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In Camp Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> / 1901

Hon Charles Rogan.  
Austin, Tx

Dear Sir:

My work in Fisher has been favored  
with success which could hardly be  
expected for I have found <sup>and identified</sup>  
by trees marked by J. McDonald both  
of the south corners of the Geo W Lawrence  
traces. At the south east corner both  
trees are standing one a hackberry 6 ft  
10 inches in circumference marked  $\frac{x}{x}$  plain  
because a hackberry sprout 9 inches  
in diameter had grown directly in front  
of mark <sup>and very close to it thereby protecting</sup>

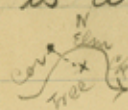
with its trunk and foliage the axe mark  
and preserving the mark completely.

The width of the cuts indicate clearly  
the age of the mark. The mark by  
custom should be on the SW side of the  
tree but it is on the NE side.

Measuring S S E from this tree the 24  
varas <sup>as</sup> called the point falls on the  
south edge the stream as it now flows  
but was probably in center of stream or  
on the north bank in time past for the  
stream is so narrow it can be crossed easily  
on foot. From this point a China 34 inches  
in circumference bears S 67 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> E 39 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or  
marked X plain but no cut is left <sup>in</sup> bark  
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for it is exposed to the weather, except the protection furnished by a grove. As the early surveyors were frequently careless in reading odd minutes I suppose McDonald was 30 Varas west of where I placed my stake from the Riley<sup>nd</sup> his chainmen using a 20 Varas tape would have 3 fms in measuring 42 Varas<sup>nd</sup> hence it is quite probable they reported 62 instead of 42 Varas for the distance to the China. Experience teaches that precision in old bearings is very unusual<sup>nd</sup> I find this corner verified much better than common. In fact I cannot recall a corner that is better identified. At the upper or SW corner

of the Lawrence I find a hackberry 5 ft 3" in circumference with a smooth ~~and~~ weather-beaten but distinct. This is a lone tree in the bend of the creek  and on the south side. Measuring from this tree ~~to~~ N 50 W 100 Varas places the corner on the north bank 37 1/2 Varas from the present stream and makes the Lawrence Trayer 2522 Varas wide.

and leaves 194 Varas excessive distance between the west line of the G. W. Lawrence Trayer and the west line of the Thos H. Crosby Trayer #315 Hence the position of these trees are verified by course and distance.

The position of the <sup>where of the</sup> Lawrence as now claimed is 714 Varas N 75° E from the Counter 22592



line as located by the last described trees  
 and the position for the S.W. corner of the  
 G.W. Lawrence as claimed is not identified  
 by marked trees or parole testimony - though  
 there is much indefinite talk - and the  
 possibility of its being Mc Donald's corner  
 is prevented by the creek <sup>\* corner as</sup>  
 making bends - as shown <sup>claimed</sup>  
 so that surveys cannot follow <sup>the</sup>  
 the meanders of the Elm Fork to the <sup>15</sup>  
 beginning as called in Mc Donald's <sup>15</sup>  
 field notes.

Yours respectfully  
 M. C. Twitchell  
 State Surveyor,

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Trichell's letter of  
Explanation.  
Dated Sep 1. 1901.

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