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Menard County
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W. T. Mc Connally
Comm. on
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County Surveyors Office

Monandville August 29th 1892.

Gen. W. L. Mc. Gaughy,
Comm. Gen. Land Office, Austin, Tex

2393

Dear Sir.

I write you this in order to get your instructions about how to run the South line of Menard County, in accordance with the Act of the 16th Legislature, Chapter 129, Section 8. The Commissioners Court ordered me to run the said line at right angles to the West line of the County and begin at the S^W corner made by Schuckard, and take the course from the last or 26th Mile run by him. By testing this (the 26th Mile) we found its distance to be 2025 vs. instead of 1900 and Mr. Vickrey the Surveyor from Kimble Co. who assisted, then insisted on getting the distance between the 25 and 24 Mile post also, this was found to have an excess of 32 vs, and he thereupon declared that he would not take Schuckard's Corner for the beginning before having investigated his work thoroughly along the whole line; that there would probably be an excess of 880 vs. on the 26 Miles and adding the 142 vs which the N.E. cor. of Menard Co. is South of the 75 Mile post in the Mc. Calloch Co. Which it would make the S^W cor. of Menard Co. over 1/2 Mile too far South; this were his reasons for objecting and which statement I am bound to confirm also; but as the Court had ^{not} authorized me to investigate the work already done, and in order to save unnecessary expenses to the Counties, we thought it better to postpone establishing the line until we could get your advise and have a better understanding with Kimble as well as

West to line

County (that established by Chuskaud) I have made an im-
portant connection to it as follows: beginning at the
S.E. cor. of E 24 - T. W. N. Q. of Co. Survey Bl. 16 and NW cor. of B 28 - G. H. & S. A
Co. Bl. E from Cedar 7" bro. N 31 3/4 W 21 3/4 - Cedar 9" bro. N 4 1/2 E 30 m -
then N 51 66 m and W 2882 m to the SW cor. of County &

Please let me hear from you at your earliest
convenience

Very respectfully

Arthur Striegler.

I Arthur Striegler County Surveyor of
Neward and Schleicher Counties hereby certify
that the foregoing report is correct and true
and that the connections herein contained was
obtained from actual measurements on the ground.

Arthur Striegler.

C. S. M. & S. Co's.

Wm Bramlette Esq.
Chief Clerk Jus Land Office
Austin Tex.

Surveyor Office Menardville December 4th / 1892.

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Dear Sir: In answer to yours of the 23^d ult. will state that I have now just run the desired line on my own account in order that you may get a correct knowledge of the most east part of our County (Menard). In my previous reports there must be error of 2 or 3000 in mistaking down south but I cannot discover who made it because these lines were surveyed with four different sets of chain carriers (From the Nth cor. of N^o 36 Julius Trauth to NW cor. of N^o 40 the true Appel Spring is only 1740m) and from said Nth cor. of N^o 36 in all E. total distance to a point of intersection of the line between Sth cor. of N^o 9 H & T. Co. and Sth Wth cor. of N^o 132 H. Vanner is only 12723m) and from this point the said Vanner Cor. is S 6220m) (and allowing about 54m. for bad chaining (the eastern part of County being fearful brushy) would reduce the figures to the same as those on the N^o Co. line (12723 - 54 = 12669m); from the said Nth cor. of N^o 36 of Trauth N to Co. line is 9834m. (but from the Vanner cor. to a point 252m E. of Nth cor. of the County is 3 Miles and 871m, which seems would leave a survey snatch here of 871 - 492 = 378m. There cannot be any doubt about the identity of the Vanner corner, although not being in possession of its field notes) I have the proof from the cor. 4 Miles farther S the Nth cor. of N^o 111 Arnold ^{distance 87600m} ~~Smith~~ which is very plain and distance from here to river bank of old ^{Nth cor. N^o 111 distance 87110} ~~and~~ is one mile and 1855m, this last line was surveyed 10-12 times for a case suit now pending in the Supreme Court. The Sth cor. of N^o 99 H & T. Co. g.c. must be determined with reference to the Sth cor. of Causho Co. Survey N^o 2 Alexander, Coain, Harris & Brooks (which is the beginning to the Black) and the NW cor. of N^o 1419 identified by the Co. Surveyor from Causho Co. where running the Menard Co. North line which I think is given correctly in the Co. Line field notes 3304m N and 2715m E. of the 3 Mile post. If further information is needed write again.

