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Report of a survey  
of the "Turkey  
Track Lands"  
(See Rolled sk. No. 38)  
By M. J. Stalcup  
June 28, 1955

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*(see Rolled Sk. 38)*

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Honorable Earl Rudder  
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Subject: Report of Survey,  
Hutchinson County, on  
attached field notes  
and plat titled  
"Turkey Track Lands"  
1952 to 1955

Dear Sir:

The construction of this survey was based on the remains of monuments established by the original surveyor of this area and the original calls, where possible, set forth by these early surveys.

Blocks E, G, & H, of H & GN Surveys, and Block 47, H & TC, were surveyed by F. M Maddox in 1874; Block 47 being resurveyed by George Spiller in 1888.

In the year of 1908, W. D. Twichell, surveyor, made a survey across Block M25 and parts of Block G, H & GN, finding several original corners, as shown on a plat prepared by him (identified in the Land Office as Rolled Sketch "13" Hutchinson County, filed April 19, 1909). Of these original corners, I was able to find the southeast corner of Section 11, Block M17, the northwest and southeast corners of Section 7, Block G, and the northwest corner of Section 18, Block G. Mr. Twichell wrote field notes on most section adjacent to the base line in this area as shown on the Sketch "13". Along his survey he placed many corners, several of which I found and identified. Some of these corners, found by me, apparently have never been uncovered since they were placed (see attached plat).

Mr. Twichell found that an excess of 18 varas per mile exist between the northwest corner of Section 18, and the southeast corner of Section 7, Block G, H & GN, and placed monuments along a line between these corners for the adjacent sections. He has field notes and plat on record in Hutchinson County describing corners he had set. I used these corners throughout since many of the surveys have been patented on the corners or based on the construction set forth by Mr. Twichell.

The same system of construction was used by me in Blocks to the East and West, that is; tiers of sections to the east and west of the above described north-south base line were placed perpendicular to said line and projected off of the corners found or set by Mr. Twichell. This was done in this manner because of adjoinder calls or the intention of being common ties, and to eliminate jogs in section lines crossing block lines.

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Based on the above construction, this also gives an excess of approximately 18 varas per mile north and south across Blocks X0, BS & F and H & OB. Since I was unable to find any original corners in said X0 Blocks, and with Block M22 to the north being in place and not in conflict with said Block X0, this makes the excess justifiable.

The north lines of the river sections in Block E & G, H. & G. N., were placed, where possible, to F. M. Maddox's original calls, using the original corner at the southwest corner of Section 8, Block G, for primary control.

Survey 19, Block G, TCRR Co. Survey, is held on the ground by corners found and by corners perpetuated by other surveyors as being the original corners set by E. C. McLean. Such is the case of the "beginning corner" and the "southwest corner" of this survey, said beginning corner being perpetuated by H. T. Trigg, who set a large rock in position of a hackberry tree, a reference to this beginning corner, and by setting a 3/4 inch galvanized iron pipe by an old pile of rocks for the southwest corner of this survey.

Survey 20, Block G, TCRR Co. Survey, to the west of said survey 19, above, was patented by H. T. Trigg, setting 3 stones at the northeast and southwest corners, and beginning at a pile of stones at the northwest corner, calling for ties to the southeast corner of Section 2, Block X0, and the northeast corner of Section 11, Block G. These old corners were not found, but reference corners, namely the "beginning corner" and the "southwest corner" of Survey 19 were found. By attempting to use the bearing shown in his notes for the section, and the reference bearings and distances "called for" (to the beginning corner and southwest corner of Survey 19), I find it is not possible to do so and follow the west line of said survey 19. Being unable to retrace the footsteps of Mr. Trigg, I have placed the northwest corner of Survey 20 as beginning at the southeast corner of said Section 2, Block X0 and running southeasterly on courses relative to Mr. Trigg's to the "beginning corner" of Survey 19. The south line was held to his reference of 960 varas north of the southwest corner of said Survey 19.

Placing Survey 20 in this position leaves a strip of unsurveyed land between Sections 3, 6, & 7, Block X0, H & OB, on the north, and said Survey 20 and 19, Block G, on the south.

Survey 2, Block X0, BS & F, is believed to be very close to its patented position, although monuments found in the area could not definitely be identified. Positive identification was not possible because of several iron pipes found, (and one I was told of but not found) that had been set by others of which I had no record, indicating other surveyors having been in the area. This creates a doubt as to which iron pipes, if any, are the patented corners. However the southwest corner of this survey was placed in the immediate area that had previously been pointed out to me as the "true position" as recalled by W. T. Coble, previous owner. H. B. Spillers bearing trees at this corner were not identified because of the numerous trees in this area now, but evidence of the old Adobe Creek bed accounts for the 92 vara call made by him in comparison

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with the 43 varas shown on my survey. Adobe Creek, unlike most creeks, is channeled into a narrow ditch in a wide, level, grass valley. This channel now makes an abrupt turn to the west at a point about 50 varas north of the section line, leaving a shallow depression continuing south from where the channel makes its turn. This depression is approximately 90 varas east of the southwest corner of the section.

