

Centreville, Leon County, Texas.
July, A.D. 1863.

Hon. S. Crosby, Commr. Genl Land Office.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th June has been received, containing copies of Certified Sketches forwarded by you to the Genl Land Office. In explanation of the discrepancies existing in the two Sketches, I would remark, that in making the Sketch of November 16th 1861, I made use of the best map the County afforded, and which map I supposed to be correct, not knowing, at the time, that H. A. McWhorter, former Surveyor of this County, had, from actual measurements, connected all the surveys from the N. E. corner of the A. Kerr League to the County line at the N. E. corner of Hill's Survey, and had made a correct map of the survey from the N. E. corner of said Kerr League to the North boundary line of the County. In making the M. C. May's Survey, H. A. McWhorter, not being able to establish the N. E. corner of the J. Giles 640 Acre Survey, and fearful, lest he should come in conflict with said Survey, went to the N. E. corner of the Kerr League, and from that traced the South boundary line of said Giles' Survey to the N. E. corner of the same. - He then ran N 25° W 1900 Varas, and still being unable to find the N. E. corner of said Survey, and supposing said corner to be destroyed, he connected with it the M. C. May's Survey, and running N 25° W 550 Varas further and N 65° E 600 Varas, he made the beginning corner of the said M. C. May's Survey. - Having unbounded confidence in H. A. McWhorter as a Surveyor, and as a man of veracity, therefore,

I James J. Simms, County Surveyor of Leon County,

do hereby certify that the sketch filed in the General
Land Office June 23^d A.D. 1863 is a true and correct representa-
tion, not only of the M. C. Hays's Survey, but of all the surveys
represented on said sketch, as, from actual measurements
they exist upon the ground -

Given under my hand at Office in Bentonsville
this 16 day of July A.D. 1863. -

James J. Simms
Clerk

The State of Texas }
County of Leon } I Alex. Patrick Clerk of the County Court
of said County do hereby certify that the above signature
of James J. Simms, County Surveyor of Leon County is his gen-
uine signature signed this day in my presence -

Given under my hand at ~~Bentonsville~~ Leon
this 16th July 1863

Alex. Patrick Clerk C.S.

File 9.9
Leon County.

Explanation of the Sketch
filed June 23. 1863, within.

Filed July 29th 1863.

Explanation does not give
full satisfaction. It is stated
that a connecting line now
run from J. Files' S.E. corner
N 25° W 1900, and continuing
N 25° W 550 ors, then N 65° E 600
to M. E. Mays' S.E. corner.

As the N.E. line of Files sur-
vey does not run N 25° W, but
N 23° W, the point established
for the S.E. corner was wrong
and consequently the con-
necting line from such
point is also wrong.

Plotting M. E. Mays according
to its field notes, the R. Baker
will conflict with the same.
See accompanying sketch
made from the field notes.
Which is the true position of the
P. B. George

survey, made March 22,
1863, recorded Book C page
21. Following
all of said George the
sketches will evidently
conflict with J. Files, ^{part} ptd.
In view of these contradic-
tory calls of field notes agreeing with the differ-
ent sketches, ^{which emanated} from the Sur-
veyor's Office in regard to
the positions of these sur-
veys, we can not patent
any surveys in that vicin-
ity until the true position
on the ground is ascertained
by the present County Sur-
veyor, not by certificates of
facts said to be ascer-
tained by others.

According to J. Benton's call said
P. B. George survey will lie on the
G. Robinson (now D. B. D. & C. R. A. survey)
indicating there is a mistake of
a whole section.

July 30. 1863

W. Van Dusen