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Mr. Bascom Giles  
Commissioner General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Giles:

Your letter of October 23rd, requesting return of field notes of the North 1/2 of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Company Survey No. 26 and certified sketch showing how I established the South line of the Peter Mason League and statement, received.

The said field notes were recorded in Surveyor's Records and mailed to Judge W. D. Gordon of Beaumont, Texas on the 15th of this month.

All of the Peter Mason League is in the prairie and none of the corners set by the original Surveyor can be found at this time.

In Mr. Weed's statement in 1890 he said,

"Peter Mason

I found Tompkins stks at the N.E cor of this sur and 130 vrs west of the s w cor of the A. Abshire as called for in his notes of the Abshire. I was compelled to accept this location of this Mason as its own field notes give in due to its position & it is entirely in the prairie and has long been mapped by the Land Office in the position given it by mr Tompkins in 1868 who was the County Surveyor of Liberty County."

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In December 1930 we surveyed W. C. R. R. Company Survey No. 4 and to get the beginning corner we started at an old 2 inch iron pipe rusted off flush with the ground (we set a 2 inch galvanized iron pipe on the East side of this pipe on December 13, 1930) at the long recognized Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League and ran S. 1° 15' E. with a fence on the East line of said League, at 780.4 varas the Northwest jog corner of T. & N. O. R. R. Company right of way fence, at 797.7 varas a 2 inch iron pipe on line, 6/10 of a vara West of the interior jog corner of said right of way fence (this pipe is a subdivision corner of the Peter Mason League) at 897.9 varas the Northeast corner of another fence, at 1900.8 varas we set an Oak stake under said last mentioned fence for the Southwest corner of W. C. R. R. Company Survey No. 1 and the Northwest corner of W. C. R. R. Company Survey No. 4. (This corner is 1900.8 varas S. 88° 48' W. from an old 2 inch iron pipe at the Northeast corner of said Survey No. 4).

We continued S. 1° 15' E. with new measurement, at 250 varas we passed the Southeast corner of said last mentioned fence, at 1900.8 varas we set an Oak stake for the Southwest corner of said Survey No. 4. This corner is

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3801.6 varas S. 1° 15' E. from the Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League.

On April 25th, 1938 we surveyed G. C. & S. F. R. R. Company Survey No. 25 for Mr. N. W. Murphy.

To get the beginning corner of this Survey we began at the Northwest corner of said Survey No. 4 (the Southwest corner having been destroyed) and measured S. 1° 15' E. with the East line of the Peter Mason League 3100 varas and set a Cypress stake at the toe of the North slope of a graded road for the Southeast corner of the Peter Mason League, making a total distance from the Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League 5000.8 varas.

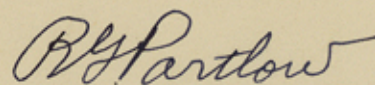
The above described line is the well recognized East line of the Peter Mason League and I have never heard it questioned.

To locate the South line of the Peter Mason League and the North line of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Company Survey No. 25 and the North line of said Survey No. 26 we turned a right angle off of the above described East line of the Peter Mason League.

You will find inclosed sketch showing the North 1/2 of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Company Survey No. 26 as surveyed by us.

If there is anything else you desire in this matter please let me know.

Sincerely,

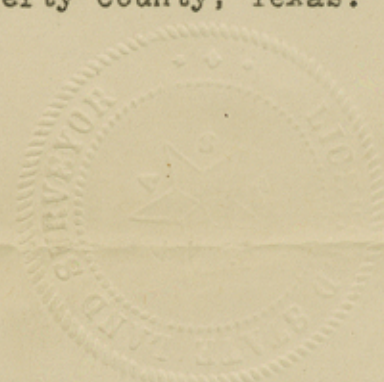


R. G. Partlow

Licensed State Land Surveyor  
and

County Surveyor Liberty County, Texas.

