

Richmond Tex
April 29-1890

Hon R M Hall Com^d
of Gen^l Land Office
Austin Tex

Hon Sir

Inclosed you will find field notes
and sketch of a connecting line
from the S-E. corner of Wm Petrus
League in Fort Bend County to the
South corner of the Charles Prescott
Survey on East prong of Chocolate Bayou
in Brazoria County also notes of
Survey of the Fitzgerald; Wm Hall
and Wm Petrus Leagues showing
their relations to the original Nambert
Leagues; Survey on the Brazos with
5000. rods Sq- on River front; which
these Leagues comprise a part of; their
side lines being the same & identical
as far as the Nambert Leagues go
all lines and ^{in Red ink} figures on the sketch except
the head lines of 10 & 15, have been run and
established by me

This work was done on application
of G. W. Angle of Velasco Tex
and I hope your Office will excuse
and pardon me for making a lengthy
report, and private locations on sketch;
which I have done by report as I found
them to exist on the ground; as I have
before me a report of our Survey on
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some ground which claims timber
lines and comes marked when no
timber has stood for a long term of
years and after cleared fields when
none exist for over one mile; but dense
timber covers the ground, and whole line
for 5,000; and said line is not in nor
run has been in dispute; But plainly
marked and easily identified
also claiming to have run in open
prairie when none existed within
two miles on or near line

In measuring the length of these Leagues
I have not been governed by the old
Numbers, "a part of which constituted
their Survey quantities," any farther
than to ascertain their side lines and
courses which are identical

The Bennett League as Surveyed in Oct-1889-
in S.W. Angle location is extended exactly
5,000 rods East of old N-E. corner of 15,
The Fitzgerald League extends its full
measured call which is 6,119, rods
instead of 5,000 East of S-E. cor of 13,
The Hall League by this Survey has its full
measure from River but lacks 207, rods
of being extended 5,000 w. E. of N-E. corner
of old No 14. = also the line between
Hall & Pettus Leagues, which is the
division line of 14. to reach the point due

South of N-E. measured corner of Hall
League looks 209, by my measure of 5,000
varies E. of East line of alt 14,

The Wm Pettus League to get its full
measure on its South line will
extend this 207. varies farther East
than Hall and here on our
measure of 34, varies more than 5,000
East of S-E. corner of alt No 14,

which shows a mistake by original
Survey of No 14 - North line of 207. varies
our measure from its upper corner
on the Brazos River to its call in
first crossing of Oyster Creek is E. 4460
which should have been - 467

and I extended my measure to meet Grate
border at N-E. corner of Fitzguald - - 82

And my measures on lower line of
Wm Pettus shows a shortage in
its crossings called for, of 30 to 35,000
This line is 6 miles long & mostly heavy
timber and I think the measures met
remarkably close as the original
Survey gives no distance to Oyster Creek
on this line and on this line from N-E.
corner of No 13, to S-E. corner of 14 - is 1499
evidently never measured, only I could as it
would be 678 varies from No 13, to Oyster
Creek which only measures 309, varies; This
mistake undoubtedly occurred from taking

This distance from the our measured
point on N. line

If it was the intention for all of
these leagues to be extended 5,000
yards beyond Old No² then the W^m
Hall will have to be extended 207,
yards farther than its patent calls
for to meet this measure and the same
line of the W^m Pettus

I have given each league their full
measure in this Survey owners being present
and consenting; Most Respectfully yours
S. M. Farris County Surveyor
of Fort Bend County

Fort Bend 14
File # 14

S. M. Farris' Report & Ex-
planation.
Dated April 29, 1890.

1- State of Texas } To the Hon R. M. Hall
County of Fort-Bent } Com^d Genl Land Office
Austin Tex

4 Hon-Sir The following on the field notes
5 to accompanying sketch of a connecting
6 line from the W^m Petrus League S-E.
7 corner to the Chas Prescott Survey; "South
8 corner"

