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Midland, Texas
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Hon. Bascom Giles,
Commsr Gen Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have had long and varied acquaintance with the pre-emption surveys in Southwestern Midland County. I find that there are few or no corners to these tracts of land described in the field notes that are of such a character that they could, for long withstand the ravages of time, there are no, really locative bearings, few natural objects called for and the corners called for are not of a permanent nature.

There are a few old fence lines and signs of others that have been taken away, and once in a while a few scattered stones or an old stake lying on the ground in testimony of the place where a corner once stood.

Along the North line of B.F. Reed No. 2. I find evidence of an old fence line, old and rather deep trails along the full length, some pieces of wire and old staples lying on the ground, and at the N.W. corner of the B.F. Reed No. 2. I find a number of scattered stones, all small but the only ones in the vicinity, also an old stake was found near by, it appears to be of hickory, or some hard wood of the same nature. Taking this as the corner I find that it fits, with a few varas excess a fence on the East of the B.F. Reed, also at a quarter mile south on this fence we strike another fence going East along South of S.T. Dawson No. 1. and No. 2, a distance of 1919.4 varas here we strike another fence going North at right angles which stops at 3/4 of a mile, here a fence goes West at right angles along a line dividing the North and South halves of the Mrs C. Moore No. 2. This fence was taken by Mr Bucey when he made the field notes for the North 1/2 of the said Mrs C. Moore No. 2.

On these meager facts, though in my judgment conclusive I locate the B.F. Reed No. 2. also the two S.T. Dawson tracts and the Mrs C. Moore.

There are no conflicting claims between the land owners in this locality, that I know of. Dividing fences are on, or very near the lines I ran.

The reason for the location of these pre-emption surveys not being the called distance on the ground from the S.E. corner of section 12, Blk. 38 Tsp. No. 2 South may be explained by the fact that the original surveyor did not know where this corner was on the ground but only where it should be in his own mind.

Fact is these preemption surveys started on the West line of Block 38, There are a good deal of East-West excess in Block 38, so the pre-emption surveys building on to the eastward did not use all the excess in Blk. 38, and consequently fell behind, or West when they reached the S.E. corner of section 12, hence the difference is bound to show up on the ground.

Very truly yours

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Site No. 13

MIDLAND County

Report by R. E. Estes
see Roll. St. #1

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