

ROBERT S. DOD.

COUNTY SURVEYOR,
MCCULLOCH COUNTY.

BRADY, TEXAS, April 7th 1893

To W. L. McLaughlin Esq
Comr. Gen. Land Office.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 3rd inst duly received and contents noted.

Enclosed please find plot of surveys in this county about which I would like to have the rulings of your office.

The middle line A. B. C. D. is a well defined meridian ^{along a blazed line}. A is an old cor. running north at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile we find an old cor. on a mile another old cor., on half a mile another old cor. So far the line has run through a timbered country where the line could be plainly marked, but we now reach an open mesquite country where all trace of the former survey disappears - for three miles - we there (c) reach live oak timber and at once find the line plainly marked, but the bearings at the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and mile corners have been burnt down. At the n.w cor of 750 we find one bearing, at n.w 749 we find one bearing.

The distance from the n.e cor of 749 to the n.w cor of
counter 31169

749 is 1820 varas - the distance from the NW cor of 749 to the N.W. cor of 231 H+T is 1960.

The line E.F. is a well marked line with old corners at E, G, H, K, L, M. The distance from M to A is 1960 varas, the distance from H to O is 1817 varas.

The line O.T. has old corners at O, P, R, S, T.

In other words the distance between the eastern + western meridian is 2780 varas and is unequally divided by the central meridian - which should be 88 varas further west than it is on the ground.

I am requested to survey St 42 + G.H.+H. 41

Starting at the S.E. cor of St. 41 and running west I find nothing on this line till I reach the SW cor of 229 which I find at 2780 varas due west. Shall I make the SW cor of 41 at the middle point i.e. 1890 varas from each cor - or at 1880 - leaving 1900 for the G.H.+H. 229, the older survey - or shall I make it at 1820 varas where the meridian A.B.C.D. would cross the base line K.R.

In other words, finding nothing on the west line of St. 42 + G.H.+H. 41. am I to consider it as unconnected with any other survey and run west 1900 varas or until stopped by 229. or am I to consider these surveys as connected with those north + south of them and confined by the extension of the meridian A.B. making a deficit in them and a surplus in 229.

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There is no question in my mind as to the original line having been placed about 1820 or thereabouts west of the line OPRST. Though there is nothing on the ground within a mile of the corners sought to indicate the original line or corners.

I base this on the supposition that the sections were not surveyed as called for in the field notes but that meridians ^{only} were run and corners made on these meridians at every half mile and in making out field notes they simply called for the corners made on the meridians without actually running the east & west lines.

The evidence of this is the statement of other surveyors and the general irregularity of the east & west lines as to course.

Yours respectfully

Robert S. Dod

According to general order & statement, the old
meridian line produced south from the identified

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of
R S Dodd
Co. Surveyor

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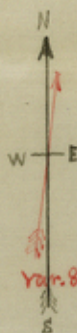
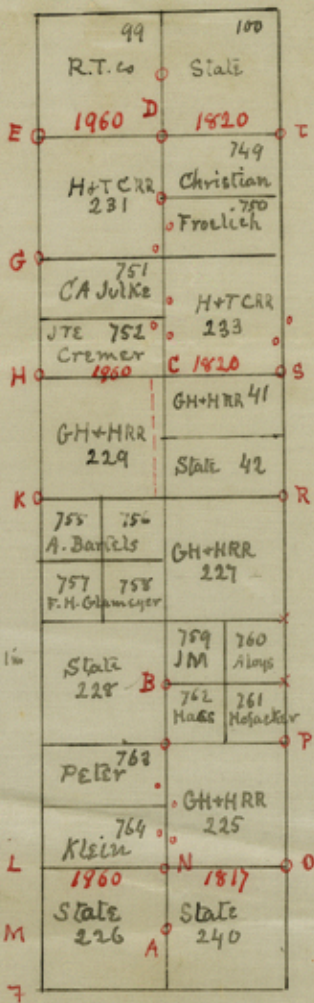
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This sketch & statement
should be filed in
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sketch files, in
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W. S. Dodd
5/4/93



Scale 4000 Varus lin

o old corners

• blazed line