

1 To Hon. R. M. Hall.

2 Com^r Genl. Land Office

3 Austin Texas.

4 Sir.

5 The Juan and Jacinto Ascarete
6 Survey N^o 144 was resumed by me
7 in 1886. and as will be seen from
8 the corrected fieldnotes upon which
9 patent issued. I fully identified the
10 S.E. corner of the D. P. Cummings Survey
11 N^o 9. by its bearing a willow tree then
12 standing and plainly marked
13 Therefor in the matter of L. H.
14 Thompson. Preemption Survey N^o
15 and L. D. Griswell. Preemption Survey
16 N^o in the survey of which a proper
17 and correct location of the J. W. Cum-
18 mings Survey N^o 2. was necessary. I
19 would respectfully state.

20 I commenced my survey at a stake
21 set at the S.E. corner of the D. P. Cum-
22 mings Survey N^o 9. a point on the North
23 bank of the Rio Viejo. from which a
24 willow stump bears S 80 E 20. ors.

25 From thence I ran East. 950. ors. and
26 South 2,338. ors. to a point ~~on~~ the North
27 bank of Rio Viejo. where I set a stake
28 for the S.E. corner of J. R. Cook. Survey N^o 10.
29 but found no bearing. the land all being
30 in cultivation. From thence I
31 ran East. 954. ors. and South 165. ors
32 to a point on the North bank of Rio Viejo
33 where I placed a stake for the S.E. corner

of William Maxey Survey No 11. and S.W.
 corner of J. H. Duggan. Survey No 12. found
 which stake a Cottonwood about 24 in dia
 mtd \bar{x} vs. S 74 N. 140. vs. and. a Willow
 stump br. S 82 N. 106. vs.
 From thence I ran East 950. vs. and
 South 400. vs. to a point on the North bank
 of the Rio Viejo. where I set a stake for
 S.E. corner of J. H. Duggan. Survey No 12.
 but could not identify any bearings
 Commencing again at the S.E. corner
 of the D. P. Cummings Survey No 9. as
 identified by me in 1886. I ran West
 950. vs. and North 420 vs. to a point on
 the North bank of Rio Viejo. where a
 stake was set for S.W. corner of D. P. Cum-
 mings Survey No 9. No bearings could be
 identified the land being in cultivation
 From thence I ran West 950. vs. and
 South 391 vs. to a stake on the North bank
 of Rio Viejo. where a stake was set for
 the S.W. corner of J. H. Cummings. Survey
 No 8. No bearings identified the land
 being in cultivation From
 thence I ran West 1444. vs. and. North
 432. vs. to a point on the North bank of
 Rio Viejo. where a stake was set for the
 S.W. corner of D. P. Cummings No 7.
 No bearings identified. the land being in
 cultivation From thence I ran
 North 3798. vs and West. 2550. vs. to a
 point on the North bank of Rio Viejo
 where a stake was set for the S.W. corner

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of J. B. Atkinson. Survey N^o 6. No bearings
identified. From thence I ran North
893. var. and West 2557. var. to a point on
the North bank of Rio Viejo immediately
at its separation from Rio Grande, where
a stake was set for the S.W. corner of
Justo Rodriguez Survey N^o 5. from which
a stake a Willow, about 18 in dia marked
N 50 W 26. var. and a Willow stump
var. N 55 W 26. var. This stump has old
marks, but I could not identify them.

From thence I ran West 2550. var.
and South 287. var. to a point on an
old bank of the Rio Grande, where a stake
was set for the S.W. corner of J. R. Cook Survey
N^o 4. No bearings identified.

From thence I ran West 1050. var.
and South 658. var. to a point on the old
North bank of Rio Grande, where a stake
was set for the S.W. corner of R. J. Scott
Survey N^o 3. No bearings identified.

From thence I ran North 1342. var.
and West 2338. var. to the Astronomical
Point at old Fort Bliss, or Magoffinsville.

From thence I ran West 2560. var. and
South 2551. var. to a point on an old bank
of the Rio Grande, where a stake was placed
for the S.W. corner of Moses Hughes Survey
N^o 1. from which stake the present Street
Car Stables or Corral bears West 648. var.

This stake set for the S.W. corner of the
Moses Hughes Survey N^o 1. is placed at
a point known as the Vado de Gregoquez

or the Grigoyen crossing.

