

The State of Texas  
County of McMullen? J. M. O. Martin, County  
Surveyor of McMullen County, do hereby certify  
that at the request of E. Prince, Heiguer of Geo. B.  
Robbins, and of J. J. + A. J. Dull and W. A. Dore, I  
made a survey to ascertain the true location of  
Surveys No 982 in name of Sebastian Rippstein, No  
985, in name of Manuel Martinez, and No 986, in  
name of Joseph Fofer, all situated in McMullen  
County. I began at the lower corner of Survey No  
36 on the Rio River, in name of J. Colston (it being  
abandoned Survey No 36 in name of Rafael Garza.)  
at the point called for by Thomas Prandy, County  
Surveyor of Basalle County, in his statement and  
sketch filed in the General Land Office Nov 14, 1884,  
in File D 2092. From which point I ran North 7379  
varas, and West 3252 varas, to the point claimed by  
said Prandy for S. E. corner Survey No 982. This point  
is South 40 varas from Esperanza Creek, and South 30  
varas from a mob of large Live Oaks. The original  
field notes call for bearing trees, this: "A Mesquit 4 in  
dia 69 E 22 W." I did not find any mesquits at this point  
and it seems to me that had the original corner been  
put here, the Surveyor would certainly have called for  
large Live Oaks, such as were close at hand, instead of  
a Mesquit, only 4 inches in diameter. I then ran  
North, at 40 W. crossed the Esperanza Creek, at 580 W.  
crossed Rankhide Creek, at 1344 W. looked for bearing  
trees called for in the original field notes, for N. E. cor.  
No 982, but could not find them. I then ran West,  
at 320 W. crossed Rankhide Creek, at 1344 W. point  
claimed for N. W. cor. Sur. No 982, looked for bearing  
trees, but could not find any marks. At this point  
there are several Mesquits and a Live Oak nearby.  
I then ran <sup>North</sup> 1344 W. to a point claimed by Mr Prandy

for the c. W. cor. Omney No. 985. Here I found no bearing trees marked. The field notes of said Omney No 985 call for 2 Mesquits marked x. and by the call for the South line of the Jos. Hofer Omney. Esperanza Creek should be 44 ins. East of this corner. So far from being case. the corner is on the high brushy divide between Rankide and Esperanza Creeks. no creeks being within one half mile of the point. I then ran West 510 ins. to the point claimed by Mr Prandy for S. E. cor. Jos Hofer Omney No 986. I then ran North (through heavy chapparal brush. and on high land. crossing no creeks). 950 ins. where I found a stake put by Mr Prandy for the c. W. cor. said Omney No 986. No Live Oaks in the vicinity. nor did any ever grow there. I then ran West 1160 ins. to a stake set by Mr Prandy for S. E. cor. Omney No. 988. I stopped here. finding that the Omneys would not fit any creeks or natural objects as called for. in their field notes. and that by putting them as claimed by Mr Prandy. they would be thrown on high chapparal ridges. and upon the poorest land in that section. instead of being along the valley of Esperanza Creek. where they undoubtedly belong. I hereto attach a map. (marked Exhibit A). showing the actual location of the Creeks in that section. upon the ground. and the Omneys as claimed and located by Mr Prandy.

The Block of Omneys of which Nos 982. 985 + 986 are a part. were surveyed in 1852. by J. E. McDonald. Deputy Surveyor of Texas Dist. I attach hereto (marked Exhibit B) a copy of a Certified Copy of his sketch. on file in the General Land Office. and have marked thereon. the corners at which he calls for bearing trees in his field notes. and a red dotted line. showing the lines he must have run. and upon which there were calls for Esperanza Creek &c. - having made a careful study of the field notes of said Block of Omneys. in order to follow

the footsteps of the original survey, as nearly as possible.