Yours truly

Arthur Staigler.
C. S. M. & S. Co.

county 31519

Menard Co. Sk. File # 18

Surveyors Office Merandville Jan. 5th 1893.

W. H. Warner Esq
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of

The 22^d notes have been received and carefully considered; I went down to the big bend 8 miles below Merandville to ascertain if that bend is half a mile out of the way on the old map also but I found it correct and in the right place. I send you a sketch that will explain all the better, I saw accounts for all of it, but it will take more than one volume before I could finish and it is by no means an easy matter to understand. The Meanders of river is correct as I gave it on the strip of paper sent you long ago, but a great deal of humbug has been sent to the Land Office that does not exist and the ground at all, My theory is that Giddings, in locating the long surveys up to beyond MacKasett on north side of river, must have lost the field notes of the two first (N^o 1429 and 1430) and finding it out afterwards, instead of correcting his work on the ground he substituted the two last on the west side (N^o 1503 and 1504) for this do not call for the Meanders of river but goes across on the south side and the river here looks as big as anywhere below. The places on my sketch of Meanders also show the points on south side of river where the land lines from that side meet the river this are also correct, ^{from} at the SW cor. of 183 or SE cor. of 1503 at old Co. line the connection to NW cor. of 183 - of J. Deag is 7700, and 183 to the river here being about 6000 as said; from here down river the survey on the south side drops back on accounts of the smaller excesses ~~of~~ ^{of} N^o 1478, SW cor. to NW cor. N^o 275 is about 4400, and 1000 as W and right here the big bend and N^o 1478 begins; from here east many surveys on south side are deficient in easting as the N^o 244

Jacob Metzger Survey from S W to S E cor. (both corners granted) is only 850⁰⁰ and this 100⁰⁰ shortage extends south as far as four miles, (the NW cor. of sec 241 being about 150 a 200⁰⁰ W of S W cor. N: 14 48 on the north side of river,) between the big bend ^{and 100⁰⁰ W} ~~five~~ miles west of town Menardville and and the bend 5 miles E of town there are some very big excursions in many places as well as on the north side of the river also, which the sketched sketch shows, and many lines run 2-3 degrees out of course, generally to the right. The east line of S: 59⁰⁰ line = Secum as I made it was 3590⁰⁰ long instead of 3148⁰⁰ (the length in the field notes of that line); being alone and the weather looking unfavorable I could only take the distances by stepping and could only be out two days, but it was done with sufficient accuracy to satisfy myself that the ^{said} bend between S: 59 and 171 is in the right place on the map.

Yours truly

Arthur Striegler.

C. S. M. Co.

No 59 John Findeman of Big Bend E of Menardville
 is 3590⁰⁰ instead of 3148⁰⁰ as called for in notes
 see this letter -

Answered by Warren June 17th 1893

Menardville Texas
Hon. W. S. McLaughrey June 12th 1893
Commissioner

Dear Sir

I have received Communications from J. H. Payne Esq. of St. Louis Mo. Concerning the resurveying of The Potomac Sur^y Nos 15 & 16 in the N W Cor of the County.

He informs me that Mr Hill (the owner) has sent to you for a working Sketch To enable me to do the work.

I understand from Mr A. Strigler my predecessor that the work of the State Surveyor's (Williams) work in Block No 2 has been disapproved by you.

