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SURVEYORS REPORT
Resurvey of the G.W.Lummus 160 acre survey Abst. No. 523.
Leon County, Texas.

Hon. J. Earl Rudder,
Commissioner, General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Jan. 31st, 1955,
Marquez, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Hereto attached are two linen tracings and corrected field notes of the G. W. Lummus 160 acre survey A-523 Leon County, Texas.

This material is not of a conclusive and final nature but merely reflects my opinion and the reasons that led me to this theory in re-locating the boundaries of the G.W.Lummus survey.

To begin, map "B" indicates the title, date, name of surveyor and the notes under which the patent seems to have been issued. The patent notes of the G.W.Lummus survey, seems to have been made by Wm Perkins April 21st, 1874, they seem to have underwent some slight change when the surveyor Jas. A. Brown went on the ground two years later and staked out three adjacent surveys that completely surrounded the G.W.Lummus 160 acre block.

The matter of Mr. Browns work must have met the approval of the Land Department for I have no later correction of the G.W. Lummus, and although Mr. Brown did change or correct some of the calls of the G.W.Lummus survey, there is the fact shown by the record that there was a number of surveys made by Mr. Perkins that were corrected by Mr. Brown before patent was issued. An example of these corrections is reflected in the field note heading of the W.T.Lummus 160 acre survey, "Corrected field notes of a survey of 160 acres made for W.T.Lummus which said survey was made by Jas. T. Simms, and corrected by Wm Perkins on the 21st, of April 1874, and corrected by me Nov. 3 1875, and again July 6th, 1876."

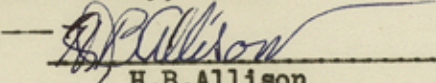
If the above corrections in one particular field note were of any major consequence, then the surveyor would expect to find a number of corners and may-be that many lines, of course he could respect only those mentioned in the patent: but it would be of eminent value if he knew just what each surveyor had done, for the land owner could possibly have fenced the wrong line. Perhaps, I should mention that about 1885 our Surveyors Records was lost in a fire and we have only the transcribed record of the patent.

The above facts would seem to have little to do with the location of the G.W.Lummus survey, but they do, for if the G.W. Lummus was patented in 1874, then its tie to the W.T.Lummus would become unimportant, for it was corrected a number of times after that and which in turn adds importance to Mr. Browns call in the field notes of the John Seldon survey, that the South corner of the G.W. Lummus survey was 400 varas from the West corner of the W.T.Lummus survey, and that is the distance I allowed on the ground, as shown on map (A) however, on the ground I found no evidence to support this position whatsoever, not even a line tree through-out the Lummus S.W. line, and there are ample Black Jack timber to carry a line of this age.

The N.E. line of the G.W.Lummus seems to have been surveyed about 1911, fenced and peacefully accepted ever since; the pattern of later partitions seem to accept it without question, although I am unable to identify any of its original bearing objects.

In the matter of vacancies, there is none adjoining this survey, but there is a small excess which is hardly worth the labor to find.

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