In order to do this, I went to a point 7379 vis. North, and 3002 vis. West of the upper corner of Omney Co 1363. (which was the upper corner of Omney Co 36 in name of Rafael Ganza), on the Rio River, and ran experimental lines, as follows. North at 660 vis. South bank of Esperanza Creek, at Lake, here found line trees marked by R. A. Brown, County Surveyor of Live Oak County, for East line of Omney Co 982, and West line of Omney Co 231 (C. O. S. D + R. E. C. G. R. R. Co). At 1065 vis. passed corner, established by said Brown, in a field, for the beginning corner of said Omney Co 231, and N. E. corner Omney Co 982. At 1344 vis. put a stake. Ran West, at 420 vis. crossed Esperanza Creek, at 1344 vis. put a stake. I then ran North, at 1260 vis. Esperanza Creek, (ran along a bend of the same), at 1304 vis. leave said Creek, at 1344 vis. Then West, along the ~~East~~ <sup>South</sup> bank of said Creek 570 vis. Thence North, at 320 vis. Creek, at 950 vis. set stake. Thence West 1160 vis. put a stake. Thence West at 80 vis. crossed Ganz Creek, at 1240 vis. Esperanza Creek, at 1900 vis. Thence North, at 660 vis. Esperanza Creek, ran along bend of the same, at 870 vis. left same, and continued along West bank at 1470 vis. crossed same, at 1900 vis. Thence West 120 vis. (found 100 vis. North, on East bank of Creek, a Live Oak, marked on West side = very old.) From end of last course <sup>ran</sup> South 420 vis. where I found the original bearing trees of the N. W. corner of Omney Co 988, and the S. E. corner of Co 990, viz: a mesquit 8 in (now dead) and so disfigured by decay that only part of the X could be made out. Vis. S 14 1/2 E. 5 vis. and a mesquit 8 in (now 12 in.) and upon which the X is plainly shown. Vis. S 46 1/2 W. 9 1/2 vis. Thence I ran South 40 vis. to centre of Esperanza Creek, and found old line trees marked =. I then returned to above corner. Thence ran West 50 vis. to centre of Esperanza Creek, on which

line I also found a Mesquit line tree. marked thus  $\equiv$ .  
All the above marks are very old. and establish without  
doubt. the  $\text{ck. E. corner}$  of Omney  $\text{cto. 989}$ . the  $\text{S. E. corner}$  of  
Omney  $\text{cto 990}$ . and the  $\text{ck. W. corner}$  of Omney  $\text{cto 988}$ .

From said corner I ran  $\text{ckorth. at 520 vis.}$  passed West of a  
Live Oak. marked  $\equiv$ . at 2813 vis. corner in the prairie. the  $\text{ck. E.}$   
 $\text{corner}$  of Omney  $\text{cto 990}$ . Thence West at 1377 vis. Esperanza  
Dreed. at 1421 vis. put a stake for  $\text{S. W. corner}$  of Omney  $\text{cto}$   
993. from which a large dead Live Oak bis.  $\text{ck 17 W 38 vis.}$   
and a Live Oak stump bis.  $\text{ck 9 W. 32 vis.}$  These are undoubt-  
edly the original bearing trees for this corner. but the  
outer surface of the tree still standing has so rotted  
away. that no mark is visible. I then ran West line  
of said Omney  $\text{cto 993. ckorth. at 60 vis.}$  crossed Esperanza  
Dreed. at 240 vis. crossed same again. at 510 vis. crossed same.  
and passed a Live Oak. marked  $\equiv$ . very old - at 860 vis. passed  
an old Mesquit line tree. a limb <sup>to which</sup> has grown  
out from just below the  $\equiv$  and covers it in such a man-  
er as to preclude the possibility of the mark having  
been made at any time since the limb commenced to  
grow. These marks are very old and plain. and show  
the agents - at 1344 vis. the  $\text{ck. W. corner}$   $\text{cto 993}$ . found a  
stake. put by Mr Prandy in 1886. for  $\text{S. W. cor.}$  Omney  $\text{cto}$   
997 and  $\text{S. E. cor.}$  Omney  $\text{cto 998}$ . bears  $\text{ck 48 W. 26 1/2 vis.}$

Thence with West line Omney  $\text{cto 994. ckorth. at 630 vis.}$   
intersected  $\text{ckorth boundary line}$  of Omney  $\text{cto 1}$ . (plainly  
marked) as surveyed by Mr Prandy in 1882. (and claimed  
by him at that time as the  $\text{ckorth line}$  of Omney  $\text{cto 997}$ ).  
at 1460 vis. (making a surplus of 116 vis. which should  
be divided between Omneys  $\text{ctos 993}$  and  $\text{994}$ .) found  
Live Oaks. answering to the bearings called for in the  
field notes. but the trees having been burned. showed  
only large scars - the  $\text{ck. W. corner}$  Omney  $\text{cto 994}$ .

