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Beaumont, Texas, December 21st, 1914.

Hon. J. T. Robison,
Commissioner of General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

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Recd April 10
From Rosenberg
City of Beaumont

Dear Sir:-

I beg to submit the following report on the lines run from established corners in locating the vacant school land for which I returned field notes for W. P.H. McFaddin and L. W. Houk of Beaumont, Texas.

The vacant school land is shown in red color on the accompanying map, which is a part of this report, and to which reference will be made.

I began my survey at the South East corner of the John McGaffey Labore, which is on the North line of the John McGaffey League; this corner is an artificial object, consisting of an iron grate bar, and a cypress stake, around which several fence posts have been driven and entwined with barb wire.

I have known of this corner for several years, and it is the corner that has been established and recognized by former county surveyors A. B. Doucette, L.F. Daniels and also by L.J. Kopkee who re-surveyed the Townsite of Sabine Pass and the John McGaffey League some twenty five years ago. This corner is well recognized, and the surveys to the North thereof take their location from, and are actually held on the ground from this corner.

From this point I ran South 58° West at 1179-1/2 varas I found the South West corner of the John McGaffey Labore, marked with a Rail Road Rail standing two feet above the ground; This is also the South East corner of the D. Burrell Survey, which begins at the South West corner of the John McGaffey Labore; Thence South 58° West along the McGaffey League line, 845 varas another Rail Road Rail for Burrell's South West corner, and O. Holbrook South East corner, which begins at the South West corner of the

D. Burrell Survey; Thence South 58° West along McGaffey's League line at 1953 varas I found nothing to mark Holbrook's South West corner, but established same by driving an iron stake and building a mound, this is also E.L.Moore's South East corner; Thence South 58° West along the McGaffey League line at 23 varas found nothing to mark another corner of the E.L.Moore survey, but established same by driving an iron stake and building a mound; From this point I ran South 58° West along the McGaffey League line 1054 varas to McGaffey's League corner, where I found an iron pipe in an old fence line which bears South 26° East. This corner is also verified by running South 26° East 1099 varas, where I found a Rail Road Rail marking the South West corner of the John McGaffey League.

These corners are all artificial objects, but are recognized by all the oldest inhabitants, as being the true corners of the surveys mentioned. This last named point is also the South East corner of the R.W.Russell Survey, from which I ran South 64° West 1344 varas, and found a wooden stake standing in a fence line for its South West corner; From this point I ran North 26° West along a pasture fence 1344 varas and found an iron stake at a fence corner for Russell's North West corner, from which point I ran North 64° East 1344 varas along a fence line and found Russell's North East corner, marked with an iron stake; at 360 varas on the aforesaid line I found nothing, but made an observation due North across Knights Lake and on the North bank thereof I found a 3 inch pipe standing 3 feet above the ground, which is the North East corner of the Benjamine F. Howard survey, I then established the Howard corner on the North line of the R.W.Russell Survey by driving an iron bolt North 64° East 360 varas from the Russell N.W.Corner. I then returned to Russell's South West corner which is also the B.F.Howard S.E.Corner in the edge of a marsh; Thence South 86° West at 2000 varas found a 4 x 4 wooden stake on Howard's South line; Thence South 80° West at 300 varas found

an iron stake on Howards South line; Thence South 81° West at 1800 varas found a Cypress stake on Howards South line;

All the foregoing corners are exactly on the South edge of the old beach line, and follow its meanders perfectly, whereby I would consider this line marked by a natural object as well as artificial corners.

From the last stake heretofore mentioned I ran the surveys by course and distance from the Benjamine F. Howard Survey to a pasture fence, which runs North through T. & N.O. Survey No. 359, and found nothing that I could identify as an established corner, but all of these lines fallow the line of the beach almost perfectly, which is a natural object from which they take their location, and their North lines and the surveys immediately North of them can be located Only from the Gulf Beach.

I ran a line due North from the Beach, which is intersected by a pasture fence 240 varas West of the East line of T. & N.O. Survey No. 359 through marshes, ponds, sloughs and lakes 947⁽⁸⁹⁴⁷⁾ varas to the South line of T. & N.O. Survey No. 344 as re-surveyed by J. A. Green, State Surveyor, and intersected said line 907 varas West of its South East corner, which is marked by a Mulberry Stake in the edge of a slough or lake, with water knee deep; this lake however is frequently dry. This corner was also verified by running a line due North along the East line of Section No. 344, 1900 varas found its North East corner, marked with a stake in mound about one half a mile East of the Pipkin Ranch House, which is surrounded by a cluster of trees, which is the only timber in this locality. From here I ran a line due North to the the North East corner of T. & N.O. Ry. Section No. 222, finding and identifying corners as shown on the map. I then returned to the South East corner of T. & N.O. Sur. No. 344 and ran a line due East 3 miles through low boggy marsh, in places covered with cain and bull rushes, but found nothing at any point along this line to indicate an established corner.

I then ran North one mile and found nothing; thence East 2 miles and found nothing to mark any corner of these surveys, but at each mile along the foregoing lines I did establish corners for the various surveys by driving a wooden stake, marking the Survey number thereon, and building a mound of earth around it.

From the South East corner of T. & N.O. Ry. Sur. No. 233, I ran a line due South through Sea Cane marshes and bull rushes, crossing Salt Bayou at 2698 varas, which bears North 65° West and South 65° East, and 40 varas wide; at 3736 varas, about 200 varas East of Long Lake where it empties into Salt Bayou; at 6499 varas the Gulf Beach.

From these measured lines, connecting the Beach Surveys made by James Ingalls, with the surveys to the North of Salt Bayou Marsh as re-surveyed by State Surveyor Green, and also using the measured distance and connecting lines found by myself and H. J. Walger in establishing the county boundary line between Chambers and Jefferson Counties in May 1909, I determined the extent of vacant land existing and proceeded to survey same according to the filed notes returned to your office.

That the E. L. Moore survey does not join the B.F. Howard survey, although its field notes call for same, can best be explained by citing the Pedro De La Garza Survey and T. & N.O. Ry. Surveys West of it No's. 305-306-318-319-333 and 334, which the same surveyor Mr. James Ingalls calls to join, but in later years he discovered his error and inserted the Mrs. Nancy E. Rogers Survey; Practically all of the connecting surveys South of the Pedro De La Garza were made in March 1881 by James Ingalls at the time he made the Pedro De La Garza, and will beyond question in my mind and from the facts established by me on the ground, take their location from the John McGaffey Labore, D. Burrell Survey, and Pedro De La Garza Survey, thus creating the vacancy as shown on the map.

The accompanying statement from the former County Surveyor, James H. Rachford and his Deputy, Mr. L.F. Daniell show

that no connection was made between the S.A.Pannell Survey and the
T. & N.O.Ry. Surveys which lay in the marsh nearly one mile north,
and that no natural or artificial objects was found in this local-
ity, except the Gulf Beach.

With this report and accompanying map, together with
the field notes returned, I submit for your approval the work
done by me.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. White

County Surveyor.

*Signature of surveyor omitted
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