If so, will you please, in making out the working Sketch make Sketch showing the beginning of Block No 2, and how the South tier of Sur^y in Block 2. Stand in reference to the Surveys of the Block South of it. And please mark all the corners of Sur^y with Bearings, on the South, North, East & West, of Nos 15 & 16. So that if should be necessary I can check the work to determine the true amount of any vacant lands if any adjoining the

Menard Co P.S. Was State Surveyor Williams Work in Blk No 2 -
Part of Approved by R.M. Hall. J.M.K.
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aforsaid Surveys Nos 15 & 16 -

P. There are parties here wanting to file Homestead Applications, and to purchase lands supposed to be vacant adjoining ^{on} the East Side of Block 2 and West of the I & N. O. R.R. Cos Surveys Nos 42 & 43 &c lying east of said Block No 2. (And if there is a vacancy there will it not be necessary to begin at the Beginning Cor of J H Gibson Sur No 1 and run West - so as to determine the West lines of the aforsaid Secs Nos 42 & 43) (as well as E from Beginning of Blk 2.)

There is a vacancy East of Block 2 but none West of 42 & 43 into RR Co

working in this year

And there is another point I wish to call your attention to wit. on the map there appears to be a vacant piece of land lying West of the Geo Dippel Sur No 460 in Lyvey's Dist No 4 I have run four connecting lines from Montels, Corners on the South ^{from} intersecting I R R Cos S 277. Two lines intersecting the I A Rolston Pre. and have just returned from running a connecting line between the S.E. Cor^r of the John Krugel Sur No 127 to the Geo Dippel Sur No 460. I find that J F Dexters Tyler Sap R R Co Sur No 17, laps on the Dippel ^{No} 460, 165^{1/2} Acs or entirely covers the supposed ^{vacancy} South of G. C. & S. F. R R Co Sur No 461. Please Notice Field Notes of Seth Mabry Sur No 28 & 28^{1/2}, adjoining the I A Rolston Sur -

Montel District

Respectfully
S M Kitchens
Co Sur^{or} M & Co

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Menardville Texas

June 24th 1893

Hon

W L McGaughey
Com^{mdr} G. S. O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst - to hand, also a letter from Mr Hill containing sketch.

In your sketch as drawn you represent the Pointview Sur^{veys} No^s 15 & 16 to conflict with the ^{North} East Line & Red River Co's Sur^{veys} No^s 133 & 134 something about 633⁵/₈ Vrs

Then in your remarks interlined in red ink you say 562 Vrs & also from N W cor. S. W. N G Sur No 15 to N. E. cor of E. L. & R. R. Co Sur No 4^m 133⁸/₈ Vrs However I found State Surveyor Williams Field Notes with certified Map of the C. H. & S. A. R. R. Co's Block B. Approved by R. M. Hall. With Seal attached.

And I see there is a line of corners on N lines of Sur^{veys} 11, 12, 13 & 14. With bearing at each. And only two miles S. of N lines of 133 & 134 which will determine S line of Pointview Sur 15 & 16. Then by the aid of N. E. Cor of 128. The E line can be established. And their inter-

will establish Beginning Cor of the
Pointent Sur 15. The Vacancy you
wrote to Mr Payne ^{about} On the West is the strip
lying N & W of the C.C.S.D. & R.G. N.A. R.R. Co Sur
17 & 18. And connecting on the
S with A.B. & M. Sur 93. The strip
between Surd 17 & 18. adjoining Point 10
on the W. & the Surd Nos 1 & 2 Wm. Isbel
I suppose is a bout 770 vrs wide
& N of 18. Strip about 542 vrs. If this
is not correct please inform ^{me} at once
As the parties seem in a hurry for
the work. But I want to fully under
stand the situation before going to
work. X Please turn to field Notes
of Seth Mabry's Surd Nos 28 & 28½ lying
S & E & W. of the S A Robson pre
And then turn to Field notes of Re Sur-
vey of I. R. R. Co's Sur N° 278. Made for
Seth Mabry. Then if you are not satis-
fied there is conflict of 475 vrs. between
Dist-7 & 4. Write me and I will take
pleasure in making out Field note of
a recent line run from S. E. John Krugel
No 127. N to an intersection of S line of
Geo Dipple Sur 440. at this point conflict
exceeds 475 vrs