The north line of the river sections in Block 47, H & TC, are placed according to the corrected survey of this area made by George Spiller in the year of 1888, and monuments found following his survey set by Howard T. Trigg, surveyor.

Control for Block H, H & GN, and parts of Block M25 to the west, was taken from the northwest corner of Section 1, Block H, a large rock, recognized by other surveyors as an original corner set by F. M. Maddox, and a pile of stone, one marked X, in the east line of the Jose De J. Rodriguez survey for the northwest corner of Section 20 and southwest corner of Section 21, Block M25. Other monuments in said Block H and Block M25 (portion to the west of said Section 1) were set by Morris Browning, surveyor, and other surveyors not known, apparently making individual section surveys, not patented. Excess in this particular part of Blocks H and M25 is distributed equally from said northwest corner of Section 1 to the northwest corner of Section 20, Block M25, and from said northwest 20 to the northeast corner of Section 22, Block M25, this corner falling in a valley, being the south line of Section 9, Block M25.

The pile of stone, with one marked X, at the Northwest corner of Section 20, Block M25, is a relatively small pile of stone, consisting of approximately 10 round hard stones varying from 2 to 5 inches in diameter. At first finding of this corner there were only about five of these rocks showing. As I remember it, not any of these rocks were loose on the ground, the ground being tight, short, grass land. This corner was near the top, on the east slope of a low ridge, running north and south. Also, showing in the center of the group of rocks was a 4 inch square like rock, foreign to the others found, or any in this area. This rock was removed and found to be approximately 8 inches square and flat on the bottom. When the dirt was cleaned off, an X that had apparently been scratched with a sharp instrument, each diagonal of the X consisting of about 5 or 6 small lines, was found. These lines appear as though they were recently made, but due to this part of the rock being in the ground, erosion was not possible. A return trip 45 days later indicated the same. It was observed that "there was no other logical reason", such as being a "point on line", that this monument should be in this particular location.

Mr. E. C. McLean, in his notes for Section 20, gave a passing call for a rock mound at the southwest corner of Section 5, Block H. This particular area is near a creek where constant erosion takes place. However, a 2 inch iron pipe with rocks around it was found 71.4 varas south and 20.7 varas east, but no record was found of any surveyor perpetuating this corner. Several other 2 inch iron pipes on the same line north and south as this one were found, but not one of these, where monuments were called for

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in E. C. McLeans notes, were in a pile of rocks, the location being where an old pile of rocks would be most likely to stay in, had there ever been one. Therefore, as I have done in many places, the surveyor probably placed rocks around the corner because of a short pipe and possibility of erosion.

A pile of rocks, as shown in my notes, was found 14.7 varas north and 11 varas east of the northwest corner of Section 5, Block H, but it was difficult to determine if they were natural or artificial because of the terrain in the immediate area. Because of this, I did not place my corner in them. Also the rocks had been disturbed by the tracks of a jeep, apparently hunters, attempting to climb the hill that these were on the side of.

Sections 1 thru 5, in Block M25 were placed as near as possible to E. C. McLeans original calls, or, what the intention was in the early surveys; also using monuments set by Howard T. Trigg in this area and A. H. Doucette's survey of Section 2, in the year of 1923. The location of the northeast corner of Section 4, Block M25, was verified by W. P Hedgecoke's reference to a hackberry tree in his survey of this section in the year of 1900. This is a large tree, with a faint, but definite "X" on the east side. I placed galvanized shingle nails in this "X". The northeast corner of Survey 1, Block M25, was placed with relation to the northeast corner of Survey 1, Block 47, H & TC, using original calls per F. M. Maddox's Survey.

Block A, DL & C Sections are tracts of land absorbing that space between blocks in earlier grants, but now in conflict with these surveys. My survey proved these sections in this particular area to be very close to the calls placed on them by W. D. Twichell.

Survey 42, Block M23, was patented on notes written by Mr. Twichell, using the "call" as set forth in the original field notes of this survey, but disregarding the adjoinder calls to Surveys 9 & 22, Block M25. In E. C. McLeans's survey of Block M23, he called for the northeast corner of Survey 42 to be a common corner with the northwest corner of Survey 9, Block M25, thence south to its southwest corner, thence west to the northwest corner of Survey 22, Block M25, thence south, etc.. In my survey, adjoinders are made, except where common corners were not possible. In this case, common lines were used. It should be noted that according to the dates on his field notes, Block M23 was surveyed by McLean after his survey of Block M25, and as previously mentioned, in his survey of Survey 42 he called to run east to the west line (northwest corner) of Survey 9 and also called for the northwest corner of Survey 22, Block M25. Mr. Twichell failed to recognize this, thus patenting only a part of said Survey 42. In my corrected notes I refer to this as the "west part" of Survey 42; and that part on the east that lays just west of Surveys 9 and 22 as the "east part" of Survey 42.