I found it impossible to identify either of the corners of the Moses Hughs survey, its S.E. being now some distance in the Rio Grande and at its S.W. no bearings can be found. The field notes of the Moses Hughs call to begin "at a stake set at the crossing from El Paso" but no less than five fords or crossings are shown to have been in use during the year of 1849, one still east of the Grigoyen crossing, and three west of it. The nearest ford west of the Grigoyen fords is the Vado de Ponce, or Ponce ford. This Ponce ford was the principal ford in 1853, and hence W. L. Duffdoffer, and Arison Mills in surveying out the Ponce de Leon Grant, commenced at the Ponce ford, as the S.W. corner of Moses Hughs Survey No. 1. Mr. Duffdoffer made the first survey of the Buena Vista, No. 182, and though he calls to begin at the S.E. corner of the Moses Hughs, he does not call for the Hughs bearings but makes new ones.

The Surveyors Records fail to show any connection what ever between the 12 surveys made by R. B. Hays, in 1849, and the surveys subsequently made covering the same ground, by Duffdoffer and Thomson Archer.

There is no doubt but that Duffdoffer adopted the Ponce ford for the S.W. corner of the Moses Hughs, since his

1 connection from the Ponce to the Hugh
2 where run on the ground shows that
3 but as the Ponce ford fails to agree with
4 the corners of the other surveys identified
5 and the Grigoyen ford does agree
6 with those corners it seems probable
7 that Deffendoffe adopted the wrong ford.

8 In locating the J. W. Cummings Survey
9 No 2. I have therefore adopted the
10 S. W. corner of the ^W A. H. Duggan. No 12.
11 the S. E. corner of D. P. Cummings No 9.
12 and the S. W. corner of Justo Rodriguez
13 No 5. as being the most certain and
14 known calls and run out the
15 entire block of 12. surveys made in
16 1849. by R. B. Hay. in accordance
17 therewith and in so doing I find
18 they fit the North bank of Rio Tigo.
19 as shown in the accompanying sketch
20 and that the S. W. corner of the Morris
21 Hughes Survey No 1. falls at the Grigoyen
22 ford. or crossing as pointed out by
23 old citizens and testified to in the
24 accompanying affidavit.

25 To all of which I hereby certify
26 officially.

27 El Paso Tex 3 Mo. P. Randolph.
28 April 7. 1888 3 Dept. Sur. El Paso Tex

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30 J. John W. Eubank Surveyor of
31 El Paso County Texas. do hereby certify
32 that I have carefully examined the
33 above and foregoing certificate of

1 my Deputy J. P. Randolph, and find
2 the same correct, and I do further
3 certify that I have carefully examined
4 said work in the field, checking over
5 all bearings distances and connections
6 and find the same correct.

7 Given under my hand at El Paso
8 Texas this Seventh day of April 1888.

9 Recorded in Book C. ; J.W. Eubank
10 Pages. 152; 153; 154 & 155. Surveyor. El Paso Co Texas

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Fields of the meadows of North bank of
Rio Viejo. from the S.W. corner of Justo
Rodriguez survey T^o 5. which is at
the separation Rio Viejo and Rio Grande
to the S.E. corner of J. H. Deegan survey
T^o 12.

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of Justo Rodriguez survey T^o 5. from which
a Willow mkd \bar{x} vs. N55W. 26.00 and a Willow
stump vs. N55W. 26.00. Thence down
the North bank of Rio Viejo. N67E 540.
East 200. S30E 400. South 100. S25W. 150.
S41E. 210. N76E. 185. S64 $\frac{1}{4}$ E 400. S12W.
104. S7E 140. S25E 120. S33 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 53.
S55 $\frac{1}{4}$ E 540. S67 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 270. N68 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 310.
North 160. vs. N30 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 130. N27 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 140.
N11E 74. vs. S80E 135. vs. to a stake set
for S.W. corner of J. B. Atkinson. T^o 6.
S80E 160. S46 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 390. S43E 620.
S49 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 130. S57E 184. S65E 320. S43 $\frac{3}{4}$ E 300.
S20E 105. S75W. 200. N75 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 164.
S50 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 330. S29W. 590. S2 $\frac{3}{4}$ W. 140.
S83E 200. S66E 170. S41E 276. S87 $\frac{3}{4}$ E
465. S83 $\frac{1}{4}$ E 240. S18E 230. S27 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 220.
S13 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 230. S10 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 280. S19 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 116. S $\frac{3}{4}$ E
106. S60 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 146. N63E 111. S74E 190. vs.
to a stake set for S.W. corner of D. P. Cum-
mings T^o 7. S42E 392. S61 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 210
S88E 310. S78E 150. N89 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 545. vs. to
a stake set for S.W. corner of J. W. Cummings
T^o 8. N89 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 35. N68 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 440. N60 $\frac{1}{2}$ E
450. N87 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 116. vs. to stake set set for
S.W. corner of D. P. Cummings T^o 9.

