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Dear Sir:

I am submitting herewith corrected field notes for the James H. Dennis survey, Abstract #162, and the G. W. Sharp survey, Abstract #417, both in Live Oak County, Texas, as shown on the attached map entitled "Area in Southern Live Oak County."

These two surveys were located in May 1848 by Francis Hughes, Deputy Surveyor for the District of San Patricio and Nueces, being only two of a group of surveys he located in the area at that time. This 1848 group was built from a group of surveys that the same surveyor had located in February 1847.

As shown on the attached map I have relocated certain surveys of the 1847 group by using the original south corner of the Jonas Randall survey, passing calls for creeks on the lines of the Randall survey and the G. M. Ridgeway survey, and very old fences that have long been recognized and accepted as the survey lines by land owners in the area. Hughes called for only stakes in a mound at the corners of the northwest lines of the Randall and Moore surveys, these lines were never occupied as property lines and I have therefore constructed these lines call distance from the southeast lines of the two surveys.

The John Birth and Henry C. Jackson surveys I have relocated by using the original south corner of the A. Parks survey (for which the notes of the Birth contain a passing call), creek calls in the lines of the Birth, and very old fences. Under this construction only 38 varas excess (1.43%) were required in the southeast line of the Birth to reach the east corner of the Randall and satisfy the adjoinder call for the northeast line of the Randall.

As shown on my map the position of the smaller J. H. Dennis survey is controlled by three of its original corners (corner data shown on attached map), the east corner of this survey being also the original north corner of the larger Dennis survey, and the west corner being the original north corner of the G. W. Sharp survey.

My corrected field notes of the larger J. H. Dennis survey contain 136.8 acres excess over call as a result of honoring Hughes' call to begin at the north corner of the Randall. You will note that the northwest line of the Dennis under my construction is 292.2 varas (10.6%) excessive over call and the southwest line is 11.5% excessive. I made a diligent search for Hughes' bearings for the south corner of the larger Dennis survey call distance southeast of the south corner of the small Dennis survey but found no evidence. Also, I found no evidence of the east corner of the G. W. Sharp survey call distance southeast from the original north corner of the Sharp nor the inner corner of the Sharp call distance S 45° W of the last mentioned point.

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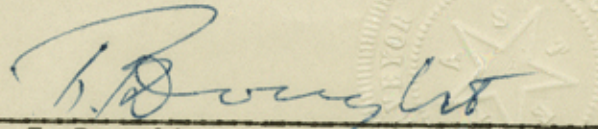
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In my construction of the Sharp survey I have honored Hughes' call to begin at the north corner of the Moore, making the northeast or closing line of the survey 9.9% excessive. I found a very old set stone which I have accepted as the west corner of this survey although there was no evidence of the original witnesses. Under this construction the northwest line is distorted, as shown on the map, but I was unable to find any evidence of the bearings for the west corner of the Sharp call distance S 45° W of the original north corner nor N 45° W call distance from the small branch near the west corner of the Sharp.

The lines of the Romijio Villarrial survey, GH&H RR Survey #2, and GH&H RR Survey #1 were constructed from Caldwell's original east corner of Survey #2, the original east corner of J. Poitevent Survey #34 and old line trees along the southeast line of GH&H RR Survey #2.

At the west corner of the Villarrial survey, Caldwell called for the Potranco Lagoon to be South 50 varas. As shown on the map I find a lagoon East 50 varas from my constructed west corner of said survey. I find that GH&H RR Survey #2 is in conflict with the smaller J. H. Dennis survey by 38.6 acres, with the W. S. McCampbell survey by 9 acres, and with the G. W. Sharp survey by 96.5 acres, and that 39.2 acres of the Villarrial survey are in conflict with the G. W. Sharp. My ground survey did not extend southwesterly a sufficient amount to fully determine the conflict of GH&H RR Survey #1 with the F. Breeding survey.

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In my examination of the sharp survey I have pointed higher, call to begin at the north corner of the north, making the northeast or closing line of the survey 3.00 excessive. I found a very old set stone which I have located on the west corner of the survey of- though there was no evidence of the original witnesses. After this comparison the north- west line is distorted, as shown on the map, but I was unable to find any evidence of the bearing for the west corner of the sharp call distance 3 1/2. W of the original north corner. nor N 1/2. W call distance from the small branch near the west corner of the sharp.

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