Answered June 29
1893
M. H. Warren

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Menardville Texas

W L McLaughry July 5th 1893
Commissioner

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult received
I send you field notes of a late
Survey as made for Mr Doney -
Which show that the T. T. R.R. Co's Sur 17
will be shoved so far North that there
is not possibly a strip of Vacancy of
any value at this time existing between
it and the G. O & S. F. R.R. Co's Sur No
401 - John S Dexters field notes of
the T. T. R.R. 17. ~~It~~ begins at the
N. E. Cor of Hooper & Wade Sur
No 9. And it is not known here that
there has ever been a resurvey of
that section. 402. Will certainly
be found to conflict with a like
one with H & W. No 9.

You did not exactly understand
me in regard to Williams Cor of
Sur No 12 - It appears that Williams
N & S lines are 1900 yards. And that
the excesses are only in his E & W
lines. He reports true variation as
9° 25' E in Dec 1889. He also states that
He adopted 8° 50' E as the proper var

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To allow to retrace the Old Colony Sur.
 Now Mr Williams really makes the
 true course of N lines $N, 0^{\circ} 35' E$ -
 Now this is different in all of my
 experience in retracing Old lines
 in the Colony work. I have found
 a course of $N 1^{\circ} E$ to be very near
 the general average of the departure
 from a due N course. This true
 Variation reported for the extreme
 western part of the county, is not
 exactly in accord with my observa-
 tions in Dec 1887. The var on Sur No
 1491 N Bank of Sandaba was $9^{\circ} 36'$;
 At Menardville, Var in 1887, in Dept
 by two Observations of Polaris - one
 at Greatest Eastern & other at Greatest
 Western Elongation both being $9^{\circ} 30'$
 E , deducting $2'$ per annum will be
 now about $9^{\circ} 18' E$ at Menardville
 and $9^{\circ} 24' E$, North of McKavett.
 I also find that at my home
 nine miles E of Menardville the
 Variation in the Spring of 1887 the
 Variation was $10^{\circ} 4' E$. Now Var is
 $9^{\circ} 30' E$. I have made it a special
 rule to measure the distance of separ-
 ature in all lines run by me where
 old corners are found. And by this
 practice have arrived very near to
 the general courses of old lines that
 were actually run.

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I farther see that Mr Schupardt in his field notes of County lines estimates True Variation during the period of that work as $9^{\circ} 25'$ E. I also see that he keeps ~~the~~ the County lines at a uniform distance from the Land Corners. . . . Now something must be wrong in this - he certainly did not run the County lines due W. or due S. Now I find that the Surveyors formerly paid very little attention to the Variation at different points of their field of work. Now I have stated this much on this subject. because I think that it has been a custom to report a false Variation in many instances and also to strive harder to get their work nice on paper so their field notes will stand inspection - whether the work was done on the ground or not - Now as you say, if I run from the Ed Wilder Sur N 6 miles on the right Variation, I will ^{be} at the right point to establish the corner A B & M 93 - Now what is the right

Var., Shall I run on the true variation,
or so as to have these lines to run due N
and S. or shall I adopt Mr Williams'
theory and run N. 0° 35' E or shall
I adopt a general average course of
the Old Colony Surveys, My motto is that
ascribed to "Davy Crockett," Be sure that I
am right then go ahead. Therefore your
ruling on this point is especially desired.

I return sketch of S. E. part of
County, with lines drawn in red ink so
as to show the four connecting lines run
by me; I see that you make the E. J. McGowan
Sur No 28 conflict with 462. This certainly does
not exist on the ground. Now Mr Geo. W. Dexter
was a very nice hand in calling for connections
on paper. The N line of No 28. Begins at
at the N. E. Cor of A. Rolston pre. Thence E
370 yrs to a Stone Mound made for the cor
of School Sur No 462. This Stone Mound was
found when I made the survey for Seth
Mabry and was identified by Mr Burnum
who was Mr Mabry's Manager, from the eviden-
ces on the ground Dexter ran no farther S
than this Mound, and the call for corners
on S line of 462 was office work and was
never made on the land. It is a great
misfortune to the people that former Commission-
ers permitted any such work. Please answer
soon in reference to variation to adopt for
work in N. W. Cor of County.