9 Said Petrus League being in Fort Bent Co-
10 ent joining the Co line of Brotons on its
11 South side; and said Prescott Survey
12 being in Brotons Co. on the waters of
13 East Prong of Chocolate Bayou
14 Also explanations and condition of
15 lines; bearings; and corners upon the
16 ground as they actually exist as surveyed
17 by me from March 29th to Apr 18th 1890-
18th The Surveys No^s from 13, to 16, inclusive
19 and so marked in red ink on Sketch also
20 inclosed with in red lines and marked
21 5000 acres each; represent the original
22 Surveys so numbered and surveyed by
23 Horatio Christman Stephens F. Burtins
24 Colonial Surveyor in 1822. which Surveys
25 covered the River front full Squares of one
26 League; "Said Leagues after were split and
27 extended on the prairie for quantity and
28 are marked on Sketch in Black lines.
29 letters and figures and have their names
30 marked within

31 2^d In preparing for this Survey I had before
32 me a certified Working sketch of said old
33 Survey Tombos; also reports of former
34 Surveyors work over the same ground
35 which reports induced me to show upon
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This Sketch the open (or cleared) land and timbered lands of T.W. Hare & others; which are as follows — The cleared lands of T.W. Hare are represented on map inclosed with in yellow lines and the most of it to my own knowledge has been in cultivation sixteen years and those portions lying near and around the old N.E. corner of No 14, I am assured by T.W. Hare Bros- (who took part in survey) have been cleared and planted to sugar; Corn and cotton some party years and have no standing timber on or near them; in fact I only witnessed one tree of any size standing in any of their fields which are cultivated.

The space inclosed in Green represents the cleared and cultivated lands of John Juliff; Mr Watts & Mrs Pannell

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The line in red commencing at the lower or S.W. corner of old No 14, thence E. on its South line (which now is Mrs Pettus) and continuing same course to the W. Prong of Chocolate and 504. rods past same thence by red line South 1800. rods to center of ^{south} Chocolate — thence East to South corner of open road "Chas Prescott Survey", represents the connecting line referred to in this sketch

Notes of Survey

I first began on March 28-1890 at the mouth of a creek where it empties in to the Brazos River about midway of old No 14, where open soil measuring field notes of its original survey by A. Christman in the year 1822, calls N-36-W-390. rods and at 130. rods the mouth of this creek (this being the only creek or drain of any kind which puts in to the Brazos within 4 miles of this point definitely

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1 and with out doubt identifies this creek with the
2 original notes) Thence I measured N.° to find
3 the upper (or N-W.) corner of 14. at 260. rods I cross at the line
4 between Pettus & Hall begins well marked in heavy timber
5 and at 2697. rods (the last 1420. rods being in open field) I set a
6 stake for the line between N° 14 & 15. Thence by compass W.°
7 to bank of Broad River where I found no marks and no
8 timber from this point I measured E.° on line between
9 14 & 15 at 12.75. rods passed stake set on line at a
10 point N° 2697. rods from mouth of creek and at 1465. rods
11 saw Bayou and entered timber where I found the
12 line well, "but old & dimly," marked 89. rods N° of point
13 where I entered timber I off set to line and continued
14 N° on line at 3275. left timber and entered field at
15 4675. rods crossed Oyster creek at 5335. rods crossed
16 Long Point creek about 200. rods from its mouth
17 where it empties in to Oyster Creek immediately
18 back of T. W. Howe's Sugar Refinery and at 5941. rods
19 I set a Stake in an old cultivated Sugar field
20 (this year planted to corn) for the N-E. corner of old N°
21 14 — I next went to a bend in Oyster Creek
22 about 600. rods S° of the line dividing the Wm
23 Hall from the Wm Pettus and. as shown on
24 sketch, "This Bend is on the Pettus League and Mr
25 John Juliff has a ginhouse in the bend and a Bridge
26 across Oyster Creek as shown per sketch This being
27 the most easterly point of creek near to
28 locate the Call in old N° 14, notes (2940 rods of
29 creek 100 links wide) all of the creek being in open field
30 and all bends visible; I ran from the center
31 of the Bridge on this bend of creek N° and pass
32 ed through an Oak flat a few large old trees on
33 and in its South side I found the old line on 4
34 of them I continued N° and crossed Oyster creek
times as shown per sketch and came out within 1½

