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A. C. STIMSON COUNTY SURVEYOR HARRIS COUNTY HOUSTON 2. TEXAS February 10, 1948

Honorable Bascom Giles, Chairman The Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors General Land Office Austin 14, Texas

Dear Mr. Giles:

My very good friend, Judge Walter Chalmers, is in bad need of a copy of Pre-emption Certificate which he believes was issued between 1845 and 1855 to Frederick Brandt, covering a 160 acre Pre-emption of Bear Creek, about 18 miles west of the county site of Harris County. He needs this information at once and will you be so kind as to have Mr. Sherriffs make a close check and see if the Certificate or Application for survey is in your file?

The survey was actually made April, 1855, but the Judge has reasons to believe that the property was occupied several years prior to that time and that is what he is trying to check on.

Also, will you accept this as an official report, reporting that File Book One, which contained Pre-emption Applications, has been missing from the County Surveyor's office prior to the time I was elected. I do not know whether this report has previously been made to your office or not, but if you have any record of it having been so reported, will you please advise me?

With personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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LETTER FROM R.C. STIMSON REPORTING LOSS OF FILE BOOK 1, CONTRINING PRIZ- EMPTION REPLICATIONS