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Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the following:

Corrected field notes for sections 1-2-5 Block K in Yoakum and Terry Counties.

Corrected field notes for sections 6-7-8-9-10 Block G in Yoakum-Cochran counties.

Corrected field notes for sections 1-2-4-6 Block X in Terry-Hockley counties.

The survey of Block G is a continuation of a survey formerly made by me of part of this block, sent to your office some years past.

The sections in Block X is a recheck on the Ragsdale corrected notes. Am enclosing 2<sup>1</sup> sketch maps, one of the school blocks G-X and K, the other is outline map Double Lakes in Lynn County through to Rhodes Fisher corner in Yoakum. In the resurvey of Block X I found Ragsdale SE corner of Block X and ran straight line to his found corner at the south common corner of sections 8-9 Block G and so laid out the lands from that line on the south to tie to lines established by Twichell on the Leagues to the north, with the results as set out in the field notes.

Block K is found to excess east-west and so proportioned the excess, therein to the sections as surveyed by me.

In checking acreage I noticed that section 9 Block G has been carried as 640 acres, also that section 10 had been carried as 640 but later shown as 379.3 acres, if any rebate is due on these would appreciate any refund allowable for the overcharge in interest payments.

The Mallet people want to pay these lands out in full at once, and so would appreciate statments to patent just as soon as you can possibly get them to me, for they are to have annual meeting soon and want to passorders to pay the charges to patent.

These are the lands that I talked to your Mr. Atlee about a few days past while in your City.

Yours very truly,

*A. L. Harris*

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Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner,  
 Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is being enclosed with letter and field notes for Mallet Land & Cattle company on lands in Hockley-Cochran-Yoakum and Terry Counties, as they are a part of the same survey.

These lands belong to D.M.Devitt, who also wants to patent at the earliest time statments can be had from your office.

Yours very truly,

*A. L. Harris*

PS You will notice that the Hockley County recording has been done in the Deed Records, for the reason that the Commissioners Court of that County has not seen fito to purchase a surveyors record been.?

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There is no surveyor of record in Hockley, Cochran, Terry or Yoakum Counties so the Clerk recorded the notes.

May 15, 1944

Mr. A. L. Harris  
Licensed State Land Surveyor  
1721 Broadway  
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Harris:

This acknowledges receipt of your two letters of April 6, 1944 enclosing 12 corrected field notes made for the Mallett Land & Cattle Company in Blocks G, K, and X, two corrected field notes of Sections 3 and 5, Block X for Mr. D. M. Devitt, and two white prints.

The two sketches dated March 27, 1944 and March 28, 1944 do not agree in the course of identical lines and the relative position of corresponding surveys shown thereon. The originals of these two sketches appear to have been certified as being correct; and you have placed the imprint of the licensed surveyor's seal only on the general sketch, neither of which have been signed.

*Surveys*  
This construction does not agree with the sketch submitted with your county line survey of Hockley and Terry Counties made in 1934, and differs from your sketch submitted to this office in 1938 with your corrected field notes to sketches in Blocks P and G to the west. The original Ragsdale field note of No. 10, Block G, shows its east line to be 2887 varas long; and his corrected field note of Survey No. 1, Block 4, shows the same line to be 2899 varas long. On your 1938 sketch, your length of this line is shown to be 2895.7 varas, which is 3.3 varas less than shown in the Ragsdale corrected field note in 1917. You now show this same line to be 2911.8 varas long, or 12.8 varas longer than that given in the Ragsdale corrected field notes of 1917.

According to the records of this office, the south line of school land leagues, or the north line of Blocks G and X, is not a straight line. In your present

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setup, you appear to abandon the Ragsdale pipe corner and adopt the graded roadway as the division line on a continuous course of North 89° West.

In your setup and corrected field notes of Sections 1, 2, and 5, Block K, you show said block to be excessive by 182.5 varas east and west along its north line. The records of this office do not indicate any such excess.