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Re: Survey of the North 1/2 of  
G. C. & S. F. R.R. Co. Survey  
No. 26

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Mr. Bascom Giles  
Commissioner General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Giles:

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To secure the information requested in your letter of the 3rd of this month, we did the following surveying on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month.

In the beginning let me state, that before starting the Survey of the North 1/2 of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Co. Survey No. 26, on the 30th of September, I prepared a working sketch showing G. C. & S. F. R.R. Co. Survey No. 26, including Eubank's Survey in 1898 and all adjoining Surveys.

We began at the old 2 inch iron pipe rusted off just under the ground at the long recognized Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League and ran S. 88° 46' W, at 617 varas we passed an old 2 inch iron pipe at the Southeast corner of a fence and the Southwest corner of a fence. (This pipe is about rusted out and I am sure it was set by Weed in 1890 for the Southeast corner of H. & T. C. R.R. Survey No. 173 and the Southwest corner of 174, although the distance is 10 varas short of Weed's distance from the Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League). At 2613.6 varas we crossed a fence running North, 2.5 varas North of the Southwest corner of same (Weed's distance from the Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League to the Southwest corner of 173 is 2614 varas), at 4257 varas the North rail of T. & N. O. R. R., at 4722.7 varas Weed's old 2 inch iron pipe rusted off just under the surface, at the Southwest corner of H. & T. C. R.R. Co. Survey No. 170 and the most Eastern Southeast corner of 169 (Weed's distance from the Northeast corner of the Peter Mason League to the Southwest corner of 170 is 4711 varas. We had an excess of 11.7 varas). This old pipe is 89.3 varas South of the intersection of the West line of 170 with the North rail of said T. & N. O. R.R.. Weed made it 89 varas South of the T. & N. O. R.R., but he was coming South and probably plused the North rail. I have known this old pipe as Weed's Southeast corner of 169 and the Southwest corner of 170 for many years. On July 19, 1935 when making a Survey of a portion of 169 we set a 3/4 inch galvanized iron pipe in this old pipe and they are both there at this date. We continued S. 88° 46' W. from this old pipe 289 varas to an 1-1/2 inch iron pipe set for the Northwest corner of the Peter Mason League, making the length of the North line of the Peter Mason League 5011.7 varas, an excess of 11.7 varas.

In November 1928 we surveyed H. & T. C. R.R. Co. Survey No. 167 and we have shown same on inclosed map. In making this survey we began at an old 2 inch iron pipe in the angle of a graded road running West and South at the long recognized Northeast corner of the Uriah Anderson Survey and ran South with the East line of said Anderson Survey 3308.7 varas to an old bois-d'arc stake at the Southeast corner of a fence at the long recognized Southeast corner of the Uriah Anderson Survey and the Southwest corner of 167. Some time later the road was widened and this old bois-d'arc stake was destroyed and I have set 3 corners at this point since 1928, but every time the road is graded the corner is

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pulled up, but I can locate the spot where the bois-d'arc stake stood. We then ran South from the Northeast corner of the Uriah Anderson 28.3 varas and set an 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe in a mud hole in the road (mud hole now filled up) for the Northwest corner of 167. We then ran East 1052.6 varas (Weed's call 1036 varas) and set an 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe in the West line of the Peter Mason League for the Northeast corner of 167. At that time we fixed the West line of the Peter Mason League by running from a point 289 varas S. 88° 46' W. from Weed's Southwest corner of 170 to a point 1113 varas S. 89° 55' E. from said old bois-d'arc stake at the Southeast corner of the Uriah Anderson Survey. We then ran S. 1° 02' E. (we made this line S. 1° 01' E. in our 1943 Survey, but it is the same line) 3310.66 varas and set an 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe for the Southeast corner of 167, about 21 varas South of a graded road. This corner has been destroyed, either pulled up or run over by a tractor. We tried to find it September 30th by measuring East 1113 varas from the Southeast corner of the Uriah Anderson Survey, but failed to locate it.

We then ran (1928) N. 89° 55' W. 1113 varas to said bois-d'arc stake at the Southeast corner of the Anderson and the Southwest corner of 167, completing our Survey of 167.

