

Del Rio Tex. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1907  
 Hon John J. Terrell  
 Commissioner of the Genl.  
 Land Office Austin Tex

Dear Sir:

I and Mr. C. F. von Blucher, Surveyor of  
 Nueces County went to Mustang Island  
 on June 26<sup>th</sup> and from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July  
 2 1907. we established the S.E. corner  
 of the Thos J. Williamson survey No 92. now  
 state Land, and the N.E. corner of the  
 Thos J. Williamson Sur. No 90. also the corner  
 of No 90. Also the second corner of Sur. No. 90  
 where according to the original field  
 notes of No 90 it first calls for Spanish  
 Bay. After considerable random work  
 without any definite results, we went to  
 an old clump of tree Spanish Daggers on  
 what is called Dagger Island on the  
 margin of Corpus Christi Bay. One dagger  
 is standing and is about 10 in dia and  
 some 8 or 9 feet high. several are dead  
 and down. one of which is about 12 in  
 in dia and some 9 feet long. This clump  
 of Daggers is an old land mark and

can be seen for miles just like a lone tree on a prairie. Old men who have known this locality for a long time say this dagger point - was to be seen when they first saw this part of the country and that there was no other daggers in that immediate vicinity. This is an old land mark and is of as much dignity as an old <sup>lone</sup> tree or clump of trees on a prairie. Mr. von Blucher says that he ran out the Wm Little survey that covers Shamrock Island, from Shamrock Point at lower end of said island which point is said to have changed but little, if any, since 1848, and connected said little sur. with the clump of daggers and the connection was a reasonable fit according to W.H. Jones' original work connecting S.W. corner of the Sand. Ward Sur. No 192 with the survey covering Shamrock Island. This connection of Mr. von Blucher identifies the clump of daggers, above mentioned as the bearing or witness tree for S.W. corner of the Wm Little Sur. No 192. The run we made from the

old dagger clump. for point - 640 S. 870 W  
 of S.W. corner of said Little Sur. No 1920.  
 To locate the surveys on upper end of  
 Mustang Island, satisfied the original  
 calls, fitting the old Gulf shore also  
 the old shore of Spanish Bay. This fit  
 is remarkably good and is about the best  
 I ever saw for old surveys made back  
 in the forties. We think there is no reasonable  
 doubt that the daggers are the original  
 bearing to S.W. corner of the W<sup>m</sup> Little sur.  
 No 1920. and we so adopted it; and put in  
 our work by a course and distance run  
 from it; and the following are the field  
 notes of the connecting line.



Beginning at a Spanish Dagger tree marked  
 ≡ (new marks) 8 in dia. This tree and some small  
 young ones now growing is the remains of an  
 old clump, several dead ones are down, one  
 of which is 12" dia and about 9 feet long  
 in a small island known as "Dagger Island"  
 whence Light House brs N 40° 30' E  
 a high Beacon " N 5° 30' W. Tower on Life  
 Saving Station at Tarpon brs N 47° 30' E

Tower on Grand Hotel brs. N 14° 30' W

Thence N 84° 4' E 4966 vs to a stake on  
 sand bar at about mean low water mark  
 on Gulf shore for S.E. Cor. of Sur. No. 92  
 Thos J. Williamson (State Sur.)

Thence N 5° 30' W 29 1/2 to a stake at foot  
~~of water~~ high shore of Gulf at foot of sand  
 hills. <sup>whence an iron pipe brs S 34° W 44.6 vs</sup> Thence N 34° E 4941.3 vs. to a stake  
 in sand hills about 60 or 70 vs. from  
 low sand flat stretching back to low  
 water Gulf shore. This stake is approximately  
 the original N.E. Corner of No 90 Thos. J.  
 Williamson Sur. (State). It is 500 vs.  
 S 56° E from this stake to the Gulf shore  
 and 515 vs. S 56° E to low water shore line

At point on sand flat 350 y. S 56° E from B. set a stake w. Light House  
 by N 1 1/4° W

The above stake is point - B. on sketch  
 Continuing from point - B.

Thence N 56° W 712.8 y. we established a  
 monument at point - A. see sketch  
 at what appears to be about the old Bay  
 shore, Bay said monument at A. is a

joint of 4 1/2 in tiling <sup>pipe</sup> set in ground. with a  
 small galvanized iron pipe in center. with  
 a long Iron Pipe 4 1/2 in <sup>in dia</sup> set in ground  
 to protect the tiling pipe, whence the U.S.  
 Bench mark at Life Saving Station lns.  
 (a piece of tiling pipe set in ground and  
 filled with cement) lns N 61° 30' W 163.65 vs.

Center of piping of Cotter's Well lns 87° 5' W  
 204.5 vs Light House lns N 1 1/4° E.

Ran N 80° 30' W from monument A. 760 y.  
 to point on old bay shore, from this  
 point the shore lns. 887° W for a long  
 distance. Began at Monument A.