N 87 1/2 E 50. or. N 66 E 265. N 55 E 420.
 S 47 E 340. S 20 W. 200. S 19 E 270. S 27 1/4 E
 108. or to a stake see for S.E. corner of
 D. P. Cummings N^o 9. and S.W. corner of
 J. R. Cook N^o 10. from which a Willow
 stump brs. S 80 E. 20. or. --- S 27 3/4 E 127
 S 7 1/2 W. 99. S 34 W. 154. S 74 W. 135.
 S 64 3/4 W. 268. S 63 3/4 W. 270. S 45 1/2 W. 310. S 35 1/2 W.
 226. S 2 W. ^{240. or} S 33 3/4 E 77. N 35 E 190. S 53 3/4 E
 220. S 7 E 180. S 65 1/4 E 170. N 85 1/4 E 237.
 N 68 E 300. S 71 1/2 E 200. S 59 1/2 E 268. S 26 E
 287. S 23 W 122. S 45 3/4 W. 158. S 53 1/4 W 110
 S 12 E 210. S 64 E 280. S 76 E 160. N 55 E
 123. N 46 1/4 E 140. or to a stake see for
 the S.E. corner of J. R. Cook N^o 10. and S.W.
 of William Maxey N^o 11. --- N 46 1/4 E 96.
 N 87 1/2 E 212. S 66 1/2 E 123. S 31 1/2 E 150. S 4 1/2 W.
 339. S 72 3/4 E 160. or. N 20 E 182. N 57 1/2 E
 140. N 67 1/2 E 200. or to a stake see for
 S.E. corner of Wm Maxey and S.W. corner
 of P. H. Duggan N^o 12. from which a
 Cottonwood rtd \bar{x} brs. S 74 W. 140. or. and a
 Willow stump brs. S 82 W. 106. or.
 N 56 3/4 E 110. N 54 E 200 N 66 1/2 E 130.
 S 75 1/2 E 118. S. 300. S. 50 E 260. S 64 E 275. or
 to stake see for S.E. corner of P. H. Duggan
 Survey N^o 12.

I, Jno P Randolph, Deputy
 Surveyor of El Paso County Texas do
 hereby certify that the above and fore
 going meanders of the North bank
 of Rio Viejo were actually taken by
 me on the ground according to law.

at El Paso Tex
 April 7. 1888

Jno P. Randolph
 Deputy Surveyor &c. &c.

I hereby certify that I have examined
the foregoing Meanders of Rio Ties
and after carefully comparing the
same with work done by me on
the ground find the same correct
Recorded in Book C.

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El Paso Texas.

April 7. 1888.

J. W. Eubank.
Surveyor El Paso Co Tex

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The State of Texas
County of El Paso Before me the
undersigned authority personally
appeared. Jesus Sierra - ^{Vicente} ~~Juan~~ Sierra
Francisco Barron.

Who, being by me duly sworn depose
and say that they were residing
in the town of Paso del Norte
during the year of 1849, and
have since continued to live in
said town. That they were well
acquainted with the fords and
crossings of the Rio Grande
opposite said town. That one
of said fords or crossings
used at that time was about
Six hundred varas East or
below the present corral or
stable used by the El Paso Street
Ry Company. ^{and} said ford or crossing
was know as the Vado de Brigoyn

J. Barron

Witness

Victor Ochoa

Jesus ^{his} Sierra

Vicente ^{his} Sierra

Sworn ^{and} subscribed to before me this 24th
day of March AD 1888 in El Paso Texas

F P Clark

By ^{Notary} Deputy

C. C. El Paso County

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El Paso Co.^{13.}
Sketch file 22.

Letter of explanation
and connections in regard
to the position of surveys
East or down the Rio Grande
from El Paso, including
the L. H. Thompson &
L. D. Criswell preemption

See large sketch
filed same day, same
No. as above.

Filed April 12/88.
R. Shull
Chief Clerk

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