A similar situation exist in the patented field notes of Survey 8, Block M25, with the exception that no monuments were placed nor adjoinders called for on the west and south line of

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said Survey 8, thus leaving an unpatented part of this survey along the west and south sides. My notes refer to these as the "east" and "West" parts of Survey 8. The northwest corner of this Survey was found as patented by Mr. Twichell.

Survey 9, Block M25, is held to its original calls from the northwest corner of Survey 8, this Block. No patented nor old original corners were found in the area on the west line of said Survey 9, and the east line of Survey 2, Block A, and the southwest corner of Survey 3, Block A, DL & C, thus adjoiners, as originally called for, were made.

This report is prepared from a survey of land made by me on the ground, as shown on the attached plat titled "Turkey Track Lands", situated in Hutchinson County, Texas, and dated June 1953, May and October, 1954, and June 1955, and I do hereby certify that the corner monuments shown on said plat were set or found by me, and are in place on the ground, and that the courses and distances shown thereon are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

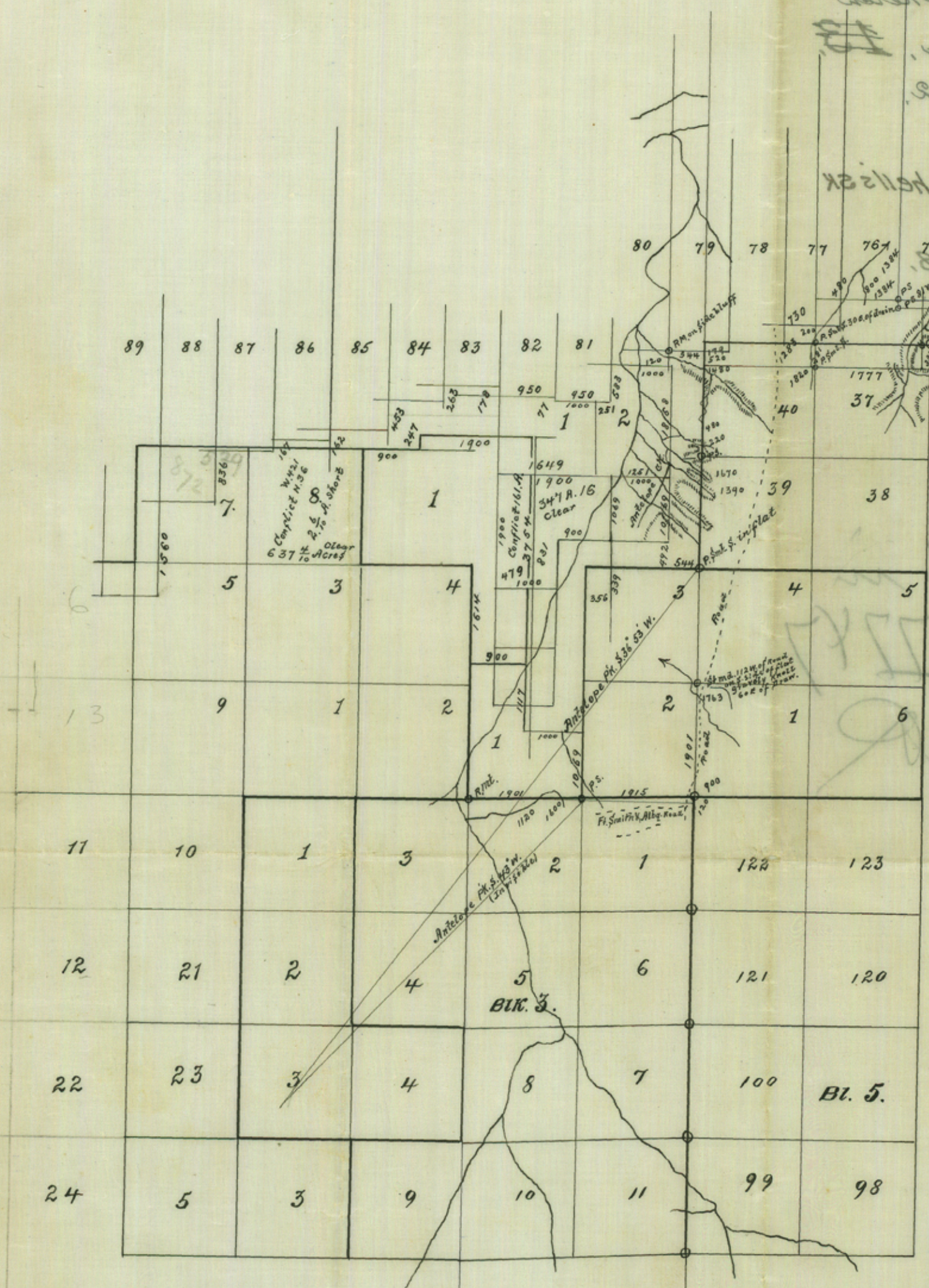
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