Thence N 9° 45' E at 612 y. near high water  
 mark at 652 y. jetty wall at pass.  
 general course of shore line is S 55° E  
 variation 7° 15' E

6.

I Geo. M. Williams State Surveyor  
do hereby certify that the foregoing  
statement and field notes are correct  
and that all marks natural and  
artificial are truly and correctly  
described as found to exist on ground.

Given under my hand  
this July 4<sup>th</sup> 1907 At Del Rio Texas  
Geo. M. Williams  
State Surveyor



7. To go as letter  
mail

Hon J. J. Terrell  
Comr, Gen. Land Office  
Austin  
Texas

Sketch File no. 27  
Nueces County  
North East end  
of Mustang Island

Report of connections  
by Geo. M. Williams,  
State Surveyor from  
June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907.  
See sketch filed with  
this report.

Filed July 6<sup>th</sup> 1907  
John J. Terrell  
Commissioner

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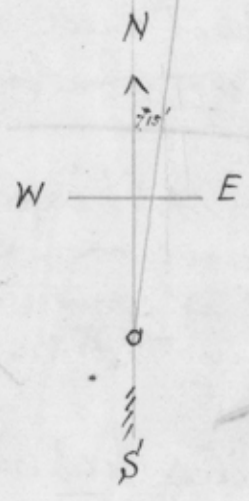
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SK. & Report of Geo M Williams.  
in re to North east end of Mustang  
Island,

Dated July 4, 1907.

Filed July 6, 1907.

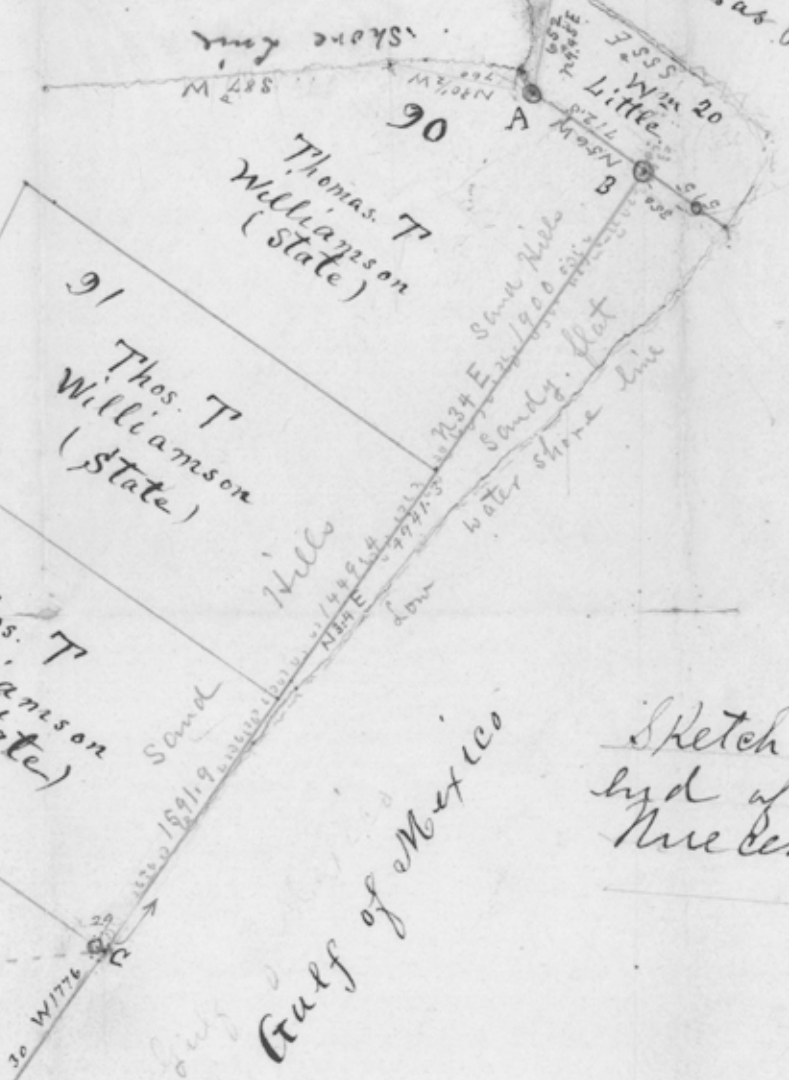




Arkansas Bay

Arkansas Pass

State House lot  
N 11° 15' W



Sketch showing upper  
end of Mustang Island  
Nueces County

I Geo. M. Williams State Surveyor  
do hereby certify that this sketch  
truly represents the survey shown  
thereon as surveyed from SW corner  
of the Wm Little Survey No 19.  
Given under my hand this  
the 4th day of July A.D. 1907  
Geo. M. Williams  
State Surveyor

SKETCH FILE NO. 27  
COUNTY NUECES



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Nueces County

North East end of  
Mustang Island.

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State Surveyor. See  
his report of connections  
& filed with this.

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John J. Ferrell  
Commissioner