

Report - of a survey to  
determine the position of Blks  
320 & 321 in Jeff Davis county  
with reference to the surround-  
ing Blks, 9, 10, & 11 by H & S A Ry Co,  
& Blocks 344 & 20 of S 10 to the W. &  
N. W.

Believing that the position  
of these Blks, 320 & 321 was not ac-  
curately known, I went to the  
N E cor of sur 220 Blk 9 by H & S  
A Ry Co, for a beginning corner.

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Returned to Map  
In correcting the field notes  
to sur 21 & 22 Blk 321, I had  
found this corner, (which is  
easily identified by its field  
notes) and reported to you its  
course & distance from the  
N W cor of sur # 519 G. C. & S. F. and  
other old corners in that vicinity.

From the said N E cor 220 I  
ran N 27° W 1900' & found the  
marked N E cor of sur 221 same  
Blk. 9 by H & S A Ry Co. counter 27966

Continuing N 27° W. 1900 Vs further  
I made the N E cor. of sur 224  
said Blk. 9.

From the position of these  
2 old corners that mark the  
E line of block 9, I found  
the Var. of that Blk. to be  
11° 15', as measured by my Tran-  
sit-needle at this time.

From the said N. E. cor.  
Blk. 9, & with a Var. of 11½°, I ran  
N 27° W 1540 Vs to a Pt from which  
the N E cor of sur 16 Blk 321 Brs  
N 64° E 3200 Vs. and the S W  
cor of 17 said Blk 321 Brs S 60½° W  
10617s.

From the said S W cor 17  
I ran W. 5875 Vs & S 878 Vs to the  
W. cor. of sur. 359.

Thence I ran N. 11150 Vs and  
W. 6835 Vs to the N. cor of 383  
& W. cor of 29 Blk 344, a rock with

in Lympia canyon (wild Rose  
Pass) and also in the S E line of  
sur. no. 452.

All these cor. I have mentioned  
as finding, are well known  
and positively identified cor.  
and so far as I know, have  
never been questioned by any  
one.

From this cor. I ran a trav-  
erse line up Lympia canyon  
but failed to find any cor.  
that could be identified  
until I came to the NW cor  
of 471 which is 29892's W. and  
52962's S from the said W cor  
of 29 in wild rose pass.

This NW cor 471 has no bearings  
but is a well known cor and has  
been identified by witnesses,  
and from it I have surveyed  
and found old <sup>cor.</sup> to the adjoining

surveys 832, 1317 & 332 & 333, all  
unquestioned corners with  
which it checks up fairly  
well.

Believing that this data,  
together with what you already  
have, will enable you to make an  
accurate and satisfactory  
map of this part of our county,  
I submit it to you, hoping  
that it will end a land  
controversy of more than  
30 years standing.

Respectfully yours

J. W. Merrill

Sur. Jeff Davis Co.

H. T. Davis Tex Dec 4 1852

Hon J. T. Robinson Com Gen Land Office  
Austin Tex

My dear sir:

I am here with send-  
ing you a report of a survey made  
to determine the position of Blks  
320 & 321 Jeff Davis Co. with reference  
to surrounding surveys.

I trust this data will show  
clearly just what I found and  
how I found it.

Will ask your Department  
to build in these blocks from  
this and other data that you  
have, showing just where to  
place all excesses & conflicts.

You will note that this  
survey does not agree with  
the one made in the East-  
part of this same territory in  
1910, by Henry Branger, and  
altho. I was with that party,  
I am forced to believe that the  
counter 27970

chain carriers counted in  
one two many cuts. (4000's)

Such an error, together with  
the extremely rough country  
at that place might account  
for the difference reported.

Yours Respectfully

J. W. Merrill  
Sur. J. D. Co. Tex.

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JW Merrell's Report  
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Jeff Davis Co

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