

Navasota Grimes County Texas July 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jacob Kuechler

Sir

In regard to the J. G. Wood  
Pre Emption 160, Acre Survey in this County: you  
state that it conflicts with the Gordon McCuffins  
Patented Survey: there is not only no conflict on  
the ground with the two named Surveys but  
there is really a space of 400 Varas existing between  
said Woods West boundary and McCuffins East line  
which I will fully explain: there is on the books  
of my office the Records of two different Surveys  
made by virtue of Certificate N<sup>o</sup> 96. issued by the Board  
of Land Commissioners of Montgomery County to G. McCuffin  
- the first Survey is Recorded on Page 81. first Class  
Records of my office - and is for 369. Acres and begins  
800 Varas North 87° East from of St Persons North East  
corner and Surveyed by A. Mc Neil - Deputy Surveyor on  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1838 - the other Field Notes of said McCuffins  
Survey is on Page 218 Same Book and is for 2 1/3 Towns  
or 413 acres and begins 350 Varas N 87° E. from of St Persons  
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North East corner and was made by A McNeil on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1840 this last survey it seems is the one on which said McGuffins Patent was issued

When I made J G Woods Pre Emption Survey I had found the Recorded field Notes of McGuffins first Survey and took a Copy of them Not knowing of or suspecting the existance of two field Notes for the same land= therefore in making said Woods Survey I began at the North West corner of B B B & C R R<sup>Co</sup> 160, acre survey and Ran West 460 varas to the North East corner of said McGuffins first survey which corner I found at that distance and identified by said field Notes I then Ran South with said McGuffins East line which line I found plainly marked also finding the Creek at the proper distance as represented in said field Notes I made and sent, <sup>to</sup> your office field Notes of Woods Pre Em<sup>on</sup> Calling for said McGuffins North East corner and East line but some twelve Months after making said Woods Survey I discovered the field Notes of McGuffins Second Survey which began only 350 varas N 89° E. from Persons North East corner= I then went on the ground and found McGuffins East boundary proper= thereby leaving nearly a space of 450 varas between Woods West boundary and ~~and~~ McGuffins East line proper= I also found the  
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McGuffin. J. G. Woods B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co survey and the  
 450 vara strip or vacancy between Wood and McGuffin  
 all fits up exactly as I find it on the ground and by  
 placing the J. A. Pearson survey 503 varas West from  
 Fitz Gibbons North East Corner also reconciles the  
 apparent discrepancies in the surveys West of said  
 Pearson and, <sup>Smith</sup> Fitz Gibbons. East of Sandy A. Walker  
 and South of Nancy Anderson and Kerr Brunner's  
 surveys - all of which I explained and showed in the  
 sketch of map sent to your office in November 1872  
 and since verified by affidavit sent to your office  
 Very Respectfully  
 Rufus Grimes

P.S. the only error in J. G. Woods B. B. & C. R. Co. 160 acre survey is the Call at its  
 NW corner and West boundary for McGuffin's NE corner and East boundary -  
 as to reducing the distance of Woods North boundary and then claiming  
 it to join to McGuffin's East boundary is utterly impossible for me to do  
 as there is yet really left a space of 450 varas between the two surveys  
 R. G.

discrepancy existing on the ground with the J. H. Person <sup>Survey</sup> and the Jm Fitz Gibbons League and made and sent to your office a sketch showing the discrepancies =

I see in a late Map from your office of Grimes County that there is a space left between J. G. Woods P. & C. survey and the West boundary of B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co. 160,000, acre Survey that is incorrect as my field Notes of said Woods survey begins at the North West corner of said Rail Road survey and makes an L around the South side of it

Now the J. H. Person 6 1/4 Labor survey gives no definite Beginning point but on all of its Maps of this County its South East corner is represented as cornering <sup>with</sup> the North East corner of the Fitz Gibbons League when in fact it is 503 varas West from said Fitz Gibbons N. E. corner G. McGuffins first survey began N 89 E - 800 varas from J. H. Persons North East corner and his second survey begins 350 varas from said Persons N. E. corner.

Wyn Morrisons 3 1/2 Labor Survey begins 1100 varas North 89 East from McGuffins Survey, North East corner, I am satisfied that G. Morrisons Survey was began 1100 varas N 89 E from the North East corner of McGuffins first Survey. by <sup>admitting</sup> that to be the case and also placing the J. H. Person survey 503 varas West from Fitz Gibbons North East corner - as it actually is - then the Person survey the

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Grimes Co.,

Explanation of Rufus Grimes  
as to non-Conflict between  
the J G Woods & the G W

Griffin Surs,  
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Explanation in  
regard of no con-  
flict between  
Woods and G. W.  
Griffin surveys on  
Gibbons Co.

Filed July 26/73.  
J. G. W.

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