Section 3, PSL, Block X, was patented April 12, 1924 on Mr. Ragsdale's corrected field notes, and it appears to be correct.

Before your corrected field notes can be accepted, you must furnish this office with certified sketch and statement showing how you found and identified the leagues on the north and the lines and corners of the surrounding surveys on the south of said Blocks G, K, and X.

On your general sketch, you indicate a well defined corner at the Double Lakes in Lynn County, while heretofore you have stated that there was no well defined corner at this point. Please verify this in your statement.

The corrected field notes recorded in Hockley County Deed Records cannot be accepted as they must be recorded on the County Surveyor's Records of Hockley County, which is a requirement of the statutes.

Upon receipt of your corrected field notes, accompanied by a certified sketch and statement, the same will have my prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Mallet Land & Cattle Company

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 15th, with inclosures, and answer by paragraphs.

Paragraph 2-

Have rechecked angles and signed and sealed the two enclosed plats.

Paragraph 3-

This latest work and corrected notes therefor do not agree with the county line or other work for the following reasons.

In this work I have identified the iron pipe at the SE corner of section 18 and block X and ran a straight line therefrom to the south common corner of sections 8-9 of Block G to mark the south line of Block X and the east part of the south line of block G, the north line of Block K and the north line of the railway blocks south of block X.

In so doing I found that the iron pipe set by Ragsdale to mark the south common corner of sections 2-3 X is 50 varas north of its true and correct location both as to this line and as to measurement from its north line- also found that the south corners as marked by Ragsdale of sections 67- 78 block X are some 50 varas south of their proper location both as to this line and as to measurement from the north line of those sections.

Working on the county line we used the nearest identified corner and since we find those markers are in error and the fact that we tried to join each corner as found gave very uncertain results.

I had previously found the north common corner of sections 10-G and 1-X, the south common corner of sections 8-9 G, and when the north line of K and the south line of X falls some 50 varas south of the erroneous S.C of 2-3 X that makes the common line of 1-X and 10-G some longer. I was unable to identify the south SC of 1-X and 10-G, found the iron pipe but it was out of the ground.

Paragraph 4-

Previous to the time a graded roadway was made along the south line of the leagues I had found and use practically all of the Twichell corners, but found at this time that the graders had disturbed all but the south common corner of leagues 52 and 38, used that and the NE corner of 5 block G as previously set as tangent and tied to each league line. Twichell in checking off curvature would change the angles slightly and still be on the same straight line.

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## Paragraph 5-

In the county line work I had a passing call on the corner set by Ragsdale for the corner 12 west and 12 north of Double Lakes, and by VERY careful measurement along the county line on west, found that Ragsdale had calculated the NE corner of Block K to be some 180 plus varas west of its true location, based on his distance calls, however none of his markers could be found for the east line of this block K, so the call to tie to the railway block section 3 Block D-14 would hold and so gave the east-west distance along the north line of Block K proportional distances to tie to section 3 in D-14.

## Paragraph 6-

We prefer to correct the patent on section 3 PSL Block X so that the correct acreage and marked corners will disclose the true survey.

## Paragraph 7-

In P-4 I have shown that I know and used the Twichell corners being the south line of the Leagues, and so tied to those lines and called for same in these corrected notes.

In a previous survey I had surveyed the west part of Block G and this work covers the east part of the same block and survey, formerly I used the Ragsdale marker at the south common corner of 8-9 in G and the Ragsdale north common corner of sections 10-G and 1-X as control- this it will be noted breaks the tangent for the line along the west part of the south line of G and at the said S common corner of 8-9 in G, and from that point in a direct line with the Ragsdale SE corner of block X, thus forming the north line of Block K and the south line of Block X, and a part of the south line of Block G.