Respectfully
J. M. Kitchens Co Sur^{or}

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Menardville Texas

July 5th 1893

Field Notes of a Survey made for
B. F. Doney, in Menard County Texas
to ascertain South boundary line of a
Supposed piece of Vacant Public lands
lying North of Tyler Sap R.R. Co's Sur-
No 17, which is also the North Boundary
line of the said S. T. R.R. Co's Sur No
17. Situated in Menard Co about 16
miles S. E. of Menardville Texas

Beginning at a Stone Mound 1900 vrs
North of the S. E. Corner of the John Krugel
Sur No 127. This Stone Mound was made
by me for the N. E. corner of the said
John Krugel Sur. 127, in a resurvey
of said lands for Mrs Ann Giddings
during my former term in Co. Surveyors
Office. The field notes of which resurvey
is not now before me - Thence N
along the West line of the H. Sankoff
Sur No 124, 440 vrs a dry branch run-
ning an easterly course 640 vrs another
dry branch running E. 1060 vrs ^{another Br} runs
S. E. 1540 vrs cross summit of the
Sandaba & Llano divide, 1730 vrs
a little draw runs N. W. & Spanish Oak
growth 1900 vrs Made small Stone Mnd for

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a witness point, from which to search for
the Old cor for N.W. of Bankopf 124. And
S.E. cor Werman Meyer No 125. found no
bearings, but plenty of Sp. O. growth.
Thence N for E line W Meyer Sur No
125. 50 vs B line of Wheeler's pasture
fence, from this point E 30 vs An Old
Stone Mound from which a dead S.O.
Stump about 7 in dia Bears N 6. vs
a cluster of Sp. O. Sprouts around Stump
but no marks visible on Stump another
cluster of Older Sp. O. Sprouts surround
ing the roots of an Old Sp. O. which
in time has been burned down level
with ground This cluster ^{br} S 36° E 4 1/2 vs
Beginning again at fence 50 vs N
of Witness point aforesaid N on the
aforesaid E line H Meyer Sur 480 vs
from said Witness Point a branch, 20 vs
E of its mouth in 5 mile creek, 670 vs
E bank 5-mile creek, 1630 vs London &
Brady City road. 1900 vs, Center of 5-
mile creek, made another Stone Md for
a witness point, from which Dr Lewis'
Will, brs S 45° E 9 vs, Thence N
on E line S. S. R. R. Co's Sur No 17. And
West line, 60 5/4 vs. South line of The

Geo Dippel Sur No 460. As established
by Arthur Striegler former Co Sur^r of
Menard Co. And Mr Wursley Co. Sur^r
of Mason, Co. The point of intersection
on the S line of the Geo Dippel Sur is
161 rods E of the S W Cor^r ^{of the Dippel Sur} as established
by the Aforesaid Striegler & Wursley
Mag. Var. Allowed $8^{\circ} 45' E$.

I J. M. Kitchens County Surveyor
of Menard County do hereby Certify
that the above and foregoing
field Notes are correct as actually
made on the ground, and that
the Chainmen G. W. Cooper and
W. W. Cooper were by me duly sworn
and instructed in duty. And as
far as in my power to observe, they
faithfully discharged their duty
and the axesmen cleared the line
of brush, and that no allowance
was made for lop of distance in chain
ing. And I farther certify that the
measurements on this line shows the con-
flicts at this point; exist at three other
points where I have run connecting
lines. One line Beginning at the S W
Cor^r of Krugel Sur No 128. Connecting
with N Line of A. Rolston P^r. Another
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Beginning at the S. E. cor of the
Conrad Richard's Sur No 130,
connecting with south line of the
L A Rolston Pre, and another
line beginning at the N. W.
cor of the 320 acre Sur No 7, I & N. O.
R. R. Co, and connecting with N line
of Indianola R R Co's Sur No 277 -
And that different ^{men} chainmen were
employed ~~at~~ each time run
Given under my hand, this the
5th day of July 1893
J. M. Kitchens
Co Surveyor M^d Co

