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Mr. J. Earl Rudder
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

This short summary of a detailed survey of an area located in the SE part of Frio County, along with plat and field notes of same are being submitted for filing in your office. These corrected field notes are being filed with an intent to purchase the excess land in the surveys where it exists and to make those surveys in which no excess exists a part of this survey. The courses described in the field notes were taken from the Richey Station of the U.S.C. & G.S. Triangulation system, which station lies about one mile NW of this area. Coordinates were not computed from the different corners but some do give course and distance from a above mentioned station.

The resurvey was planned to follow the sequence of the different surveys, giving seniority to the river surveys. These surveys were all laid out originally by J.C. Hays in 1839 at about the same time, and with not any too great a degree of accuracy. This system was interrupted by the cancellation of the Matilde Patton Survey 96, and resurveyed in 1854 by Francis Giraud for the B.B.B. & C. R.R. CO. Surveys 1056, 1057 and 1058. In this survey, which included river Surveys numbered 89, 91, 92, 95 surveyed by Hays, and 1058, 1057, and 1056 surveyed by Giraud, the only original corner found on the river was the lower corner of 1057. Placing the SE line of No. 92 along the occupied line, which line was recognized by Theodore Melms when he laid out the Poitevent system in 1875, there is found an excess of 353.3 vrs. between this line and the SE line of No. 1057. Since Survey 1058 was not a part of Hays' system this excess was all given to it and Surveys 92 and 95 were held at called distance. The NE line of Survey 1056 was placed along the occupied line which conformed very closely to the calls given by Giraud. In establishing the NE lines of these surveys preference was given to the beginning call recited in the original field notes.

Next, in March of 1875 Theodore Melms surveyed the J. Poitevent Surveys 1 to 6, beginning off the N corner of the H.P. Cayce Sur. 89, which is a river survey previously mentioned marking bearing threes for this corner and also plainly marking all the lines of the said Survey 1 and which are still easily retraced. The S lines of surveys 1 and 4 of this Block overlap the Cayce river surveys by 76.2 vrs. for S. Cayce 91 and 15 vrs. for G.W. Cayce 92. This overlap was known to exist as far back as 1882 when part of this area was resurveyed by W.W. Haynes, and in 1895 A.L. Curtis resurveyed the Poitevent Surveys 1 and 4 and Poitevent No. 1 of another system, beginning at the lower river corner of the S. Cayce Sur. 91. Mr. Curtis evidently did not meander the river and establish the outside lines of the river surveys but based his whole survey off of the NE line of the said Cayce Sur. 91 and on this survey



submitted corrected field notes for these three surveys, which were accepted and a corrected patent issued showing a shortage. Since neither Haynes or Curtis resurveyed the meanders of the river neither knew of the existence of the inaccuracy of the original survey made by Hays

Next, in April of 1876 the said Theodore Melms surveyed the B.S. & F. Block consisting of surveys 1 to 14 inclusive, and also at the same time he staked the Poitevent Nos. 1 and 2. Out of this area Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 and said Nos. 1 and 2 were a part of this survey. The N corner of No. 11 was identified by its bearing trees one of which has recently been destroyed by fire and the other is dead and fallen down. Mr. Melms had marked this corner for the NE corner of the M.C. Patton Sur 101. It was found that this corner overlapped a straight line from the original S corner of No. 7 to the original S corner of No. 3 by 18.5 varas, and that a line SW parallel to the side lines of the river surveys overlapped the S^W line of the T.B. Eastland Survey 101 by 140.7 varas. The NE line of No. 11 was placed along the SW lines of Nos. 7 and 10 and its SE line was placed along an old marked line and from this line on, there was no evidence whatsoever of Mr. Melms footsteps, neither along the B.S. & F Block or on the Poitevent Surveys 1 and 2; nor could Mr. Curtis' NW line of No. 1 be identified. In reconstructing this Poitevent Survey 1 its N corner was placed called distance from its original E corner and its W corner was placed called distance from its reconstructed inside corner. The NE line of the Poitevent 2 or the S.W. Thomas 2 was placed called distance from the NE line of the B.B.B. & C. R.R. Sur. 1058, and its NW line was placed along the NW line of said Survey 1058 produced, which was laid out from its original upper river corner. The upper SE line of the B.S. & F. Sur. 14 was placed called distance from the N corner of the SW Thomas 2 and was produced on to the SW line of No. 11 to make the SE lines of Nos. 13 and 12. The excess from the NE line of No. 11 to the NE of the B.B.B. & C. No. 1056 was distributed proportionately between the four surveys.

In 1882 and 1883 Haynes surveyed the M.K. Shiner surveys 28/1 and 29/1 as applied for by M.K. Shiner. In 1884 he surveyed the M.H. Greer Survey No. 1 for Reeves and Raines according to Confederate Scrip No. 111 issued to M.H. Greer entitling him to 1072 acres of land. The SW line of this survey was placed called distance from the SW line of the J. Poitevent Sur. 6 (identified by its original corners.). This line failed by 248.5 vrs. of reaching the NE line of the S.W. Thomas Sur. 2, thus creating a vacancy of 53.03 acres of land.

Yours very truly,

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