5 on said line at 100. varas crap said Water
6 creek about 100. varas below the mouth of a
7 large ditch cut in to said creek from Cow
8 Bayou and about 300. varas long and at 435. varas
9 crap said Cow Bayou at 4235. varas the East
10 bank of Oyster creek at 4688 varas crap the
11 East line of old No 14. at 5200. Ark plat at 6060
12 varas left plat at 6560. varas left timber & entered
13 prairie at 6660 the center of H. J. & B. R-R. which
14 bears N-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. at 9480. varas set stake and
15 returned to R-R Iron set at the N-E. corner of
16 W^m Hall - Thence S^c at 2526. varas intersected
17 lost line 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ varas West of stake where I set
18 a like R-R Iron for the S-E. corner of W^m
19 Hall which is E^c 2820. varas from the center of
20 the H. J. & B. R-R from which I ran the G. C. &
21 S-F. See - Same bears N-24 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E - out a lone tree
22 S-87 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E -

(Note)

= This gives this Hall and Fitzgerald Leagues their proper
measure but lacks from 209 to 202. varas of extending
them on the prairie this 5000. varas E^c of old No 14.
East line which I find our measure of about 215. varas
on No 14. North line to meet calls an creek out all
line part of which I will speak in describing South
line of 14. Also I find that the division line of this old
league between Pettus & Hall was not made as measure
show it should have been 135. varas from mouth
of creek on Brazos N^c to this line instead of 260. and I
also find an excep in measure of river of nearly 100.
This makes an our measure in width of Hall of 56.
But for leagues with nearly 6 miles in length they
hold out as even as could be expected as you see I do
not balance my work but give actual field measures

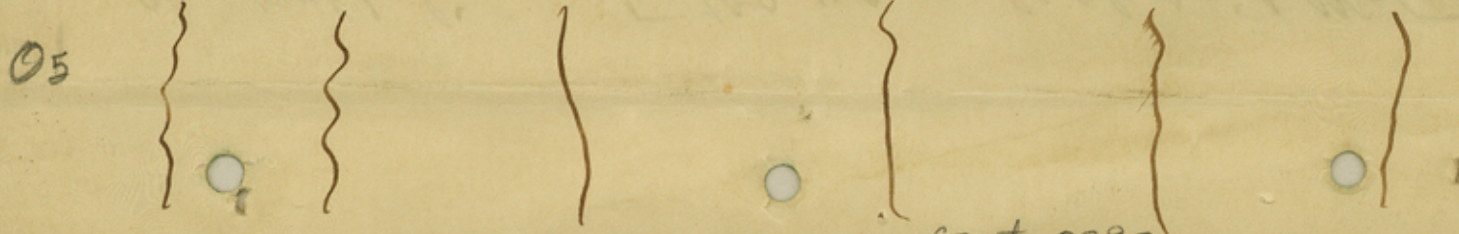
(Connecting line of April 17th + 18th on next page)

6- April 17th I began on the East Bank of the Broken
 River on the line between Fort-Bend and Brazoria
 counties and at the lower or S-W corner of old
 No 14, which is now known as the lower corner
 of the Wm Pettus and the upper corner of the
 Francis Bingham Leagues. All marks of old
 corner at this point are gone but I find that
 the River bank has not caused off much or work.

