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Dallas, Texas, 15 Novr. 1905.

Mr. W. H. Abrams. General Agent.

Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir: I have the following report to make of the condition of the surveys in the system of Texas and Pacific Railway Company Blocks extending from the New Mexico line north of El Paso to Sierra Blanca Station on the Texas and Pacific Railway.

In 1879 the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, under the law, secured Hon. Jacob Kuechler, formerly Commissioner of the G. L. O. to locate their lands in the 80 mile Reservation in El Paso County. In doing this he came through the Quitman mountains to the Rio Grande River and up the river to El Paso City. He camped at the Mexican settlement below El Paso known as "Concordia" and from there connected his work to the old Astronomical Point at the U.S. Post "old Fort Bliss." From Concordia he ran a line to Monument 5 of the U.S. Boundary Commission on the south line of New Mexico, and continued on around the west side of the Franklin Mountains, and when he reached his starting point at Concordia he found that his line would not close by nearly a mile; so he abandoned the lines on the west of the mountains, and returned to Monument 5, and from there ran east 990 varas and established the N.W. corner of Section 1 in Block 81 township 1. From there he ran south to the south line of said Block 81, and put in a large rock mound at the S.W. corner of Sec 37 in said Block 81 and Township 1. From there he ran out on the prairie and drove a small stake for the S.E. corner of Sec. 11 in Township 2 and Block 81. From there he ran a meander line to his camp at Concordia, and connected with the Astronomical point at Fort Bliss.

Then when he returned down the river he went to Camp Rice, and from the record of the lines he had run going up the River he established the S. W. corner of Sec. 33 in Township 6 Block 75, by a small stake and rock mound.

In the Summer of 1883 I was appointed by the State Land Board of Texas to establish the south line of the 80 Mile Reserve, and report as to its true location with regard to the surveys Kuechler had put in.

In company with Mr. Kuechler I went on the ground and made quite an extensive survey, lasting several months, and returned to Austin and

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made my report to the Land Board; comprising the field Books and a map, all of which ^{are} ~~is~~ on file in the G. L. O.

While on this trip, Mr. Kuechler went with me and showed me the Monument 5, and also the stake he had placed for the corner of Sec.1, 990 varas east of the Monument. He also came down with me and showed me the large Rock Mound he had erected on the east slope of the foot-hills of the Franklin Mountains for the S. W. corner of Sec. 37. We then ~~we~~ went out on the ~~prairie~~ prairie, ^{and} ~~but~~ failed to find the stake he had set for the S. E. corner of Sec.11; but he gave me the courses of the line he had run from it to Concordia, and I afterwards found the small stake standing in the ground, as he had left it.

When my work for the Land Board was completed, you then employed me to resurvey these lands; and I did so under written instruction of Capt W. C. Walsh, then Commr. G. L. O. In making the surveys of the Blocks above mentioned I reported to Walsh that there was only a small excess of about 7 or 8 varas on these miles, and his instructions were to not alter the field notes of these surveys, but to let the calls still be for 1900 varas, as that was an error allowable by his office.

In conformity with these instructions I commenced at Monument 5 on the south line of New Mexico, and erected corners at the north corners of Sections 1,2 and 3 in said Township 1 Block 81. I then ran down the East line of Block 81 to the corner Kuechler had put in for Sec. 11 in Township 2. I ~~then~~ went back to the Rock Mound that Kuechler had put at S.W.corner Sec.37,Block 81 Tsp.1; and with the stake I had set up at the S.E.corner Sec.10 in Tsp.2 Block 81, I ran a straight line with fore and back sight, S 45 degrees E, about 24 miles, diagonally across the surveys, and erecting a stake at each survey corner as passed, until I came to the S.W.corner Sec.45 in Tsp. 3 Block 78. From here I turned south and ran 8 miles, allowing the excess, and putting in each corner as I came to it. From here I ran east 8 miles, allowing the excess, to the S.W.corner Sec.47Tsp.4 Block 77, from here I again resumed my S.E. course, running the diagonals and erecting corners to to S.W.corner Sec. 31 Tsp.6 Block 74.about 21 miles. From here I ran about 3 miles S.W. to the stake and rock mound Kuechler had erected for the S.W.corner

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Sec. 33 Tsp. 6 Block 75. From here I ran east putting in corners every mile.

These are the only corners in this system of Blocks that were put in before the patents were issued, and on which patents were allowed.

At the time I made this survey, for many reasons then urgent, it was found practicable to use only small pine stakes one inch wide by two inches wide by three feet long.

During the months of September and October of this year I made a re-survey of the lines above indicated, and found a considerable number of these wooden stakes still standing or lying on the ground, near where I had placed them. Along side of those standing I drove down an iron pipe about 2 inches in Diameter and 3 feet long., but I have not yet erected any west of the S.W. corner of Sec. 17 Tsp 2 Block 80. We found what I believe to be the original Kuechler ^{Rock} mound; ^{at corner 37-} but there have been several other mounds erected all around it. It can be identified by running my line backwards, from the iron pipe I have driven in lately; and which coincide with the old pine stakes I drove down 20 years ago.

In making this late survey I made a memoranda of the fences as I crossed them, with the names of the owners according to hearsay evidence; and I submit herewith a copy of your printed map showing the corners in red that I found and drove pipe at, and also the Kuechler corners marked with a "K", and also the lines I ran indicated by red mark. The fences I have indicated by blue lines. The only ones that I ran out entirely were the north and south fences of the Carpenter and Finley ranch.

Respectfully submitted.

David M. Conley -
Surveyor.

15 Nov- 1905

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DALLAS, TEXAS, 15 Novr. 1905.

Hon. J. J. Terrell.
Commissioner G. L. O.
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: At the suggestion of our Mr. Paul McCombs,
I send you a copy of a report he lately made to me of some work in our
Blocks of surveys in El Paso County, based upon the original surveys he
made of same work 20 years ago, under instructions of the State Land
Board. He says that you think the report may give you some informa-
tion of value to your Office, and I take pleasure in sending same to you
Yours truly,

W. H. Abrams
General Agent.

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El Paso County
Report of Paul McCombs.
Nov. 20 1905.

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