I then ran West. at 197 vis. crossed Esperanza Dreed.  
at 760 vis found Live Oaks. answering the calls for 26

for bearing trees at this point. but they had been so badly disfigured by fire that their names were not distinguishable. the S. Corner Omney Co 997.

I then ran north. at 870 is. crossed Esperanza Creek. at 2027 is. the S. Corner Omney Co 997. from which a Live Oak.  $\text{mi}^2 \bar{x}$  bis.  $\text{ct} 7 \frac{1}{2}$  W. 2 is. (This tree is the one claimed by Mr Winsor. Omney or for Geo. B. Robbins and J. J. + C. J. Sull as the original bearing tree. and I am satisfied that it is the case). The stump of another Live Oak bis.  $84 \frac{1}{2}$  W. 1 vara - I then ran West. on South line of Omney Co 1001. at 200 is. crossed a creek at a lot of Live Oaks and a pond. at 1830 is. crossed Esperanza Creek above the Saredo road crossing. at 2000 is. found original bearing trees -

In the foregoing runs from the S. Corner Omney Co 990 to the S. W. Corner Omney Co 1001. I find a surplus of 368 varas in Latitude. and of 237 varas in Departure.

Having established the aforesaid Omneys. on the ground. by the original corners and line trees found. and as Omneys Cos 988. 985 and 986 in McMullen Co. are a part of the same block. surveyed at the same time. by the same Omney or. and connected therewith by the calls of their field notes. I went to the S. E. Corner Omney Co 990. which is S. W. Corner Omney Co 988. and S. E. Corner Omney Co 989. and ran South. with the West line of Omney Co 988. at 40 is. crossed Esperanza Creek. at 1900 is. put a stake for S. W. Corner Omney Co 988. I then ran East. at 1260 is. crossed Esperanza Creek. at 1900 is. put a stake for S. E. Corner Omney Co 988. on the East side of Sang Creek. which at this point is only the size of a branch - I then ran East 1260 is. to the S. W. Corner of Omney Co 986. near a small branch. upon which there are Live Oaks. but the original tree gone. I then ran South. with the West boundary line of Omney Co 986. at 250 is. crossed Creek. at 580 yd

is. crossed Creek. at 950 is. the S. W. corner said Omney  
to 986. I then ran East 530 varas. and put stake for  
N. W. corner Omney to 985. on the West side of Esperanza  
Creek. I then ran South. at 1344 is. put stake  
South of road for S. W. corner Omney to 987. I then  
East at 950 is. Esperanza Creek. at 1344 is. the N. E. cor.  
Omney to 982. a stake in field. from which the beginning  
corner of Omney to 981 established by Brown bis North  
141 is. I then ran South. at 224 is. North bank Esperanza  
Creek (a Lake) at 264 varas the South bank of  
same. at 1344 is. put stake for S. E. corner Omney to  
982 in name Sebastian Rippstein.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is the true  
position of said surveys upon the ground. and that the  
sketch attached hereto and marked "Exhibit C" truly  
shows the correct position of said Block of surveys upon  
the ground. together with the remaining surveys. and  
that the red dotted lines thereon truly show connecting  
lines run upon the ground. between and connecting  
original corners.

The following named persons. to wit. D Cole.  
(a practical surveyor) as flagman. B. My Kendall and  
Thos. Davis as chainmen. accompanied me upon the  
said survey. I was also accompanied by E. C. Graves  
and E. O. Winsor. who are both practical surveyors.  
all of whom will certify as to the original corners and  
line trees found.

Witness my hand. at Eldon. this 17th  
day of February. A. D. 1887.

M. H. Martin  
County Surveyor  
McMillen Co

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Exhibit C.

Scale 2000 varas 1 inch

Surveys on Esperanza Creek as surveyed by M. Donald shaded in brown.

I, M. H. Martin, County Surveyor of McMillen County do hereby certify that the above Map correctly shows the true location of the surveys thereon, from actual surveys and connections made upon the ground, and that the creeks are shown in their true positions.

M. H. Martin  
County Surveyor  
McMillen County

Tilden, Texas.  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 1887-

*Correct sketch*

COUNTY # 1183

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Sketch ~~20. 32.~~<sup>20</sup>  
La Salle County

North East corner  
of County —

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See Sketch 17. 17 1/2 &  
19 1/2 all La Salle Co. Sketches

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