

H. B. ALLISON
COUNTY SURVEYOR
LEON COUNTY

MARQUEZ. TEXAS

Feb. 8, 1932.

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Mr. S.S. Sayers, Chief Clerk,
General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :

Concerning penciled plat submitted about Nov. 27, 1931.
covering area situated about 8 miles N.14 E. from the County Site
Leon Co. Texas.

Upon this plat I note that the distance shown between the
S.W. corner of the A.G. Rose, survey and one of the east corners
of the O. Beggs, survey is S.60.15'E. 103.1 varas, when it
should have been S.60.15'E. 113.1 varas.

How this figure 1 became an 0 is an unpleasant puzzle to me.
I think the scale is O.K. but I do wish to correct this distance.

*** This 10 varar error developed through rush and hurry
to complete said plat before the expiration date of the applications
thereon I assume as other maps show a distance of 113.1 varas.

Respectfully,

H. B. Allison
County Surveyor Leon Co. Tex.

I N. M. Thornton County surveyor
of Burleson County do hereby certify that
I have measured the east boundary
line of the James Nimmo survey on
the ground and find it (instead of 5180
varas) it was 5245 varas also the west line
of the Titled League in the name of J. Kenny
and find that (instead of 9546 varas) it is
9857 varas. Measured Oct 18th 1860

Jacob Griffith } chain }
A. Meldi. } carrier } given under my
hand this 1st Nov A. D. 1860

N. M. Thornton
C. S. C.

counter 29772

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C. W. Proffers.

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Marquez, Leon Co. Texas.
November 27, 1931.

Hon. J. H. Walker, Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

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REFERRED TO MAP

Dear Sir :

Find herein penciled plat of an area situated in Leon County, Texas about 8 Mi., N.14 E. from the County Site.

I have spent considerable time upon this area, in fact from an agricultural view the expense looks foolish, from a grazing value view it is foolish, to round up these tiny apparent scraps of possible vacancies, but of course, the surface value is not the motive. The Project as a whole, seems to be an oil Company's effort to make solid a block of leases upon which to prospect for oil and gas and where they find a slight misfit or deficiency between the ground work and the patent description they seem to think there is possibly an area upon which the State would lay claim, hence, they make an unusual effort to ferret out these discrepancies and display the contrast before the proper official and learn then and there the extent of the States claim and following of course, is an effort to lease wherein a claim is established.

My duty is only one small step in the ladder in this branch of the project and I of course wish to make my step reliable and worthy, in fact I wish to prevent making an ass of my-self through the rendition of a decision upon which I am doubtful.

The contrast between the ground condition and the field notes has developed a number of peculiar questions, the questions become two sided, the weight of the evidence assembled becomes contrary with the notes of an aged survey, which almost compels me to state, parts of certain surveys were not made upon the field, the Oil Co., gently warns that the 120 days are expiring.

Such conditions developed 154 times gives me a brief idea of the weight upon you and your ~~force~~ force.

A number of these supposed vacancies do not appear upon the official map of Leon Co. on the contrary, it shows a conflict, however, I have applications covering the yellow shaded area, they seem to think these tracts would be considered vacant and upon the field there is a possibility of their being vacant.

Between the S.line of the Rose Sur. and the N.line of the Jones Sur. is a narrow strip of ground that the adjacent owners acknowledge as being vacant, however I have ~~seen~~ ~~seen~~ this amount of area fall to a number of surveys and be considered a slight excess, but these owners claim to have known of the existence of this vacancy years ago.

The Wm H. Carleton field notes don't seem to fill in the space that is upon the ground. Call No. 11 and 12 reads "thence S.30 W. 950 Vrs. the S.W.Cor. of the G.A. Rose Sur. thence North 637 vrs. to Beggs N.E.Cor. (see map) now the Company surveyors fall for a thing like that, not that they want the area to become vacant, they merely want the field notes to cover all the ground or call for each other and prevent the possibility of a vacancy appearing after they have begin development.

The rock and Hickory witness tree at the N.W.Cor. of the G.A.Rose may not be the original Cor. but it has the earmarks of the original and it is at a position where the Rose and Murphy west lines would meet.

The apparent vacancy between the Rose and Hester surveys depends upon the value or the field notes you accept. The field in the Margaret Goldman 764 Ac. instrument as surveyed April 15, 1886 by J.D.Patrick would cover this area. The field notes of the Jas. Goolsby 160.8 Ac. instrument as surveyed Nov. 27, 1903 by H.H.Brown would also cover this area.

The vacancy lying just east of the J.F.Marsh Sur. looks possible through failure of the Carleton calling for the J.F.Marsh and in this case I have respected course and distance for the owner of the J.F.Marsh does not claim up to this line.

In building a working map of an area I'm planing to test out on the ground I find it an advantage to make an effort to separate the office made field notes from the field made field notes for in this county many of our patented field notes were realy not made upon the ground at least they fail to fit by such a broad margin that one is justifiable in cussing.

These little scraps of land are rather boresom and seem trivial but these Oil Companies attache quite an importance to their presence and make no objection at the expense involved in the slow process of testing, searching and all but getting on your knees and hunting for the tracks of the old surveyor.

Mr. Walker, if you have time, I will appreciate any attention you may be able to give this work.

Best Wishes,

J. D. Allison
County Surveyor Leon Co, Texas.

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Leon County

H. B. Allison Statement.

Filed November 30th 1931

J. H. Walker, Comm.

O. F. Blucher
File Clerk

Descriptive:

7 Mi. N15°E. Centerville

See Sk. File 21 for sketch.