



General Land Office.

State of Texas.

Austin.

October 21, 1903.

JOHN J. TERRELL, COMMISSIONER.  
J. T. ROBISON, CHIEF CLERK.

S. P. 4439-Floyd county.

Judge Arthur B. Duncan,  
Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing application of Dave Sparks to purchase survey No. 313 numbered as above under the act of 1900, has been received. This application is suspended until we can ascertain whether or not Dave Sparks is the original purchaser of section 10, B. & B. and section 2, A. B. & M., as the sales of these two sections were made to D. C. Sparks. Please advise this office if D. C. and Dave Sparks are the same party. If they are the same party please have Mr. Sparks submit a statement signed by himself to this effect and oblige.

Very respectfully,

Hutchins -Ewing.

Commissioner.

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# General Land Office,

State of Texas.

Austin.

September 21, 1903.

CHARLES ROGAN, COMMISSIONER.  
J. J. TERRELL, CHIEF CLERK.

Mr. Dave Sparks,

Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your application to the County Surveyor of **Floyd** County, covering a survey of a tract of land, under the act of 1900, together with the field notes rendered in accordance therewith, calling for survey No. **313**, blk. No. **440.5** acres, have been received, examined and approved.

This land is not detached and is subject to sale as actual settler, or additional, under the terms of the act of 1900, and enclosed herein find blanks covering the purchase of same as either. This land is classified as **grazing** and valued at \$ **2.00** per acre.

When you send your application to purchase to this office you should at the same time remit to Hon. Jno. W. Robbins, State Treasurer, Austin, Texas, the sum of 1/40th of the total purchase price (in cash) based on the above valuation and acreage. Your application to purchase should be accompanied by your obligation for the remaining 39/40ths, as per form at bottom of application. This unpaid balance is subject to payment within forty years from the date of purchase, according to the provisions of the act of 1900, and bears interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

You have sixty days from the date of this notice within which to comply with the above instructions, and it would be greatly appreciated if you would facilitate matters as much as possible and exercise due care in handling the matter.

When corresponding with this office in regard hereto please refer to School File No. **4439**, **Floyd** County.

Very respectfully,

Ewing

Enc.

S. F. No. **4439**,

**Floyd**

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Hon. J. W. Robbins, State Treasurer,

*John Terrell*  
Commissioner.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
STATE OF TEXAS

JOHN J. TERRELL, COMMISSIONER  
J. T. ROBISON, CHIEF CLERK

*Austin*  
May 29, 1903.

S. F. 4439-Floyd County.

Mr. Tom P. Stein,  
Co. Surveyor of Floyd Co.,  
Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 19th inst., beg to advise that I am returning you herewith your sketch. It does not show the connections required. What is the course and distance as found by measurements made by you on the ground between the original N.E. corner of 26, Chas. Goodnigh and the original N.E. corner of L. B. & B. and how did you find and identify each of these original corners? The answer to these questions are the facts your sketch should show. The information will be necessary before any action can be taken on the application of Dave Sparks (S.F. 4439) and others. Please prepare a sketch showing this connection, giving some care to appearance, and place certificate on same sheet of paper with sketch so that it may be filed as a permanent record with other papers pertaining to the Sparks' claim.

Very respectfully,

Hunnicuttt (JFE)  
Mr. Dave Sparks Floydada, Texas.

Commissioner.

This carbon is for your information.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
STATE OF TEXAS

JOHN J. TERRILL, COMMISSIONER  
J. T. ROBINSON, CHIEF CLERK

*Austin*

April 28th, 1903.

---S.F.4439, Floyd Co---

County Surveyor of Floyd County,  
Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:--Referring to the above file number which covers a survey of land made under the act of 1900 for Dave Sparks, Survey No.3131, 440.5 acres, beg to advise you that action on same has been suspended for the reason that the following corrections and information is necessary before any favorable disposition can be made on the same: You will have to furnish this office with a complete certified sketch and connecting line between A.B.& M. Blk.1 on the west, the Chas. Goodnight surveys 26 &c. on the east and north, B.& B. Blk.1 & I.R.R. Co. sur.2 and M.C.Co. surveys 64 and 65 the south so that this intervening space will be fully shown. A portion of this has been done by Capt. R.M.Kenney, State Surveyor, as shown by a rough sketch herewith. A completion of this work so as to surround the intervening space is needed however. Your attention is directed to the sketch herewith enclosed showing this territory as it appears from the sketch made by Capt. Kenney which will indicate more fully what is desired at his office. Please let us hear from you at once and when replying refer to the above file number.

Very respectfully,

Sincerely,

Commissioner.

Dave Sparks,  
Floydada, Texas.

Carbon copy of this is for your information and attention.

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# GENERAL LAND OFFICE

STATE OF TEXAS.

CHARLES ROGAN, Commissioner.

J. J. TERRELL, Chief Clerk.

AUSTIN

December 6, 1902.

S F. 4439-4569-Floyd County.

Mr. T. P. Houghton,  
Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of 27th ult. relative to the above file numbers covering surveys under the act of 1900 made for Dave Sparks in Floyd county, beg to advise you that upon examination of this matter in connection with the official bond of J.M.Crawford, Jr., county surveyor of Floyd county, I find that the survey as made by virtue of application filed with him on November 12, 1902, is illegal for the reason that the bond of the county surveyor elect of Floyd county was approved by the commissioners' court of Floyd county in open session on November 12, 1902 and filed with the county clerk of that county on same date. The application and field notes of W.H.Love filed in this office under S.F. 4599 according to the face of the papers covers S.F.4439 in the name of Dave Sparks, under which latter file of Mr. Sparks it appears that the papers were filed in this office under the amended section 6 of the act of 1900 effective July 9, 1901. Your contest that Mr Sparks has slept on his rights for nearly fifteen months and by virtue of same cannot claim any preference right by virtue of said amendment validating surveys where made prior to January 1st, 1901 on vacancies greater than 2560 acres, cannot be sustained for the reason that said amending section placed no limitation on the time within which such preference

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CHARLES ROGAN, Commissioner.  
J. J. TERRELL, Chief Clerk.

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T.F.H. #2.

right should lapse. I am returning herewith the official bond of J.M. Crawford which was enclosed in your letter of above date as requested by you. These claims have not yet been acted upon and hence we can give you no further advice in the matter. However, notation as to the legality of the claims filed under S.F.4569 has been made on field notes on file in same.

Very respectfully,

Dict. Hutchins (JFE)

Commissioner.

*Note—All payments for School and Asylum Lands must be made to the State Treasurer, and not be sent to this office.*

*copy to principal of Atty  
1116 application of Dug*

*SS*

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Dr. M. J. McIlroy  
In re to application of Dave  
Sparks to purchase SF 4439.

M. J. McIlroy (JED)

Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

on file in same.  
Respectfully of the claim filed under S. L. 4666 has been marked filed notes  
You no further advice in the matter. However, notation as to the  
D. V. You. These claims have not yet been acted upon and hence we can give  
Crawford which was enclosed in your letter of above date as requested  
right should lapse. I am returning herewith the official bond of J. M.

T. F. H. H. S.

AUSTIN

A. J. TERRELL, Chief Clerk.  
CHARLES ROGAN, Commissioner.

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Money for school and legislative funds must be made to the State Treasurer, and not be sent to this office.

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