

Hillsboro, Hill Co, Texas  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1880

Hon. W. C. Walsh

Com. Gen. Ld Officer.

I wish to  
make the following official statement  
in reference to some vacant lands  
on the G. line between Hill and Mc-  
Jellon Counties. I began at the S.W. cor.  
of the E. Hart League. I find the bearing  
trees both plainly marked. Thence N 30 W 5000  
rs. I established the N.W. Cor of Hart League  
no bearing found. Distance from the Cor  
of the N.W. Cor of the Hart to Votaw S. line,  
322 rs. and 186 rs. N 60 E to Callins  
S.W. Cor. Thence from Hart Cor S 60 W 1075  
with N. line of Price. The Price calls for  
surveys not in existence. so at this Cor  
must rely on course and distance for the  
next Cor and so on until the field  
notes ~~and~~ of the Price calls to run N 60 E to  
the S.W. Cor of the Rees & Price, but at  
this point I am 79. rs S 30 E of the  
Price and my distance likes 205  
rs of reaching the Price survey. so to  
reach the Price I would have to change  
my course and nearly double my dis-  
tance. The length of the Price ~~North~~ is

3138 rods - of the Pace 3038 so the Pace  
takes 179 rods of reaching the H.C. Coleman.  
The Position of McKinney & Williams<sup>2</sup> surveys  
are clearly established by a living bearing  
tree at the N.E. Cor of the 200 Acre survey  
& upon the positions of the two McKinney  
& Williams surveys and the J.M. Henrie  
the Reed D. Price depends for its position.  
The Henrie is well established by its  
connection with the J.F. McCollum and  
the above mentioned surveys also an  
old corner or rock & Mesquite bearing tree  
at his S.W. Cor. The Tong and the two  
Votaw surveys depend entirely upon the  
J.M. Henrie, and course & distance to es-  
tablish their corners as it is in an  
open prairie country and no bearings  
called for. It is true the Price calls  
for the University land but would have  
an excess of 540 rods to go to the university  
line and would there in running 8300  
cover the space occupied by a part of  
the G. Pace. The Price field notes at its  
S.W. Cor read "thence N60E at 520 rods a branch"  
letting the Price occupy the position given  
it by your sketch I came to sd branch  
at the proper distance, but from the uni-  
versity line to said branch would be 1060 rods  
instead of 520. So by giving the Price

survey its full course and distance you  
place its position said branch correct as the  
original surveyor calls in his field notes  
and still leaves 540 ns between the Price  
& University— 205 ns between the Price  
& Pace and 414 ns between the Tong and  
Pace on the west of Tong and 79 ns between  
the Tong and Pace on the south. and 151  
ns between the Pace and Votaw E. & W.  
and 322 ns between the Votaw and the  
Pace. north & south. From all the facts  
on the ground, after having run out  
all the adjoining surveys I consider  
the above strip to be vacant Public  
Domain. and different parties have  
settled on the same under the Home-  
stead law. I wish to submit the  
above report, or official statement to  
you. and if you consider the land  
vacant all or any part thereof I will  
then record and forward field notes. I send  
a sketch you made as it is so near cor-  
rect return same to me

Yours Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. M. Vaughan

C. Surveyor

Hill Co.

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Surveyor's statement filed

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880.

Rhoads Fisher,  
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