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This is in a lone between two fields now
 planted to corn and cotton

Thence 8° at 420. varas left lone and entered
 timber at 2520. varas crossed Indian Slough
 at 3120. varas prong of same slough
 at 3540. varas crossed Ash stump Bayou known
 as Cow Bayou higher up (this is 30. varas short of call in
 original notes) at 4250. varas crossed play lake (call in
 original notes Ash flat, also 30. varas short of call) at 4867. varas
 the call in original notes looked for N-E. corner of old 13-
 but no timber to bear marks and a large Sugar field all
 along joining the line on South side and East line of 13-
 all cleared away from this point Mrs Bingham's Sugar
 House bears S-8° W- about 400 ≈ distant continuation line
 at 5175. varas crossed cyste creek (308. varas short of
 call for plot) and at 5995. varas marked a place where
 S-E. corner of old No 14 ought to be and at 6366 ≈
 prairie 20. varas East of Hulse fence & due N° from Mrs
 Doins property Bingham's Residence at 8115. varas the
 center of H. J. & B. R.R track which bears N-5° 1/2 E-
 and at 9867. varas the meander for Francis Bingham
 League and about 50. varas part on old mill &
 trees and have sight on said Bingham N-E. corner
 from this point the point of timber on West prong
 of Chocolate bears N-57° 1/2 E. and G. L. & S. F. See-
 Home bears N-24° 1/2 E. and Arcala St to N-24° 1/2 W.



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1 Out at 11400, was set a stake for S-E corner
2 of W^m Pettus League from which the point
3 of timber on West Prong bears N-45° $\frac{1}{2}$ E, and
4 Matt of trees N-30° $\frac{1}{4}$ E. — — —

5 I returned from here to the iron set at the
6 S.E. corner of W^m Shell League and compared
7 out meridian 8° out at 2710, was set a stake
8 at this line 207, was set West of stake set at
9 11400, was from Brozos River

10 This makes an even measure of 180, was in width
11 of Pettus which is chiefly due to the difference
12 of variation all lines except this South line
13 of Pettus have a magnetic variation of 9°
14 and the variation of this line is 8° $\frac{1}{5}$ which
15 causes a gain in width of 150, was from River end
16 to prairie

17 This also extends the Pettus 207 was farther
18 on the prairie than the W^m Shell which lacked
19 209, N of being extended 5000, was beyond old N^o
20 14, east line and the Fitzgerald lacked just 207,
21 was of being extended 5,000, was beyond some
22 N-E corner of 14 — This point had to be
23 settled and I gave to each its own measure
24 also old 14 falls short of its measure on its
25 South line by stepping at 820, was E° of apter
26 creek by 371, was as shown by Plat

27 I next began at stake set at S.E. corner
28 of W^m Pettus 11400, was from Brozos River
29 3285, was from H. J. + B R-R and 1533,
30 was from the N-E corner of F Bingham
31 Thence E° with compass set at 8° $\frac{1}{5}$ same
32 as said league line runs from Brozos River
33 at 4958, was crossed at West prong of chocolate
34 on the East bank of which stands a live oak
tree on the North side of line marked with a blue

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and three hooks and the letter J and on the lower side of line stumps on Ark marked with a Blaze and three hooks and J.P.G. This tree has been a double tree but the one on the water has been broken off and gone. These trees are now about 20. inches diameter and marks very all I continued E° 5⁹/₄° north being 5462- north in all from Pethus S-E. corner -

Three S° 1900. north to a point in center of same creek where stands a very large Ark 5 1/2 north of line and marked =, and another 1/2 north south of line marked =. This last tree has also once been a double tree but the South tree has been broken away and gone

From this point I measured E° and at 3535. north a color post 1 1/2 north N of line set at the South corner of the Chas Prescotts Survey on East Chocolate Creek from which Mrs Booths Residence bears N-12° 20' E and point of timber on bank of creek above Mrs Booths Home bears N-34° 1/4 W.

Eli Thomas } chain Surveyed from March 29th
Joe Ford } men to April 17-1890
Gus Williams }
SM Fair County Surveyor
of Fort Bend County

I S.M. Fair Co Surveyor of Fort Bend county do here by certifiy that the foregoing field notes truly set forth and describe the foregoing Survey of which the accompanying is a True Sketch and that all of the lines described there on have actually been run on the ground by me on the above dates and with the results there in set forth

SM Fair County Surveyor of Fort Bend County