

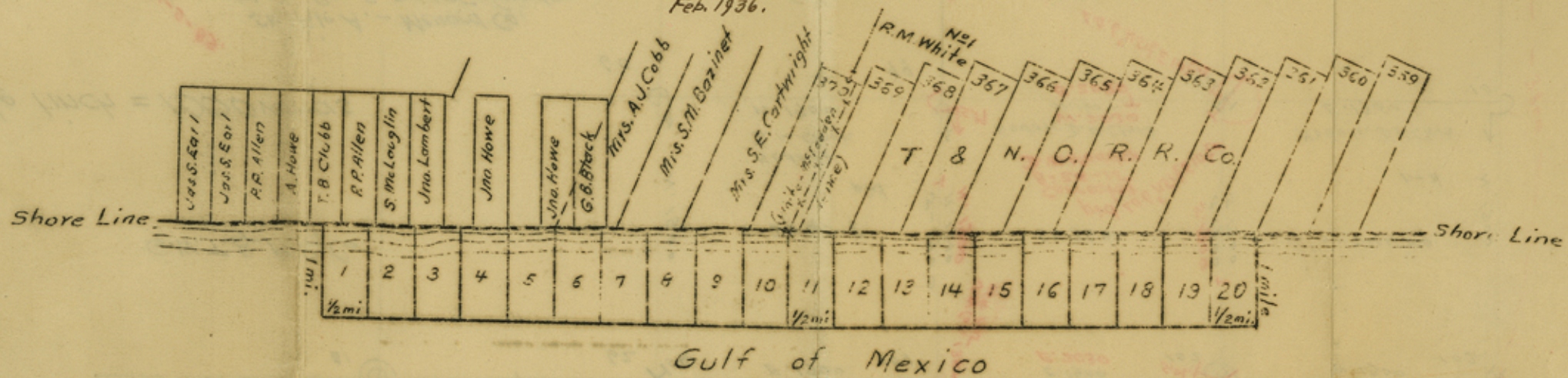
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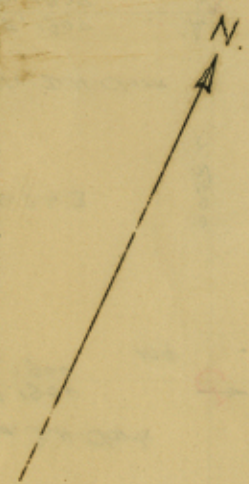
Office Sketch showing

Hooper & Wade ~~SURVEYS~~ JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Map Showing
 20 SUBMERGED TRACTS IN GULF OF MEXICO
 Jefferson County, Texas.
 FOR MINERAL LEASE
 35 miles S 20° W of Beaumont
 Scale: 1 inch = 3000 yards
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE
 Austin, Texas. May 1934.



Hooper & Wade Surs.
 N.W. Corner Menard Co.
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Messrs. Hartgraves, Swaim and Swaim
Eden
Texas

Gentlemen:

I have taken up and investigated the matter which I discussed with you when you were in the office last Monday. At that time you left with me a sketch and report by Mr. Thomas F. Jackson of Paint Rock, Texas, which was addressed to you under date of February 1; also corrected field notes for Surveys Nos. 104 and 105, Hooper and Wade, situated in the NW portion of Menard County. These papers were not filed as they were left here only for preliminary examination.

After reading Mr. Jackson's report and referring to information on file, I have reached the conclusion that the construction of these Hooper and Wade surveys can correctly begin from Surveys 143 and 144, EL&RR RYCO, block to the North. It would seem that D. H. Clark made the field notes of the Hooper and Wade surveys before he made those surveys to the North in said EL&RR block. Also, the Hooper and Wade field notes were filed in the Land Office before the EL&RR field notes. It is quite evident that the Hooper and Wade survey is an office survey, and when Clark went on the ground in February, 1878, and marked the corners of said Surveys 143 and 144, etc., it is really the first time he ^{was} on the ground. His calls in Nos. 143, 144, etc., for the Hooper and Wade surveys, should very possibly be interpreted as being the first actual survey of these premises for these surveys. Accordingly, I believe it is proper to locate the East and West lines of No. 106, Hooper and Wade, from the corners to the Northward of Section 143, which Mr. Jackson reports he has found.

Now as to the North and South lines of this section and of Sec. 104, as well as the ~~East~~ and ~~West~~ lines of the latter, I believe further information desirable before committing myself to the proper construction of these surveys.

What I have said above applies to the three sections Nos. 104, 105, and 106. From what Maddox wrote, he found the NE

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corner of No. 9, AB&M, and the SE corner of No. 143 heretofore mentioned, and found it to be two miles North and two miles West between these two corners. If this be true, then I do not see cause for placing excess in Sections 104 and 105.

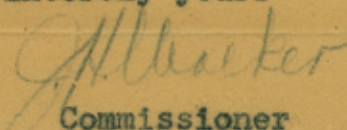
On the other hand, the common line of 104 and 105 could be projected Southward from the SE corner of Sec. 144, if the latter can be properly determined. I believe the field notes of 144 do not call for bearing trees at that point. Consequently, it seems advisable to me that a connection from the work already done should be made to the NE corner of AB&M No. 9. It is true that only a rock mound is called for by the field notes here, but Maddox says he found it. I agree with Mr. Jackson in believing that Maddox's measurements were anything but accurate.

If it should develop that No. 105 has an excess acreage of over 640 acres, a new patent could not be issued including that excess. Field notes may be submitted, however, to indicate this excess if it is desired to correct the abstract so that the assessor's records of Menard County will indicate the amount of excess found.

I am returning herewith sketch and report, as well as two sets of field notes.

If you can get the additional information referred to, and desire that I go into the matter again, I shall be glad to do so upon request.

Sincerely yours



Commissioner

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