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SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A GROUP
OF SURVEYS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS.

The area under examination consists of the following surveys:

Bennett Blake	by W. M. Rankin	1835
David Stewart	" J. M. Wade	1844
Ezekial Foster	" "	1846
Orson Shaw	" "	1839
Martin P. Clark	" "	1845
E. J. Arnold	" "	1840
Sam'l. Arnold	" "	1866
Peter Whitaker	" "	1838
Sam'l. Bricker	" "	1845
Francis F. Harms	" "	1867
Wm. Brooks	" "	1868
Elijah Votaw	" Jno. McQuary	1845
H. S. Williamson	" "	1845
Michael McMann(Francis W. Harms)	" "	1845
Coney Dease	by "	1845
Rob't. Gilbert	" "	1845
T. G. Stewart	" "	1846
Edw. Wrentmore	" "	1846
W. G. Vesey	" "	1846
Redding Roberts	" "	1846
J. C. Simmons	" J. L. Collard	1875
S. V. LaMothe	" "	1873
B. W. Wiggins	" L. Burns	1887
J. E. Lewis	" "	1882-1883
J. S. Oglesby	" "	1917
H. Pressler	" "	1915

Wade laid in the eight surveys; Whitaker, Stewart, Foster, Shaw, Clark, E. J. Arnold and S. Arnold, in the order named, tying the Stewart to the Whitaker by course and distance and building North from the Stewart and also South from the Stewart, and building the E. J. Arnold and Sam'l. Arnold North from the Whitaker and tying the E. J. Arnold to the Clark and also to the creek.

We find a 50 vara error in closure of the Wade notes. However, when we place the Bricker by honoring the beginning call ties to the Southwest corner of the Shaw and the creek crossing call on the Southeast line of the Shaw we find the apparent error in closure in the Clark notes calling for 566.7 varas beginning and passing call for Southeast corner of the Shaw. By correcting this call to 516.7 varas rather than 566.7 varas we check all of Wade's other creek crossing calls except on Northwest line of the Sam'l. Arnold; have a flat closure over all of his connected surveys and eliminate his conflicting with his own work.

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Wade's re-survey of the Wm. Brooks was to eliminate a conflict with the senior Bennett Blake. Wade calls for Isaac Garner's original corners though Wade is 24 varas shorter South-east and Northwest. By locating the Wm. Brooks from the Redding Roberts, senior to Wade's survey of the Wm. Brooks, you have a small triangular discrepancy at the Western re-entrant corner of the Redding.

Wade's survey of the Francis W. Harms was only a re-survey of the McMann by McCuary.

John McCuary and Deputy A. H. White laid down nine connected surveys. These surveys are all tied together by adjoiner calls and fit very nicely.

The McCuary system has a discrepancy to-wit: At the Western Northwest corner of the Votaw, he calls the same to be North 45° East 160 varas from the Southwest corner of the O. Shaw. This checks with previous calls for the location of the Southwest corner of the Shaw. McCuary's T. G. Stewart Survey begins at the North-east of the C. Dease, thence North 45° West, thus placing the Stewart and Wrentmore in conflict with the Shaw, Stewart and Foster by some 70 varas. By the same construction McCuary left a small triangular discrepancy at the Northeast corner of the Stewart; also a small triangular conflict at the Southwest corner of the McMann or Harms with the Bennett Blake, and the triangular discrepancy at the Western re-entrant corner of the Redding Roberts.

J. L. Collard in his notes of the LaMothe leaves the impression that this was an office survey.

Collard's position of the J. C. Simmons and its beginning call is rather ambiguous, in that the Bennett Blake and William Brooks lines are common here by call. If preference be given, the Blake line call then the Simmons has a triangular conflict with the South point of the Brooks and causes a discrepancy on the East of the Simmons, however, here there is an adjoiner call by the Oglesby.

Burns and Deputy Bybee, by their notes, reflect a failure of the Wiggins to reach the North line of the Votaw, however, there is an adjoiner call. His J. S. Oglesby Survey by calls solely conflicts with the Bennett Blake; does not reach the South and East lines of the Simmons or the South line of the Roberts, and different bearing trees are called for them in the senior surveys.

Burn's Pressler Survey is the last one in this area and is definitely a fill-in. Burn's survey and re-survey of the Lewis, also a fill-in survey, conflicts badly with nearly all of the adjoining senior surveys.

In the actual field work we have been unable to locate the original corners as identified by their bearing tree calls and have relied upon creek crossing, recognition and occupation in the form of marked lines and corners.

In the work on the ground we find two lines marked for the North line of the J. E. Lewis, the lower of the two fits the other surveys.

We find the North line of the Gilbert and Dease also marked in two positions. To me this indicates that resurveys have been made; some working from North to South, others from South to North, and our purpose is to correct the apparent discrepancies by filing corrected field notes for the Francis W. Harms, H. S. Williamson, Robert Gilbert, Conley Dease, Elija Votaw, T. G. Stewart

and J. C. Simmons in order to remove, we hope, once and for all, the excesses or conflicts occasioned by the dual system of re-location of the surveys involved, some being, as stated, relocated by some surveyors from North to South and by others from South to North.

As per the attached corrected field notes, the T. G. Stewart loses no acreage; the Harms, Williamson, Gilbert and Dease as a system gain, each in its proportionate part of the excess between the South line of the Harms and Williamson and the corrected South line of the T. G. Stewart. The Elija Votaw gains in acreage over its patented call, but all corners are found marked on the ground.

The Simmons is taken out of conflict with the Wm. Brooks. The Pressler and Roberts take their occupied position and many of the vague or erroneous calls are disposed of in this area.

Maps Nos. 5054-R - 5054-R-a and 5054-R-b attached and made a part of this report.

Yours very truly,

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