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Hon. J. H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office Austin, Texas

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Dear Sir:

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I have just completed a re-survey of the J. R. Castleberry vacancy survey in Gregg County. The State of Texas has recently granted a Patent to the J. R. Castleberry Estate on this survey.

The field notes in the Patent are based on a survey made by Mr. Choice, formerly County Surveyor of Gregg County. Said survey being bounded as follows:

On the north by the B. N. Hampton Headright Survey #246;

On the east by the B. P. Miller Headright Survey #247;

On the south by said Miller Headright Survey and the Sabine River; and

On the west by said river.

It was the intention of the said J. R. Castleberry or his heirs to purchase the land within the above described boundaries, as their letter of inquiry written to the Land Commissioner describes the area within those bounds.

Mr. Herman Castleberry, a resident of Longview, owns all that south part of the said Hampton survey that bounds said Castleberry vacancy survey.

The heirs of J. R. Castleberry, including Mr. Herman Castleberry, own all that part of the said B. P. Miller Survey that bounds said vacancy survey.

The Choice field notes do not conform to any of the Hampton and Miller Survey corners and lines as recognized by the Castleberrys; nor do his meanderings of the river fit its position as I find same to be on the ground.

The Castleberry heirs have requested that I file new field notes and other information with you in order that they may obtain a new Patent on this area conforming to the river as it is on the ground and also conforming to the corners and lines of the Miller and Hampton Surveys as they have recognized same on the ground for years. The Castleberrys desire this survey to be shaped up right to avoid any confusion in the future.

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Some thirty years ago Mr. Simmons, a former County Surveyor of Gregg County, made a survey of this vacancy, but evidently Mr. Castleberry did not pursue the matter further at that time and the Simmons field notes have been lost without being recorded, but his work still remains on the ground.

I began my survey of the vacancy by starting at a large gum tree marked old "X" and three hacks. Said tree is recognized by Herman Castleberry as being the N.E. corner of said Hampton Survey and by the Castleberry heirs as being the N.W. corner of the B. P. Miller Survey, and in the recognized south line of the S. S. Davis Survey; the recognized S.E. corner of the Davis Survey is east 862.5 varas.

From said gum tree I ran south, at 372 varas crossed branch, and at 736 varas crossed a branch, 849.5 varas to the recognized S.E. corner of said Hampton Survey and set a stake.

I than ran south from this corner 531 varas to stake at recognized S.E. corner of said vacancy survey, same being a recognized interior corner of said Miller Survey, this also being mistaken by Thomas Brooks for the S.E. corner of said Hampton Survey.

I then ran West with old well marked line 229.1 varas and set stake on the bank of the Sabine River for the recognized S.W. corner of said vacancy survey and same being the beginning corner of said Miller Survey, but Brooks was mistaken when he said same was in the south line of said Hampton Survey. Mr. Choice evidently placed this corner 330 varas west of the S.E. corner of the Hampton Survey.

I then returned to the stake set at S.E. corner of said Hampton Survey and ran S 88 degrees 58 minutes W 877.8 varas with old well marked line and set a stake on the east bank of said river at point recognized by Mr. Herman Castleberry as being the S.W. corner of said Hampton Survey, and the recognized N.W. corner of said vacancy survey.

I then ran downstream with the meanderings of said bank of river to above mentioned beginning point of said B. P. Miller Survey.

Attached you will please find field notes of my re-survey of this area, also sketch showing recognized position and also showing river as I found same to be and the position of same as described by patent field notes.

If you approve my field notes for a new patent, I will then go on ground and mark bearing trees and send this information to you to be placed in field notes. Any further information you need I will be glad to obtain for you.

Very truly yours, Bandtong R. G. Armstrong Counter 24570

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