

W F KELLIS, COUNTY SURVEYOR OF
STERLING COUNTY AND LICENSED STATE
LAND SURVEYOR.

STERLING CITY TEXAS June 28 1931

Hon J. H. Walker, Commr. G. L. O
Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:

The First National Bank of
Sterling City thru its cashier, Mr. J. S. Cole,
handed me your letter of June 26. together
with three field notes (1) for S 1/2 of sec.
44, 13EK. 32, Tsp. 5. S., T. V. P. Ry. Co., (2) The
N 1/2 of sec. 92, 131K. 2, T. V. P. Ry. Co. and
(3) all of survey No. 4, Cert No 2922, for corrections
required by ^{you} as endorsed on back thereof.

I beg to say that I have written in
the required corrections and made records
to correspond, and am returning the same
for your approval

I note that you say you have on file
evidence that 13EK. 33 N. V. S. lines are excessive.
The N. V. S. lines of both 13EKs. 32 & 33 are excessive
by over 200 varas, but as T. H. Seay, - Simpson,
H. B. Tarver, Claude Becket and myself have surveyed
it, this excess does not exist on the S. Tier
B of surveys. An old stone end. for the N. E. cor.
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of sec. 48, 131K 33 ^{and} N.W. cor. of sec. 43, 131K. 32. has long been recognized ^{by} the owners of the lands affected as well ^{as} these surveyors as an original cor. ~~It~~ repeatedly measured in recent years, This line is 1901 vrs. N. 13° W from the S.E. cor. of 131K. 33 which is proven by the position of the stumps of the original bearing trees as well as course ^{and} distance and the digging up a buried ^{ind.} of stone which was covered ^{with earth}.

The E. line of sec. 48, 131K. 32 is 1900 vrs marked by a stone ind. ^{and} recently patented to Carlos Webb by your dpmnt.

Now, as the W. line of sec. 43 131K 32 is 1900 vrs. ^{and} the E. line of sec. 48 is 1900 vrs. as recited by patent, I made the E. & W. lines of sec 44 to correspond.

The original field notes of sec 44, 131K 32. calls for the N.E. cor. to be a rock ind. ^{and} a pile of buffalo bones. This corner is known ^{to the} ranchmen as the "Buffalo Corner." ^{The late} Capt. Murray Harris. who surveyed ^{this} line about 1875 often had me to survey for him. One day the old man was with me on the ground while running the S. lines of secs 43, 44 ^{and} 45. Before reaching the S.E. cor. of 44, he told me there should be a pile of buffalo bones on a rock mound. When we ran out to it, we found quite a

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few fragments of bones. He told me that he put them there with his own hands. On his testimony, ^{and} by course ^{and} distance I recognized this as original corner. That was 20 years ago ^{and} the old man is dead. Then, as we ran westward, he pointed out the corners I have indicated as original. ~~He had me~~ The bearing trees were then down but their stumps were there ^{and} we tested these corners by courses ^{and} distances ^{and} he led me to believe that they were original when he told me that he placed them there. I have acted accordingly.

As a surveyor, I have been over this ground many times in the last 30 years, ^{and} I have found no one to doubt but these corners are original.

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These field notes describe lands belonging to a woman. She is in a hurry to patent this land. If you will co-operate with me, we will get this matter straightened out so you can send Mr Cole a statement (over)

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so that patents can issue.

If further requirements of me are to be made, make them direct to me.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the errors in field notes,

I am truly yours

W. F. Kelly

Licensed State Land Surveyor

P. S. The map was not returned with the field notes - I suppose it was retained in your office - Kelly

Sketch File No. 5, 18

Massachusetts Co.

Kelly's Statement

Block 32 T55 T&P.

Dated June 28, 1931.

Filed July 1st 1931

J. H. Walker, Comr

A. F. Bluckton

File Clerk

Descriptive:

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