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COUNTY SURVEYOR OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Houston, Texas. January 13, 1938.

Re: J. S. Jackson Survey
    95.2 acres, Harris County, Texas.

Hon. W. H. McDonald,
Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I submit herewith a report on my survey
and investigation of the J. S. Jackson Survey of 95.2
acres of land.

J. S. Jackson filed an application to
purchase this property from the State of Texas and
by virtue of this application a survey was made by
my father, A. E. Stimson, as shown by field notes and
maps delivered to the General Land Office and filed
on January 4, 1895.

For reasons not definitely known to me,
but which I assume were because the E. Farias Survey,
which lies immediately west of and adjoining the tract
in question and the Juan Maldinado Survey, which lies
170.5 varas east of the east line of the said Jackson
Survey, both surveyed by the same surveyor, were called
to be adjoiners by him, this Jackson tract was not
awarded at this time.

In re-tracing my father's work, I began
at a well known, well recognized and, as far as I know,
undisputed corner where the west line of the Peter Craft
Survey crosses Greens Bayou and used this as an anchor

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by which to fix the old surveys made in 1838 by Trott
and Bringhurst. Using this construction I not only fit,
very closely, all of the lines of the Peter Craft and
the P. Sullivan Surveys, as generally established and
accepted, but I check very closely with their other creek
crossings as called for in the original notes. I then
ran 740 varas south to the well recognized southwest
corner of the Peter Craft Survey and the northwest corner
of the P. Sullivan Survey. Running thence east, along
the north lines of the P. Sullivan and the M. Sevey Surveys,
3800 varas (their call distance) and thence south I check
the original surveyor's creek crossings along the east
line of the Sevey Survey within 25 varas but find the
recognized and established west line of the Upshaw Survey
a distance of 300 varas further east.

For some reason, which is unknown to me,
many of the old maps give the Upshaw Survey 100 to 200
varas in excess east and west and I find that according
to fence lines and other recognized boundary lines this
excess actually appears on the ground although the
Upshaw and the McAuley Surveys will not fit their creek
crossings along their common lines whether or not this
excess is respected. Continuing south, along the east
line of the Sevey, which is also the west line of the
Upshaw Survey, for its call distance of 1900 varas, I
fall 104.5 varas short of reaching the south line of
these surveys as recognized and running thence east,
along the south line of the Upshaw and the McAuley, their
call distance, I fall 170.5 varas west of what I fix
as the southeast corner of the McAuley Survey; the
southeast corner as generally recognized is 104.5 varas
south of this point. In determining the true south-
east corner of the McAuley Survey, which is the oldest
survey in this block, I have taken into consideration
that the original surveyor called for this corner to
fall in a branch 150 varas north of Greens Bayou and
to run north crossing said branch twice and again at
1500 varas. The true southeast corner of the McAuley

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Survey, as I fix it, does fall in a small branch and I
cross said branch twice and again at 1600 varas which,
added to the fact that the line is fenced and recognized
as such, I do not believe that it can be moved.

Therefore, it can readily be seen that Trott,
in his work of 1838, overran his call distance in fixing
the McAuley, Upshaw, Sevey, Sullivan and the Peter Craft
Surveys, by about 170.5 varas. To repeat, I fix the
McAuley's east line by three creek crossings and its old
establishment and I fix the west line of the Sullivan
and the Peter Craft by an undisputed, well recognized
line that also checks the creek crossings according to
Bringhurst; and find instead of 7604 varas (the total
sum according to the original surveyor) a distance of
7764 varas along the south lines of the Sullivan, Sevey,
Upshaw and McAuley.

Running north 3800 varas along the east line
of the McAuley Survey, as I determine it, I overrun the
north line of the McAuley and the Upshaw Surveys, as
generally recognized, by the same 104.5 varas that I
fell short on the south but my corner will fall due
east of the northeast corner of the Peter Craft.
Accepting this point as the northeast corner of the Mc-
Auley Survey, as fixed by Trott in 1838, I ran 537 varas
east and fixed the southeast corner of the N. W. Travis
Survey. Trott surveyed the Travis Survey about a year
after he made a survey of the McAuley Survey and he calls
for the Travis to begin 537 varas east of McAuley's
northeast corner. Following Trott's footsteps, I then
ran west 1505.5 varas and fixed the southwest corner
of the Travis. Here, my corner falls 170.5 varas west
of and 104.5 varas north of the southwest corner of the
Travis as recognized.

However, should this recognized corner be
respected the east line of the McAuley, fixed by the
same surveyor, needs must be moved that same distance
west for any logical system of surveying to be observed.

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Now enters a new surveyor. Henderson, in 1840, surveyed the Maldinado Survey and begins at the southwest corner of the Travis and runs west 3010 varas to its southwest corner. I followed his work and find, within a few varas of his call distance, a fence line marking the west line of the Maldinado Survey and extending to its north line.

Henderson, two days later, surveyed the Farias. He begins at the northwest corner of the Upshaw Survey and runs south 1900 varas to SEVEY'S NORTHEAST CORNER. Thence west 1900 varas to Sevey's northwest corner. Thence north 4300 varas to a stake and mound in the south boundary line of the Chassargnes Survey (now abandoned). Thence east 1505.5 varas to MALDINADO'S NORTHWEST CORNER. Thence south 2400 varas to MALDINADO'S SOUTHWEST CORNER. Thence east 394.5 varas to the place of beginning.

I followed Henderson's work on the ground using as anchors the northwest corners of the Upshaw, the northeast corner of the Sevey and the northwest corner of the Sevey, as located according to their creek crossing, which fit very closely their corners as recognized (excepting the northwest corner of the Upshaw) and followed his courses and distances exactly but disregarded his adjoining call to the Maldinado Survey and in doing so I sincerely believe that I followed the footsteps of the original surveyor which it is impossible to do if this adjoiner be respected.

For, if this Maldinado's west line is coincidental with the east line of the Farias Survey either one or two results is apparent. (1) Henderson's work will not close and there will be instead of the 1280 acres he purports to describe a total of 167.6 acres more than this amount. (2) That the Farias Survey will be forced into conflict with the Upshaw Survey a distance of 394.5 varas by 1900 varas and there will be

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left a strip of land 394.5 varas wide by 4300 varas
long between the east lines of the Peter Craft and
the S. L. Nobles Surveys and the west line of the
Farias Survey. Either of which, in my opinion, is
not compatible to any laws of boundary. ~~that I know.~~

In surveying the J. S. Jackson tract I
began at a point 394.5 varas west of the northwest
corner of the Upshaw Survey, as I recognize it, and
as established according to several creek crossings
recognized by the same surveyor who surveyed the
said Upshaw Survey, and ran thence north 2400 varas
along the east line of the Farias Survey, as I be-
lieve Henderson established it, and thence east 224
varas, as called for by A. E. Stimson in his original
survey of the J. S. Jackson strip and thence south
2400 varas to a corner on the north line of the
Farias Survey and thence west 224 varas to the place
of beginning.

I also find a distance of 170.5 varas be-
tween the east line of the Jackson pre-emption and
the west line of the Maldinado Survey as generally
recognized and located according to the construction
that I am using.

Respectfully yours,

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