Memorandum as
connecting line
in S E portion of
Memorandum as by 18
J M Kitchens

Menardville Texas

July 22nd 1893

W L Mc Gaughy
Comm^r Genl S. O.

Dear Sir

Yours recieved, with Sketch
of the difficulties pertaining to
To the Tyler Saps No 17. &c

If reports already sent up
is not sufficient to satisfy you
I would recommend a Suspension
on Map, for it certainly should be
desireable to have a correct map,
As the work in Office is so very small
I can not bear the expence of running
test lines, Only when paid for by my
patron in Official work - And as
I have realized only about \$50⁰⁰ since
Feb. therefore if you have any means
subject to such purposes. I will be
please to run as many lines as you

desire. And will guarantee as
as good work as any man in
the State, It seems to me that Mr Groos
rather insinuates that because I am
partial to Pasture men, if so. I can
inform him that he can relieve his
Mind from any such thoughts.

I am under a ten thousand
dollar bond, and business will have
to improve if I realize \$200⁰⁰
during the two years for ^{which} I am appoin-
-ted. As to the County lines, you are
well aware I have nothing to do
until the Commissioners Court may
see fit to employ me. - Yet I would
like to see the work properly done,
but I nor no other Surveyor can do
the work as required by law for
less than \$3⁰⁰ per mile. And here where
nearly all the land surveys on the
North, West, & greater part of the
South were never made on the grou-
nd. a Surveyor can not more than
clear expenses.

Mr Payne writes me that Dr Hill
has declined to have the Pointvant
Sur^s 15 & 16. resurveyed: he objects to
my charges - which is \$3⁰⁰ per mile
for every mile that may be actually
necessary to run. Which in his case
under your directions would be
about 19 miles,

I run the E line of C. L. R. R. R. Co
Sur No 76. which W line J H Gibson No 26.
Beginning at the S. W. Cor of H Brands Sur
No 1876. being one of State Surveyor
Williams' identified Cor^s, ran South
on supposed variation 8° 45' E. This is an
old blazed line. as I proceed S I grad-
ually left the Old line to my right - at
1728 fms. found Old Stone Mound and
one Old Bearing Tree standing my
departure C. was 6³/₄ fms. so I find that
8° 30' will retrace this Old Colony line
If Schubart was right on the Var - 9° 25'
in 1891. Var now 9° 20.6' E - 8° 33' E = 47.6'
True Course of this line is No. 47.6' E -

Respectfully

A. M. Kitchens
Co Sur

1027H

Menardville Texas

Apr 14th 1894

W. L. McGaughey,
County Surveyor -

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 10th inst
to hand and contents noted.

Of Mr Strigler's Meanderings
of the river, I know nothing of my
own personal knowledge - But
from what the citizens, who saw Mr.
Strigler at work Meandering the
river, I am compelled to say, that
his work is certainly very imperfect
so much so that it can not be relied
upon - but as the most of the Old bear-
ings on the North side of the river
above the Old Spanish Fort are
obliterated, and as Giddings's was
very careless in all his work, making
some of his corners very near the river
and others farther off, even some
some so far as 150 varas. from
the river. And as these surveys are
very irregular in width, therefore
in my opinion, a true map can
not be made until the river
is correctly Meandered and

