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Hon. BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are Corrected Field Notes of the James P. Kennedy ranch in Jeff Davis County, Texas.

Mr. Kennedy desires to purchase excess acreage.

In making this Survey I used as a guide, a Working Sketch prepared by the General Land Office, Feb. 25, 1916. Mr. James P. Dod had previously used this sketch to locate corners on the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the ranch prior to his death.

I followed Mr. Dod and accepted his corners as identified with rock mounds and iron pipes with two (2) exceptions: The SW corner, Survey 1, Blk. WJG-5 and the SW corner Sur. 356, G.B. & C.N.G. RR Co.

It appears that at some time in the past, Surveys 355 and 356, C.B. & N.G. RR Co., the Senior in this area, Surveyed in Feb. 1878, have become distorted. The NW 356 and the corner of Surveys 2 and 3, Blk. WJG-5 in the West line of 356 were identified as very old mounds in which Mr. Dod had placed marked iron pipes.

Mr. Dod had determined that the South line of Surveys 355 & 356 was excessive and that the bearing of this line was incorrect from the Crosson Spring Corner at the SE 355 to the rock mound which he found to have been recognized as the SW 356, consequently Mr. Dod set the corner of Surveys 2 and 49 in the N. Line of 356 at 765 varas rather than at 639 varas from the NW 356 as called for on the working sketch. This causes the northwestward course of the East line of Sur. 2, Block WJG-5 and the West line of Surveys 27 and 49.

I produced Mr. Dod's N. Line 355 & 356 from NW 356, passing his NE 356 and NW 355 to an intersection with my line N5 deg W from the SW corner of Sur. 355 (a rock mound with iron pipe identified and marked by H.R. Gard about 10 years ago.)

I ran the South line of Surveys 355 and 356 from the Crosson Spring corner N85 deg W to its intersection with the West line of Survey 356 for corner.

The excess apparently existed at the time Surveys 3, 5 and 6, Blk. WJG-5 were laid in, and it appears that Survey 6 took a loss. I examined the Rockmound, NE 6, NW 5 in South line of Survey 1, Block WJG-5 in which Mr. Dod set an iron pipe and from all appearances of the mound and the location of fences this has long been an unrecognized corner.



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Some years ago Mr. R.S. Dod made a survey of what was then known as the Kennedy West Pasture. Mr. Dod's traverse began at the NW corner of Survey 36, Block 2, H.&T.C.Ry.Co. and traversed westward to a bluff in the North line of Sur.28 thence in a southerly direction through Surveys 355 and 356. On his plat of this survey Mr.Dod indicates, in pencil lines, that there is a strip, approximately 400 varas in width lying along the south line of Surveys 355 and 356. The plat does not indicate that Mr.Dod tied to corners of 355 and 356, but compared his traverse notes with section lines as plotted on the sketch from field notes.

I found that after reconstructing the South line of Surveys 355 and 356 there was still an excess in the Ponder Ranch survey immediately south of Surveys 355 and 356.

Surveys 34, 35 and 36, H. & T.C. Ry.Co, Block 2 were easily identified by Original corners and by Iron Pipes set and marked by Mr, James P. Dod. Mr. Dod's field books were made available to me after his death, but due to the fact that his work was all done from traverse lines and I could not interpret his notes it was necessary for me to traverse from corner to corner. In most cases Mr. Dod had set his marked iron pipes in old Rk Mds which he found on the ground. In the vicinity of some corners there were old fence line mounds and corners were difficult to identify.

At the common corner of T,W.N.G. RR Co. Surveys 386 and 385 and G.B. &C.N.G. RR Co.Survey 357 and Surveys 47 and 49 I found an old rock mound in which Mr.H.R. Gard had previously set an iron pipe and identified as the Original corner. Using Mr. Gard's bearings I tied the common boundary line of Surveys 47 and 49 to Survey 355, and set corners on the other connected surveys.

From a point N 32 deg E - 29 varas from the most southerly corner of Survey 385 I ran East-2331 varas to a point in the Tippit ranch, some 230 varas East of the division fence. At this point I made a thorough search of the entire area for the SE corner of Sur 51 Block 347 or the SW corner of Survey 9, Block (, G.H. & S.A. Ry.Co.) No corner could be found, consequently I dropped this line ~~###~~ until such time as I could find something concrete upon which to establish a corner.

In the vicinity of the NE or most easterly corner of Survey 385 I found a large rock marked SW 10, in the Kennedy-Tippit fence. Rock set by Mr. R.S. Dod to establish the boundary line between the two ranches. From this point I tried running N 27 deg W as indicated on the working sketch. This course was definitely out due to the fact that it cut into the Tippit pasture to the Northward and the Kennedy pasture to Southward. The fence having been built as nearly as terrain would permit to the boundary as established by Mr.Dod's survey and agreed upon by ~~by~~ the elder Kennedy and Mr. Tippit I ran N 29 deg W -1900 varas for a trial line thence N 61 deg E 1900 in search of additional corners.

I was unable to find a corner NW10-SWS497, but found an old mound at a fence corner NE 10-SE 497 .Bearing trees as described were found, However the bearings to the trees nor to Mitre Peak would check. By chaining 112 varas from one cedar marked X and 52 varas from another cedar marked X I established , at the intersection, the NE10,SE 497 at the fence corner.

From this corner I traversed in a Northwesterly direction over very rugged terrain until I found what appeared to be an old Rk Md as described



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on the working sketch as described as follows---at 1773 varas (from SE cor. Survey 398) pass Rck Mnd L.O. 12" N 10 02 E- 6 vrs. I found an old rock mound and a fallen Live Oak which was, in my opinion, that described on the working sketch.

Using this old mound, the mound at fence corner, SE497 and the large rock marked SW 10 I arrived at the course N 28 deg 20'W for the sections in G.H. & S.A. Ry Co Blk.9.

Kennedys deed calls for the South part of Survey 61, Blk.347. No field notes on this tract were available, so I assumed that the NE corner of this tract would be in the West line of Survey 498, due East of the NE corner of Survey 62, Block 347. I found an old rock mound which in my judgement was the original NE corner of Survey 62.

Other than those mentioned I found no mounds or other marks which remotely resembled corners. The terrain for the most part is very rough and in some places nearly inaccessible. On flat stretches of ground my final traverse very nearly coincided with the fences.

If there have been recent surveys in this area I was unable to find any record of same. Mr. Gard worked to the East on the Kokernot and other ranches, but his work was all below the bluff.

Mr. James P. Dod stopped at the bluff on the West side of the ranch after setting the NE and SE corners of Survey 27, Blk. WJG-5 and the NE-356-NW 355. I took off of his East line of Survey 27 and ran East, setting corners in accordance with the working sketch. Much of this terrain is composed of deep rocky canyons and no original corners could be found. Due to a rugged, brushy bluff on the North line it was necessary to run on an offset most of the time.

Respectfully yours

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James P. Kennedy Ranch  
Blocks 2 N.G.S. 347

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