## Paragraph 8-

As to the Double lakes corner; there is a well marked corner there but not an identified recovered corner, for in Seaton VS Brasfield in Lubbock District Court, I proved beyond doubt and the Jury and Court found that the above marked corner ( the one that evidently Twichell and Ragsdale used) does not have even one bearing called for in the field notes for that original corner, but by adopting a point that exactly meets the three calls, this corner then would correctly fit identified corners of Block S and take out the excess for the 6 miles south of the double lakes corner as used. The Attorneys saw what this would lead to and ask the Court and was granted a New Trial and then did not use my testimony so as not to do away with the Double Lakes corner "as is", and the construction therefrom.

The "as is" corner is the one represented on the plat.



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## Paragraph 9-

Several months past someone had taken the Surveyors Records of Hockley county out of the court house and neither myself or the Hockley County Clerk could find them, but we raised so much fuss that since recording the notes in the Deed Records of Hockley County whoever had the Surveyors records slipped them back in file and so have recorded the notes in the Surveyors Records of Hockley County as shown thereon.

As a memorandum to this and other work I have done over the Ragsdale notes on those school Blocks; I in the past have personally known Flynn, Royalty and Meredith, all deceased, and talked to them about they having done much of the measuring for Mr. Ragsdale and all agreed that there was much trouble-confusion among them while engaged upon this work; they used a 50 vara CHAIN and Flynn was the tally-man, he was an expert shot and hunted more than he surveyed and now we find many 50 vara mistakes are evident in what markings can yet be found, and on that rests all the confusion heretofore found as to the lines and markings of the school Blocks as surveyed by Mr. Ragsdale.

To iron out as much of these defects as possible, is the reason Hon. J.E.Vickers, Judge of the 99th, District Court, and President of the Mallet Land and Cattle Company, has instructed me to do this work taking all the time and effort necessary to place the lines and corners and secure patents for the lands.

I trust that these statments will be sufficient to enable you to favorably pass these notes and direct that patents issue on the proper payments.

Yours very truly,

*A. L. Harris*

June 7, 1944

Mr. A.L. Harris  
 Licensed State Land Surveyor  
 1724 13th Street  
 Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Harris:

① This acknowledges receipt of your letter of May 18, 1944, received in my office May 25, 1944, returning your two sketches and 14 corrected field notes of certain surveys in Blocks A, G, and X located in Cochran, Hockley, Terry and Yoakum Counties, for the Mallet Land & Cattle Company.

Should be "K"  
 ② The chain carriers mentioned are the ones whose names appear on Mr. Ragsdale's original field notes made in 1902, and the corrected field notes made by Mr. Ragsdale in 1917, with Doyle and Frazier as chain carriers, are the ones which are being recognized by this office as being correct.

③ Section 26, Block A<sup>K</sup>, was patented on corrected field note made by Sylvan Sanders in 1936, and there was no excess noted east and west. Section 10 and the S/2 of Section 11, Block K, were patented on a corrected field note and a field note respectively, made by yourself in 1937, indicating that there was no excess east and west in said Block K. Sections 39 and 40, Block K, were also patented on corrected field notes made by yourself in 1943, giving widths of said sections east and west as 1901 varas and north and south as 1903.4 varas. The N/2 of Section 45, Block K, was patented on Mr. Sylvan Sanders' field notes showing the widths of said sections to be 1900 varas east and west.

④ Therefore, I find nothing in the records of this office to warrant the placing of 182.5 varas excess east and west in Block K as your sketch and corrected field notes now indicate. There is an original Ragsdale monument at the SW corner of Section 46, Block K, which indicates about 30 varas excess east and west in the west tier of said block, but this plays out in the north end of said Block K.



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On your general sketch, you indicate two corners and a heavy line which you have marked, "District Court line." Please explain and give details of this.

Just above the highway in Block D-11, in the east line of Block D-12, there are corners marked with an "X," and at the NE corner of Section 59, Block 4X, are special markings. Please explain these.

On this sketch, the lower common corner of Sections 6 and 7, Block X, appear to be about 700 varas out of position.

