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W. D. TWICHELL
BOX 776
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
December 20, 1940

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Hon. Bascom Giles
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I now have an opportunity to compare the photostat copy of W. D. Twichell's connection from Double Lakes to the New Mexico line, as presented in the Land Office record, with my original connection and I find the Land Office record is defective and incorrect and not an exact copy of my connection. It appears this copy was made by someone unknown attempting to copy the connection as it appeared in the Howard County records. The certificate by R. B. Zinn appears to be a certificate approving the connection which W. D. Twichell filed in the Howard County surveyor's record.

The errors involved in the Land Office probably are not material at this time. In any event the instrument is not written in my own handwriting and is a copy of the original which will not proof read correctly against the actual connection on the ground and it should not be used as correctly representing that connection in the field.

My attention was called to this by an attorney who had a copy which appeared to be incorrect. I then paid for a photostatic copy directly from the Land Office and I received the same incorrect copy certified to by the Land Commissioner September 9th, 1940 marked No. 1 Lynn County Sketches connecting line, etc.

A letter may have accompanied this instrument when it was filed in the Land Office on December 29, 1892. My habit was to carefully proof read documents which I filed in the Land Office. If a letter accompanied this instrument either from the Blum Land Company or from myself, please send me a photostat copy of that letter with your bill.

Yours truly,
W. D. Twichell
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December 30, 1940

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Hon. Bascom Giles
Commissioner General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of December 26th relating to the correspondence which may or may not have accompanied the document which is in the Lynn County files purporting to show my connection from Double Lakes to the New Mexico line. The details of the field book are extensive and complicated so there may be an interval before I can take these details under careful consideration and point out the defect or defects in the copy which is now on file. I am not sure just what this investigation will show but I am sure that there is one material error involved. However, I believe this makes no difference in the result because I went on the ground to locate the Rhoads Fisher surveys and the Land Office furnished me field notes of the Rhoads Fisher surveys with the information that the Rhoads Fisher location and the John Gibson location are identical. I relied on this information and found the Rhoads Fisher corner in Block D. I undertook to distribute excess to fit the call for Double Lakes, for my information gave that call as Rhoads Fisher call.

I, myself, found the facts in the Land Office which disclosed that the Rhoads Fisher location and the John Gibson locations are not identical. I then had a conference with Major Wise and undertook to get something of record that would explain this discrepancy. The Land Office had not recognized the Rhoads Fisher location, so I was required to make my report as a John Gibson resurvey. You know, at the time I made this connection the Blums were insisting upon the Rhoads Fisher location. The Blum Company had reverses and were unable to continue their cash tender of \$320,640, on the Rhoads Fisher location when they were called into court, so they did the next best thing and claimed under their John Gibson certificates. In other words they could not answer the State with the cash required to back the Rhoads Fisher location.

Under these circumstances the Double Lakes connection as reported by me is not material, for the error appears in departures, and not in latitudes. I believe my corner for Survey 1 Block D is on the parallel that passes through Double Lakes. A much more serious fact is the excess in northings from this parallel

to the Rhoads Fisher corner. I have been informed that this distance is exactly what I show in my reports; however, upon your request I will compare my report with my field book and where material discrepancies appear I will furnish your office with the correct information.

Yours truly,

W D Twichell

W. D. Twichell

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LYNN County

LETTERS FROM

W. D. TWICHELL

Filed JAN 4 1941

BASCOM GILES Com'r

William Finiff
File Clerk

Descriptive: RELATIVE TO

DOUBLE LAKE AND

NEW MEXICO CONNECTING

LINE.

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*W. D. Twichell
Lynn, N.H.*

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