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REFERRED TO MAP.
March 3, 1926.

Hon. J. T. Robison,
Austin, Texas.,

Dear Sir:- Your favor of March 1st, in Re-Survey 120, Jim Hogg County for Judge Hamilton of Austin, to hand.

The survey was made and constructed on the ground as near as could be with its original field notes.

The only tie, that was on the ground that was certain, that held this survey in its place was the N.E. Cor., of Pre-Emp No. 14, which called to be 19.5 vrs south of the S.E. Cor., of survey No. 119.

I tied to this and made my survey according and the results were as shown by the accompanying sketch sent to the office.

The tie to the S.W. Cor., of the San Antonio Viejo Grant was uncertain in the three sets of field notes this survey (120) had as you will note from reading them, and would have caused some vacant land between it and 119, if followed in one instance which called to be 75 vrs S 22-30'W of the S.W. Cor., of the S.A. Viejo grant.

Survey 119, its south line as placed on the ground by Monroe, was 193 vrs south of the line run by me for the South line of 119, another line later run by Monroe or some other surveyor, placed this line 400 varas south of my line, and this is the place that the present owner T.T. East of 119, has placed his fence, which is from the S.W. Cor., of the S.A. Viejo, whence it runs west and intersects the east line of Pre-Emp No. 14, at 397 vrs south of its N.E. Cor.,

The Pre-Emp surveys Nos., 11, 14, 8, etc all are located on the ground and are the oldest tracts that are adjacent to 120, and from these I located the balance of the survey, allowing room for 123, as I placed it on the ground to conform with its original calls, and 121.

On the ground I found, the original corners, of survey 105-106, and the corners of the pre-emp surveys as they are shown on my sketch were located from the original lines and corners as surveyed by Von Merrick, and as followed by Monroe, Chamberlain, and other surveyors, and which fitted themselves as shown on my sketch, and are as near as possible to their original position as established by Von Merrick.

It appears, that a line run N 9 E from the N.E. Cor. of 177, which has all the bearings marked "M-K", and is claimed to have been run by Von Merrick, was claimed by all of the land owners in the surveys 123-124 as the line of these two surveys and caused all these tracts to have been misplaced and in conflict, and also caused the land owners of 123, to make all of their improvements

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on survey 124, as they had had their survey 123, surveyed by Monroe and he began his line of survey from the N.E.Cor., of 177, which he called as the S.W.Cor., of 123, and this survey also served (W line 123) for the East line of 124, and the N.E.Cor., of 127 was also used for the S.E.Cor., of 124, this is the way they had their fences on the ground and all of their improvements, and the exchange of acres I had them agree to clear this conflict and every~~thing~~ line now agrees to the original construction of the surveys as they were originally located, if they ever were.

Survey 637, was run onto 123, and 120, as shown by the fence line cutting off the south part of these surveys on my sketch, and it appears that Monroe, claimed that this survey being short in acreage he could move its north line accordingly to complete its acreage as he claimed the land north of it was Vacant land, where it really was a part of surveys 123- and 120.

On the ground as stated before, the only lines that can be called original or that follow the original lines on the ground as stated in my letter before, are the west lines of the Cuevitas, and San Antonio Viejo, and the present lines of the Pre-Emp surveys Nos., 8-9, 6-7-, 11, 12, and 14, are very likely located from the original lines of surveys 105-106-103, which are the only evidences of original corners on the ground, and they are conforming on the ground to their call in their field notes.

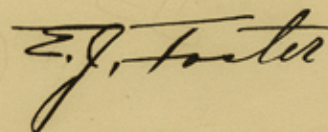
Survey 120- was located along the west lines of the Pre-emp surveys 11-14, and from the call of the west line of 119 along the east lines of these surveys, which determined the S.W.Cor., of survey 119, and the N.W., of 120, while one set of field notes to 120, calls for its distance along the east line of 14 to be 869 vrs, another call for it to be 950 plus 19.5 vrs the distance north 9° E of the N.E.Cor., of 14, which is the call assumed to be correct as it meets the call of 119.

I have placed stones, and bearings at all of the corners located by me, and this will begin to clear these tracts of conflict and the confusion they have been in for the last fifty years.

The field notes to survey 120, have been recorded in Jim Hogg County, and they will be returned to your office as soon as they are received by me.

Yours truly,

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Jim Hogg County
Surveyor Letter

~~Field Notes~~

Filed Mar 4 1926

J. T. Robison Com'r.

in re H. F. M. Donald
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#120 in SW part of Co.

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