See 1476. Peter's map 3-2049 will have
to remain as on the map. The sketch on
the field notes shows what the intention of the
Surveyor was at the time & Comptroller's cost
the sketch accompanying Gulce's notes was

disputes Strigler's
Meanderings

Missing Corners reestablished -
 There have been quite a number
 of Corners and Bearings made by
 by Messrs Bieberting, J. A. Dexter
 Clark & Cummings, Sam Wade and
 G. W. Dexter, I have run over Con-
 siderable of the Work of each of
 the aforesaid Surveyors and I find
 that each one of them allowed too
 great a Variation East to retrace
 the Old Work. It seems to me,
 now, after about ten years inves-
 tigation that none of my pred-
 essors or Successor have given
 the Subject of Magnetic Variation
 any Serious Study. Hence when
 you get any work from me, you
 need not compare my work with
 theirs except in such instances as
 where they made Locations and
 made Corners and Bearings, in these
 instances, I must retrace their Work
 but in retracing the Old Colony
 work I make every effort to retrace
 them independent of any of
 my predecessors intervening between
 me and that work.

I will now call your especial
Attention to the Peter Arnold Surveys
 Nos 1475 & 1476. The Elm Bearing
 Tree for the S. E. cor of 1475 is now
 standing, and can not be successfully
 disputed. Now run N the distance
 called for the E line of 1475. Thence
 West ¹⁴⁷⁵ 1425 vrs. Thence S the
 distance called for and you strike
 the river as shown upon the Map.
 Then from this point run N
 the distance called for the East
 line of 1476. Thence West 475 vrs
 Thence S the distance called for
 the West line of 1476. You strike
 the river in the big bend as shown
 on the map. From this point up
 the river to the S W cor of the Gottlieb
 Knauer Sur No 1491, as shown on
 the Map, but which is really the
 S W corner of the Thomas Keating
 Sur No 1489. The call of the field notes
 from 1476 to 1489 fits the meanders of
 the river almost exactly.

This work was done in 1887. To
 find Sur No 1491 for Jas Milligan
 who was living on 1489, and had
 bought Sur No 1491, thinking that

his improvements were on 1491. I informed ^{him} that according to my judgment his land ^{lay} a half a mile farther up the river; he said that if it did he would not have it. So my work stopped at this point. I reported to Mr R M Hall, who was Commissioner at that time, he requested me to extend my survey up to the S.W. Cor of 1496 & if not found to extend my work up to S.W. Cor of 1502. and see if there was room for all the surveys. So as to allow 1476 to stand as represented on the map I offered my services free of charge to the citizens at McKavett and vicinity provided any of ^{the} land owners would furnish the hands - this was a standing offer up to Apr 1890. at which time I resigned - About two or months ago. I was called on by Mr Chas. Chapman to survey No 1476. upon which he thought he was living, he carried me to what had been pointed out to him for the S.W. Cor of 1496. From ^{which} a Burr tree was standing with marks indicating to my mind as having been made by J. F. Dexter. The tree, course & distance

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P.S. The Commissioners Court Meets in Special Session on the 23rd inst. And I was notified by the County Judge to attend as it was quite likely the Court take some action in reference to the County Lines. If they do I will give you notice J. M. K. J. M. K.

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is contrary to the Call of Field notes, I run around the South halfth the survey, and found that the S.W. Cor was 700 varas farther South than the S.E. Cor, and that the Field Notes of the Xavier Meyer Sur No. 1494 would fit in this bend of the river - I told Mr. Champie I thought he was certainly one half mile to far down the river, But as he had bought this particular bend of the river with considerable improvements, he did not care to have any other survey made, I then renewed my previous offer to Mr. Champie and any other persons, who might wish to have this matter investigated but up to this time no one cares to accept the offer, I found the Menard & Slicker Co line running through Mr. Champie's premises.

This includes all my work in that portion of the County. Mr. Jonathan Miles, having bought a Quit Claim Title to 1477 & 1478. Wanted to finish Mr. Bevans, who owns 1476, and occupies the bend of the river as shown on the Maps, farther down the river, Mr. Miles had his son in law, who I understand, was County Surveyor of Coleman Co. Surveying about a month in that vicinity, after a time Mr. Miles sold his claim to Mr. Bevans, then Mr. Miles told me that my work was right.