On the detailed sketch, or Plat B, and in your sketch of the Hockley-Terry Counties line, you place the SW corner of League 252 just west of the NE corner of Survey 2, Block X. On your Plat A, or general sketch, the SW corner of League 252 is shown to be about 500 varas west of the NE corner of Survey 3, Block X. In other words, your Plat A fails to present a true picture of the area indicated thereon; or is it the other way round? Please submit a corrected sketch or sketches showing the true relative positions of surveys shown thereon.

Referring to your reply to my paragraph 4, you state that you had previously found and used practically all of Twitchell's corners, but that the graded roads since then had disturbed most of these league corners. However, two were intact and these were connected by a tangent, which you state would follow Twitchell's line; though in running his line, Twitchell allowed for curvature. To what curvature do you here refer? From your previous notes, you should be able to relocate the Twitchell corners.

Your reply to my Paragraph 7 is: "In P-4 I have shown that I know and used the Twitchell corners being the south line of the Leagues, and so tied to those lines and called for same in these corrected notes." This does not agree with your statement in reply to my paragraph 4.

The corrected field notes of Surveys 1 to 6 inclusive, Block X, fail to show of record on the County Surveyor's Records of Hockley County by the County Clerk. I am herewith returning your corrected field notes and two sketches for further corrections.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
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June 20th, 1944.

Hon. Bascom Giles, Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Mallet Land &amp; Cattle Company

Dear Sir:-

This is in reply to your letter of the 7th, returning certain papers in the above matter. To make the answers more concise an answering by numbering your paragraphs.

In P-1 you refer to Blocks "A" should be K,G And X, and as the report was in reference to these blocks, and Ragsdale had only corrected Block X notes, I gave the names of the men I knew and who were the chainmen on the original work and their reports bear out my statments as to errors in chaining.

P-2 I also know both Mr. Doyle and Frazier, and from many days careful search I was unable to definitely prove that Mr. Ragsdale in his 1917 work remarked any corners farther west in Block X than the Fragier lands, section 9-10 block X.

P-3-4 As to construction of Block K, as-is on the ground the two west tiers or square sections have been surveyed by backing the Twichell lines in Block D east for the approximate two miles, and what excess between Block D and Block D-14 has been given to the narrow sections along the east line of said block K, this was done because of the possession. In this I refer you to notes for patenting purposes as made on the ground, the N part of section 23 Block K, sections 48-49-54 and 55 block K, in these sections actual possession was had by the owners of the sections to which the excess was given. By plotting these you can see that the excess was greater along the north line of Block K, and I think calculates about what it actually measures on the ground. In the notes for the north part of K that is in open country and possession was no factor, so after taking up the matter with Judge J.E.Vickers, Presient of the Mallets, we considered just and legal to distribute the excess proportionally east west in that part of said Block K.

By referring to chainmans notes in the Terry-Yoakum county line, Mile 20- "South at 431.2 varas concrete county line marker (S5.5 vs & E 6.5 vs large rock pipe) evidently this is the SW corner of section 46 in Block K that you mention, and it was used by me in the survey of sections 48-49-54 and 55 block K, I see nothing out of line in its location.

P-5 In the District Court of Terry County Ball VS Clare this case was tried twice and both times resulted in a judgment for Ball.

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P-5-6 Sometime prior to or about 1912 Mr. Ragsdale began at the Double Lakes corner in Lynn County and working for the Terry County and Commissioners Court laying out county roads marked the NE corner of the City of Brownfield, going 5 miles west located the McPhearson corner, north a mile to the Seitz corner, then west marking each mile to the west line of Block D-14 and the East line of Block K, the location of this corner, now in the L road line bears out the east-west excess in Block K. Some 10 years past Terry County had me to use those known corners and lines and lay out the line that is now the paved State Highway, from the NE corner of Gomez west, south of and parallel to the former Ragsdale road line. Later laid out a road along the common line of sections 33 and 34 Block D-14 for the Court, then Brit Clare on 33, sued Ball for a strip south of the road as laid out by me, which was laid out by me parallel to the old Ragsdale road line and the present paved road line, the case was tried twice and Ball won both times, and no appeal was taken. This District Court judgment validates Ragsdales construction of the Railway blocks in the NW part of Terry but also validates the east-west excess as shown by me in Block K

P-7-8 The general sketch was first hastily made to show the Double lakes in reference to the Rhodes Fisher corner to place the south lines of the School Blokes and to positionize the railway blocks adjacent thereto on the south, the joining leagues on the north were not so much in question and were not properly drawn as to scale, I have tried to place them all in their correct location. Plat "B" is more accurate as to details.

