

NO. 2.

H. B. ALLISON
COUNTY SURVEYOR
Leon County
MARQUEZ, TEXAS

-LEGEND-

Blue lines indicate shape and position of tracts as its notes describe.

Red line indicates actual position as found to exist on the field.

Importance of beginning given oldest survey.

Pencil lines are those I was unable to find on the ground.



Wm COOPER
84 Yrs.
Patrick.

W.T. MASON
49 Yrs.

S.M. CRAWFORD
40 Yrs.
Brown.

L.A. MOORE
55 Yrs.
Brown.

C.J. MOORE
55 Yrs.

J.N. RICHARDS
36 Yrs.
Lesesne.

SARAH SCOTT
77 Yrs.
1c 20 witness

W.T. LINSON
46 Yrs.

J.L. MOORE
41 Yrs.

W. GRAHAM
54 Yrs.

A. THOMAS
78 Yrs.

-SCALE-

500 VARAS = 1 INCH.
Feb. 29, 1932.
Leon County, Texas.

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March 1st, 1932.

REPORT ON THE GROUND
CONDITION OF THE J.N.
RICHARDS SURVEY.

MARQUEZ, TEXAS

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

Dear Sir :

Find herein two plats showing the descriptive position and the ground position of the J.N.Richards 155.1/3 acre survey as located about 9 miles N.20 E. from Centerville, Leon Co. Texas, as per its notes.

A complicated question has arose concerning the field bounds of a number of surveys, especially the J.N.Richards, survey; this question is apparently not among the land owners, who value peace above such trivials and trust the surveyors justice, but among the surveyors in their effort to place all of the lines where they should be and where the most evidence, original evidence is prevalent.

The accumulation of evidence developed through this survey points toward the presence two apparent vacancies or the necessity of note and line adjustment through the proper authority. Therefore, feeling inadequate for the occasion I submit evidence through which I hope you are able to offer me advice and point out the just and lawful route.

With map No. 2, I attempt to demonstrate the contrast between the patent embodied notes and the condition on the ground based upon the position of the Wm Cooper, survey which seems to be the oldest, this plat also displays the age of the various patents which is often important in placing lost boundaries.

Plat # 3, spreads out a little evidence about the Richards survey, or it seems, where ground evidence and hear-say would place it. The complete absence of evidence along the C.J.Moore S.W.line and the W.T.Linson N.W.line induces or impells the surveyor to gratefully accept hearsay, or any pointer that will contribute toward solution. In most cases the adjoining owners hearsay testimony is excessive and requires sifting, but not so in this case. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Page, owners of the C.J.Moore and W.T.Linson surveys, and who reside on the C.J.Moore survey informed me that they had always been told that the S.E.line of the J.N.Richards Sur. passed across the front porch of the old Lambright homestead, ' which is shown on map as old abandoned residence. This fact is not a secret, if it be a fact and it is not hidden from the sons and daughters of Mr. Lambright. I understand through hearsay that Mr. J.M.Lambright a non-resident owner of the J.N.Richards survey claims no further east than the wire fence that passes in front of the old abandoned home place.

And to verify the hearsay evidence offered by Mr. and Mrs. Page, place a line across this porch reading S.34.53'W. Var. 9.15' east, and you will find that its contact with the N.E.line

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of the Sarah Scott survey is at a point directly south of the 10 inch space between two 18" red oaks about 1.8 vrs., therefrom, these trees bear no corner marks and could be justly called two or twins, as we must remember the difference in four degrees at three varas would only be about 6 inches and it seems that any two trees of identical lineage only 6 inches apart would appear as twins at an advanced age, and it may be well to note that I was unable to find between this point and the N.E. Cor. of the Scott survey any two red oaks to substitute these trees, in fact the ground where I should have found the west corner of the Linson survey as per its notes is not the type on which red oaks are usually found, however, the Linson notes do not call for trees at this point, it was the Richards notes that referred to the red oaks at the extreme S.W. corner of the Linson survey.

With reference plat # 3, begin at these two red oaks and follow the Scott N.E. line N.55.07'W. this minute reading balances the line evidence from end to end, the Richards notes call for 846 varas to a stake for corner, no witness referred to and when I arrive at the distance referred to, I find near by a 16" P.O. marked X rather late work, facing N.W. while we are S.W. of said tree, however, regardless of this minor discrepancy, the mere presence of this tree with the X on it bark and the little 6" B.J. line tree 58.6 varas N.34.53'E. hereof is proof that some one heretofore measured from the red oaks to this point and started the N.W. line of the Richards survey, although he failed to complete the project for some reason he also refused or failed to destroy the proof or evidence that he had confidence in the work so far.

The S.W. lines of the L.A. Moore and C.J. Moore surveys as shown on plat # 3, were placed by virtue of these surveys being older than the Linson and Richards. There is no evidence on the ground to govern the position of said lines and any effort to force these surveys N. eastward is met with resistance by the position of the Parker surveys.

The N.E. lines of the Scott and Graham surveys are apparently not subject to movement and these lines are the S.W. lines of the Richards and Linson surveys and which serves as a base line, The S.E. line of the S.M. Crawford survey is well marked where there is timber and hardly subject to adjustment, in fact its present position is undisputed and permanent, and the N.W. line of the J.L. Moore survey if placed along the course of the most marked timber its movement would be very slight.

The question of the position of these surveys has been discussed and debated a number of times by the Oil Co. engineer and myself and the act of reversing the calls was among the early suggestions, but application of which was rather contrary or not in harmony with the field evidence and hearsay, then there is the presence of these red oaks to off set new suggestions and the application of other tests.

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The question becomes polyhedric, and creates exceptional points of argument, amplifying minor terms of description and eliminating calls of value. The art of weighing, balancing, accounting for acreage shortage and pointing out the evidence to be accepted must necessarily be among those whose experience dates far back and whose memory records many other just such examples, therefore I submit the field data and ask for help.

By virtue of the age of the C.J.Moore and L.A.Moore surveys I have reason to believe that the position of their S.W.lines as shown in plat # 3, would be just and almost proper, at least the area of said Moore's would be about proper.

The small cultivated area on the S.W.line of the L.A.Moore has been tilled by Moore descendants for many years and they speak of this line as though it traversed the fence lines as shown by plat.

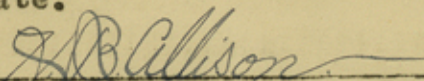
Considering these positions for the L.A. and C.J.Moore S.W.lines with reference to Call # 4, of the Linson notes the Linson would sustain an acreage loss between 20 and 30 acres.

An allusion of the southern shift of the Moore surveys is found in the notes of the G.W.Attaway survey. The extraordinary shift or misinterpretation concerning the location of the Albeny Thomas survey is an example or hint that such things do occur.

The red lines as per plat # 2, are as per ground evidence as near as practical under this scale, hence, not all course readings are in harmony with the old field notes, consequently the actual ground distances do not check each other like lots and blocks as do the patent notes.

In case I am able to make arrangements with Mr. Lesesne, the surveyor of the J.N.Richards land, and lives in this county, to go over this matter on maps and possibly ^{who} on the field, to visit these points especially the two red oaks and the Goolsby 119 Ac. survey, would his statement, in case he see's fit to make one, be accepted as evidence at this date? I have reasons to feel that Mr. Lesesne would cooperate.

Respectfully,



County Surveyor of Leon Co. Texas.

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H. B. Allison's Statement

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Descriptive: 9 Mi. N. & E. Centerville

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