Respectfully
J. M. Kitchener
Co. Sur

Menardville Texas

May 14th 1894

W W Warren Esq
Draftsman

Dear Sir

The lines on the South Side of the river near my place are much longer east & west than on the North Side. The N.E. Cor of the J.P. Keller Sur No 157 is about 80 vrs West of the S.W. Cor of the J J Benner Sur No 68 & the N.W. Cor of Theodore Schilde Sur No 137. is about 200 vrs West of the S.W. Cor of the G H Niemi Sur 118.

The Jas Ferguson Sur No 173 on the South Side of the river is only 850 vrs wide. The East line of the Christian Busch Sur No 195 is 1350 vrs instead of 350 vrs as called. The East line of the Jacob Marburger Sur No 22. is 1640 vrs instead of 2146 as called for.

This is about all I now think of that will be of any interest. Please say to the Commissioner that I have not done any work near the S.W. Cor of McCulloch.

County, Since the County lines has been establish-
ed. And having never been at said corner
have no connections therewith to report =
The State Surveyor Williams's report of the
Condition of the Old Colony work on the
North Side of the river in the Western part
of the County, is applicable to all the work
in Menard County. And hence con-
siderable work will have to be done
before a correct map is possible.

Respectfully

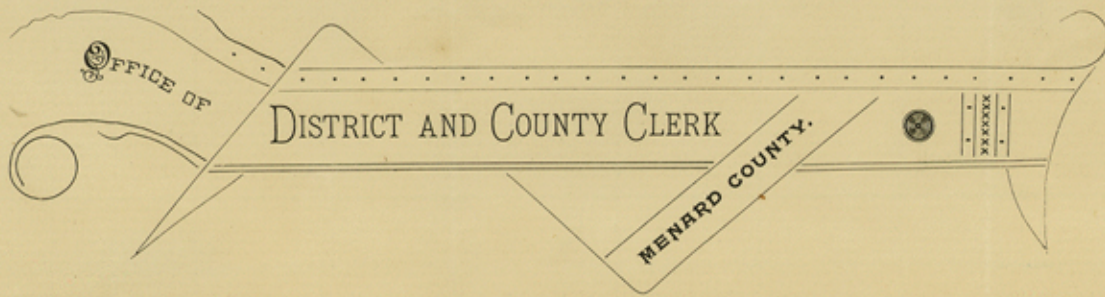
J. M. Kitchens

P.S. The County Court is now in
Session, I have called their attention
to the County lines. If they do anything
irreferent thereto I will inform
you.

Respy
J. M. Kitchens

Co Survr Md Co

You will see that $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the South
Side is nearly equal to 4 miles on the North
Side



Jos. J. Callan, Clerk.

Hooper

Menardville, Texas, May 26th 1894

Hon. H. L. McLaughlin, Comr.
Austin Tex.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 22nd
inst. in regard to suit in Dist. Court
relative to sur. 101 + 106 Hooper + Wade
to hand, - This Case has been
disposed of, by the Pepps, taking
a Non Suit, hence the judgement
does not establish the location
of these surveys.

Yours Respt
Jos J. Callan

with Sutton County also, who are equally inter-
 ested in the corner in ^{question} Question. Mr Vickrey
 said they would have a called meeting of their Coun-
 Court together with Sutton Co. immediately and
 would investigate the line already run which
 will be reported to your Office in a few days; our
 County judge as well as the Court assured me
 that the North and West lines, had both been
 approved of by the Land Office and that there was
 no risk in running from the S W corner es-
 tablished by Schuckard.

Just while writing this report I received your
 letter of the 22^d inst. which realized all my antici-
 pations;— I do not know of any conflict existing
 in the surveys you mention near the NW cor. of the
 County and believe there cannot be any except that
 in first tier of Sections along the County line
 now in Caucha Co. which are short 700 vs. from N to
 S it is all the N^s 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