

Gonzales. County.

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Surveyors SKETCH and Explana-
tion.

Counter 2457



September the 14th 1872

Sir Jacob Purchase

Sir for the above

Sketch I think you will see how the tangle
 has come in the North corner of this county and
 how that I have endeavoured to straighten
 it out? whether I have done so or not depends
 upon the fact whether an absolute line run
 on the ground terminating at an established
 corner is to control subsequent surveys.
 or whether an imaginary line terminating
 at no defined corner is to govern, because
 it happens to be a matter of Record.
 To explain see the sketch. The Records say
 that the line of the John Smith one fourth league
 runs from the Thomas Humant's N.W. corner at

variation of $N 65^{\circ} W$ 1250 rods to the S E corner of
the James Stewart, but on the ground on Thursday
the 11th inst I was at the said Terminal cor-
ner and the only line that I find leaving said
corner is the S line of the Charles McKinney
corrected 480 acre Survey at a bearing of
 $N 63^{\circ} W$ which at 330 rods led me to the
S W corner of sd McKinney Survey where the
stakes are standing with their proper marks
and bearings, I then searched for the S line
of the John Smith $\frac{1}{4}$ league and found
that by following a W course at a variation of $N 60^{\circ}$
W from the McKinney S W corner 410 rods from
McKinney's S W corner my sight struck a
plainly marked fore draft well by
following the bar course say $N 65^{\circ} W$. There
was a plainly defined line as old and
known to be marked at or about the time
of the McKinney S line and at 1250 rods
I duly located the E line of the James Stewart
 $\frac{1}{4}$ league just 410 rods but $2\frac{1}{4}$ E
of the S E corner of the James Stewart from
which I supposed that the James Stewart
league had been moved from the time of his
file and the said being patented following
up this clear at the bar bearing I found
a corner tree plainly marked on the W
line of the James Stewart at 120 rods S
of the S E corner of the John's Labor
In order to be fully satisfied I then went
to what is known to be the present S E cor-
ner of the James Stewart $\frac{1}{4}$ league and
run a line from a S E corner $S 65^{\circ} E$ the call
of the John Smith $\frac{1}{4}$ league patent for his
S line and intersected the W line of
the Prospect McCoy $\frac{1}{3}$ league at 1432

was S 31° W of his N W corner when he comes
on the S W line of the Thomas Lemaire 1/3 League
S 60° E 260 rods, ^{from his S W corner} consequently the bearing of
the line will not allow me to either get from the
McKinney S W corner to the S E corner of the James
Stewart 1/3 League nor come over at the bearing
in the Patent from the S E corner of the Stewart
1/3 to the McKinney S W corner. but as above
stated at N 60° W there is a plainly defined
line of the right age and the only one I can
find in the woods running at any variation
to the Stewart ordinary way connecting
with the Stewart on the S. of the John Smith
and this one at the proper distance 1250
rods terminates at a well defined corner
the witness are standing intact,
you will see the random line designated
by the dotted line N 1 that leads across
the James Stewart to the corner on his W line
and dotted line N 2 shows the line
I run S 65° E, from the present well known
corner of the Stewart 1/3 showing the utter
impossibility to connect the McKinney &
the Stewart at the bearing called for in
the John Smith 1/4 league patent for his S line
Please let me hear from you at an early
day a file has been made on all the
uncertained land between the the Huff & Stapp 1/3
and the McKinney Stewart Mc Coy
and Heath Surveys and I was this
morning out to file and found the old
reference as above show yours
Fraternal
James M. Russell
Surveyor Gonzales
County

Mr J. Wheeler
Commissioner
G & O

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Texas

P.S.

I am of opinion that the Steward of right belongs
 and ought to make a close comparison with the
 Samuel Williams Deed if so then all things
 are right and until it is replaced or placed
 when of right it belongs then will be this
 squabble I fear if the Steward belongs back
 in Barstow then there is a vacancy between
 and the Stopp 143^d although by doing this
 we are please see into this matter at
 an early day for if the Steward calls for
 the Williams as appears on the Map of the
 County let it go then for the Steward
 of the Steward calls for no air survey but
 a lost book and there is not now in
 my judgment but a lost book with 150
 acres of it for years before of Messrs
 Myers & Sons of M. R. R. R.
 That is the present course of the

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