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Mr. Bascom Giles Commissioner of the General Land Office Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

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I have made a resurvey of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 in Hays County, Texas and I present herewith this report to explain the technical features accompanied by a map which is designated as Plan #6510-A, for Mrs. Emma Wentworth. Mrs. Emma Wentworth has a title to all of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 and to all of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 save and except about 100 acres formerly conveyed to August Schumacher.

I find that there is a considerable excess in each of these surveys and have prepared field notes in accordance with the forms of the General Land Office of the State of Texas. According to record of your office, there has been considerable difference of opinion as to the proper location of the R. McCombs Survey and the James Hughes Survey #12. The Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 were both surveyed by Otto Gross in May 1889.

I have relocated the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey as follows: Otto Gross in locating the companion survey, the Z. Williamson Survey #4, called for one corner to be the northeast corner of the Luke Owen Survey. In the year 1911, I found this corner supported by both of its bearing trees, I recently returned to the same place and I found an old rock mound, one bearing tree still standing and the Live Oak Stump of another bearing tree in evidence. I ran east from this corner and at 474 varas I found the rock mound called for by Otto Gross and at 30.5 varas further on I found the original northwest corner of the U. S. Cheney Survey, continuing east an additional 292.5 varas or a total distance of 797 varas from the northeast corner of the Luke Owen Survey and then running NORTH 51 varas I found another rock mound which I consider the northwest corner of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey as placed by Otto Gross

To fix the north end of the line between Surveys #3 and 4 on the south line of the U. S. Cheney Survey, I placed a rock mound EAST 474 varas, SOUTH 323 varas and EAST 278 varas from the northeast corner of the Luke Owen Survey and found that said rock mound was 83.5 varas west of a rock mound known to me for 32 years to have been used as the southeast corner of the U. S. Cheney Survey. To establish the most westerly north line of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and the most northerly west line of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and the most northerly line of the Gentral & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1, I started at a rock mound found at the northwest corner of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and ran course and distance as follows: S 89° E 1994 varas, N 1° 00' E 927 varas and S 89° E 1232 varas and intersected an old rock mound, the northeast corner of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 and from this last rock mound I reversed and ran N 89° W 906 varas and fixed the northwest corner of Survey #1 and the northeast corner of Survey #3.

To fix the corner on the north line of the W. C. Chumney Survey between Surveys #3 and 4 I went to the southeast corner of the W. C. Chumney Survey, an old rock mound found and identified by me during the year 1911. At that time I marked fresh bearing trees and I found one bearing tree still standing and the stump

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of another all in true relation to the rock mound. You may note that the Luke Owen Survey, U. S. Cheney Survey and W. C. Chumney Surveys were all located by B. C. Hardin within a period of four years. I find out by my survey that the southeast corner of the W. C. Chumney Survey is in a true east and west relation to the northeast corner of the Luke Owen Survey and in true east and west relation to the northwest corner of the U. S. Cheney Survey although the north and south relation is incorrect. From the southeast corner of the W. C. Chumney Survey I ran NORTH, at 731 varas I passed an old rock mound, the northwest corner of the Rebecca Mills Survey in the head of a hollow and at 950 varas I reset the northeast corner of the W. C. Chumney Survey. From this reset northeast corner of the W. C. Chumney Survey, I ran WEST 292 varas, the distance set forth in the Otto Gross Field Notes for the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3, and for the west line of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey I connected the last corner with the corner first established on the south line of the U. S. Cheney Survey.

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You may note that the bearing has a northwest swing as do all of the other north and south lines run by Otto Gross in this Neighborhood. I have based my location by following Gross from his nearest reliable corner in each case and have assumed that he had had some ties in connection with other work and that he did not make complete circuits in his location of his series of surveys in the year 1889. All fences and evidence of the use of the land also have the same general swing.

I found an old rock mound shown on my map as "A" on the east line of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 which in my opinion was the original southeast corner of said Survey as placed by Otto Gross. From this rock mound (A) I ran NORTH 248 varas and found that the type of soil around there was sufficient to have supported the type of trees called for by the original field notes of Survey #99. I then ran EAST 284 varas and placed a stake. I connected this stake with a rock mound at the northeast corner of Survey #1 and found that same had a bearing of N 1° 04' W and at a distance of 169 varas.I intersected the fence corner which is used for the southwest corner of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #2.

To fix my north line of the Cornelius Rooney Survey #99, I went to the rock mound found at its southwest corner and measured NORTH 2232 varas, allowing said survey its full distance and then ran EAST 282.1 varas intersecting the east line of the original Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 at a point S 1° 04' E 1537.2 varas distant from the old rock mound at its northeast corner. It appears that this rock mound (A) which I found on the east line of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 was considered by Otto Gross to be the northeast corner of the Rebecca Mills Survey, but I find that the northeast corner of the Rebecca Mills Survey is 1324.7 varas south of the rock mound (A) and would be what is now recognized as the southeast corner of the John C. Burleson Survey.

From this old rock mound (A) the original southeast corner of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 I ran SOUTH 884.7 varas and found a post and scattered rock mound recognized as the northeast corner of the John C. Burleson Survey. From this northeast corner of the John C. Burleson Survey. From this northeast corner of the John C. Burleson Survey, I ran S 89° 50' W and at 622 varas I set a corner for the southwest corner of the Central & Montgomery Railroad Company Survey #1 and southeast corner of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey #3 and continuing in the same direction at 1514.7 varas I replaced another rock mound from the original bearing tree of the August Schumacher and John C. Burleson Surveys, running an additional 707.5 varas I found another old

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rock mound the northwest corner of the August Schumacher Survey and northeast corner of the J. G. Horn Survey and continuing westerly in the same direction an additional distance of 471.2 varas I found an old rock mound the northwest corner of the J. G. Horn Survey which corner was 299.8 varas north of the W. C. Chumney Survey and 900 varas south of an old rock mound.

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In connection with the location of the Rebecca Mills Survey I Refer you to a court decree on file in your office and to the reports which former Hays County Surveyor, John H. McNutt submitted in connection with the August Schumacher and John C. Burleson Surveys. The northwest corner of the Rebecca Mills Survey #103 could not have been in the location given to it by Otto Gross as there is not any head of the hollow anywhere near his location for same and the soil could not have supported the bearing trees originally called for, whereas the location in which I found same meets all of the conditions set forth for the Rebecca Mills Survey.

I refer you to my field notes and map for additional

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Respectfully submitted,

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