Back to the Northwest corner of the Peter Mason League (1943) we then ran S. 1° 01' E. with the West line of the Peter Mason League, at 1720.7 varas (Weed's call 1717 varas). We found the 1/2 inch iron pipe set by us in 1928 for the Northeast corner of 167, at 5002.6 varas we set a 5/8th inch round iron bar 1 vara North of the center of the graded road along the South line of the Peter Mason League, 3 inches below the surface of the grade. This pin is 28.76 varas North of where we set the Southeast corner of 167 in 1928, but it is S. 88° 45' W. 5032.8 varas from the Southeast corner of the Peter Mason League as located by us. Weed said the Southeast corner of 167 was 21 varas South of the Southwest corner of the Peter Mason League. If the Southeast corner of 167 was set 5022 varas (Weed's call distance from the Northwest corner of the Peter Mason League) S. 1° 01' E. from the Northwest corner of the Peter Mason League, it would be 19.4 varas South of the Southwest corner of the Peter Mason League as located by us. None of the subdivision corners of the Peter Mason League along the South line of same were found by us. They have probably been pulled up by a road grader many years ago.

We then went to the 1-1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe set by us in 1938 for the Southwest corner of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Co. Survey No. 25 and ran S. 89° 10' W. with the center of a shell road, at 975 varas said road angles about 90° to the left, at 1958.2 varas we found an old 2 inch iron pipe. In my opinion this is the pipe Weed set in 1890 for the Northwest cor. of H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Survey No. 162, as it looks like ~~one~~ of Weed's pipe and it looks to have been there for many years, although it is in a good state of preservation. From this old pipe an old buggy axle bears S. 36° 15' E. 7.1 varas, the Northwest corner of a fence bears S. 25° E. 9.8 varas and the Southwest corner of a fence bears S. 1° 15' E. 8.7 varas.

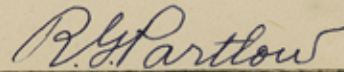
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We then ran N.  $0^{\circ} 23'$  W. along the East side of an old fence, at 300 varas we dug up an old 2 inch iron pipe rusted off about 6 inches under the ground, I am sure this pipe was set by Weed in 1890 for the Northeast corner of 163. This old pipe is  $\frac{8}{10}$  of a vara East of the South-east and Northeast corner of a fence.

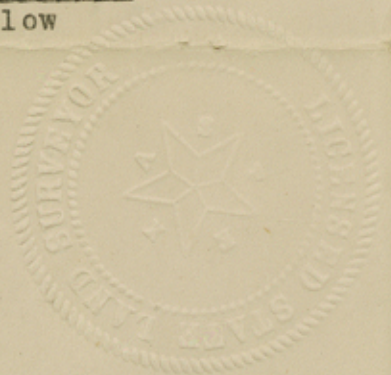
We then ran N.  $2^{\circ} 47'$  W. with the general course of an old fence 681 varas to the Cedar stake set by us at the Northwest and Southwest corner of a fence for the Southwest corner of the North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 26, making the total length of the West line of twenty-six 1947.5 varas long. Eubank made this line 1946 varas long in his Survey of Section 26 in 1898, only 1.5 varas difference.

In my opinion the South line of the Peter Mason League as located by us can never be moved one way or the other over 2 or 3 varas. In fact I think we located it where it should be.

Yours truly truly,



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R. G. Partlow

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W. Bascom Giles

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of 1883. This old pipe is 8/10 of a wire part of the corner  
this pipe was set by deed in 1880 for the Northwest corner  
pipe marked off about 6 inches under the ground. I am sure  
an old fence, at 300 yards we dug up an old 3 inch iron  
pipe then ran N. 0. 23. W. along the West side of  
west and Northwest corner of A fence.

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this line 1940 varies long in his survey of section 30 in  
the West line of twenty-six 1847.5 varies long. I think  
corner of the North 1/4 of 28, making the total length of  
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