. about 700 from cor is in a depression out of sight from corner, indicating, as does also the position of the marked corner called for, the location diagonaled Sur no. 70, probably from S.W. to N.E.

Blocks 1 and V9, South of Block H, are constructed on the general understanding that they are controlled

as regards position by the position of Said Block L., though I have not examined field notes of the first 2 or 3 numbers of Said Block no. 1.

The S.W. cor of Sur no 25, Block L, where the old cedar stumps and old mound are found is a good corner, and is very little out of position with the next identified corner N.E. - much less discrepancy than found in much of the old locating work in rough country like that. Answering the question as to why Mr. Gray could not find these corners in Jan. 1911, I have traced his connection on my sketch in yellow and you will note that he only crossed Barton's Northern base-line at one point and I found no cor. there. He found the N.E. cor of 48, but was looking for the N.E. cor of 48; Then, when he ran East a mile to look for the N.E. cor. of 49 "In a Valley" with L.O.W-290 and found himself on high hill with no timber near he evidently decided it had not been surveyed. When he reached the N.E. cor. of 71, Block B he would have been S.W. of it across a brushy draw and about out of faith. I do not believe that any one has ever made a systematic search

for these corners - never heard of anyone even trying to trace the northern base-line E of W. Generally began at S.E. cor 1, Block A and ran through by most convenient route. For the location found by us every natural called is satisfied - for hills - valleys - open prairies, L.O. Ridge, large Branch, Prong Dry Devils River and all, while the other location does not. Proper timber at practically every cor. (N.E. cor 31, Block L has shin oak instead of hick oak, and I found one of Wm Cassin's corners same way in Edwards Co. Rocksprings Texas, this - day of Feb. 1913 - S. Speers, Deputy Surveyor Edwards Co.

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