P-9 The questions raised are highly technical, but will try to give the gist of the matter- Those leagues were laid out from east to west, the true deflection from east to west is practically 30" per mile to follow the secant as near as possible; don't know where Twichell set up his azimuth, but you will note that for the SL Lg. 36 he read  $89^\circ$  and for the SL 51 he read  $88^\circ 58'$ , so the reading on a straight line and the curved secant sector would vary more the farther west he went. For all practical purposes I added the radings for the SL of leagues 36-35-37-38-52 and 51 and divided them by their number 6 and arrived at so near  $89^\circ$  that I used that for a mid-ordinate of the total would, for all practical purposes be what I used. This work was done with Buff and Buff University precise No. 1E with 28 clear vision marine glass, and I think that there is no better transits made. May I observe that in the Corrected notes by Ragsdale that you say were approved for Block X, the angles shown in the notes do not as nearly coincide with the Twichell angles as do my notes.

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P-10 This also seems shrouded in technical terms, and frankly I am unable to understand what direct evidence you desire. Would it appear more legible to restate it this way- It is shown that I know exactly where the Twichell league corners were and used those locations, which are now in the high graded roadway. Further will state that I have subdivided thousands of acres based on those and other Twichell corners, as shown by the records, have set several hundred oil well locations, roads, pipe lines, etc.

P\*11 Nearly two years past I did not renew my bond to be the keeper of the Hockley and Cochran County Surveyors Records, and so notified the county clerks, the Cochran clerk came over and took the records for Cochran county and some of the Hockley county record books, the Hockley clerk never came for the surveyors records of that county and so they were left in the files with the Lubbock surveyors records, sometime last year someone removed those books and recently part of them were restored to their accustomed place, and as they were yet in my possession I recorded the Block X notes on one of the Hockley County Surveyors Records; two of those books being the original and corrected notes by Ragsdale for the Terry-Hockley division are still missing and both myself and Judge Vickers are trying to find the party who took them away.

Addenda P-6 The NE corner of 59 Block4X was established by Ragsdale in an agreed survey and was validated in Burleson VS Whitt in District Court of Terry County, no appeal was taken. This is to show that the Courts have validated the Ragsdale work, in this and in Ball VS Clare. Both these decisions have been kept in mind in the preparation of these field notes by both myself and Judge Vickers, and we feel that the construction is just and legal and should be approved so that patents can be secured on these notes.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

*A. L. Harris*

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July 7, 1944

Mr. A. L. Harris  
Licensed State Land Surveyor  
1724 13th Street  
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is in reply to your letter of June 20, 1944 enclosing certain corrected field notes in Blocks G, X & K, made for the Mallett Land and Cattle Company, located in Terry, Hockley, Yoakum and Cochran Counties.

I am returning your two sketches and your corrected field notes of Sections 1, 2 and 5, Block K, for correction.

Since the records of this office in the past reveal that the excess east and west in Block K has been thrown into the east tier or narrow strip of sections in said block, it is not now my intention to divert from that construction. By prorating the excess east and west in the three tier of sections would cause a construction below said Sections 1, 2 and 5 of broken or stair step corners; and I do not wish to start this construction in any block unless the broken corner construction has previously been adopted. Therefore, please omit the excess east and west in these three corrected field notes and correct the two sketches accordingly.

The other corrected field notes will be accepted as submitted.

Upon receipt of the three corrected field notes and the two sketches corrected in accordance with the foregoing, the same will have my prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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