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Carthage Texas, March 31st 1939.

To: The Hon. Comm. General Land Office,
Austin, Texas,

Statement of Survey.

Dear Mr. Giles; I have surveyed around these
Rail Road Surveys for more than 30 years, and I have
never been able to locate any of them by their own
field notes, and have never been able to find any
marked lines between them, or any bearings as
called for. I am satisfied that all these surveys
were merely office surveys, and never made on
the ground. The distance from the J. T. Williamson
and the S. W. Henry 94 acre survey to the River does
not exist as called for; these lines are all short.
In January, 1938, in company with R. E. Lawrence
Co. Surveyor then of this County, and J. M. Griffin the
present Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Carroll Co. Surveyor of
Harrison County, in the Law suit between Dr. J. D.
Woolworth and Burnett Brothers, we all came to
the same conclusion that all four of them, Secs,
Nos. 25, 26, 27 & 28 were all office surveys.
In 1938, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Griffin and myself took
full time to thrash out these wood, and try, if
possible to find some evidence of their true
locations. We began our work by going to the
N. W. corner of the H. Foast Survey on East bank of the
River.

This corner is well recognized, and has never been questioned, we then ran the North line of the Joast, following its well marked old line, at 1403 Vas passing the S.E. corner of J. B. Hendricks, and at 1970 Vas to the N.E. corner of said Joast. Then we went to the S.W. corner of the abandoned Joast or now the S.E. corner of J. H. Kirby Survey, running N35-W, at 400 Vas we pass the N.E. corner of the # Joast, following a well marked old line and at 967 Vas we reach the N.W. corner of said Kirby an abandoned Joast, where we intersect a well marked old line running N55-E, we find here that we are in conflict 226 Vas with Jno Daniels and Tex. Cent. No. 25, Thence N55-E at 425 Vas we find a corner, no old bearings, Thence N35-W at 760 Vas we reach Daniels N.E. corner and E.S. corner of sec. 25. we establish this corner by intersecting old marked lines. S55-W 326 Vas we intersect an old blazed line running N35-W, we find no bearings here, Thence N35-W following old blazes, at 1910 Vas we find an old site, and a large water oak N15-W 2 Vas, marked X Very old, evidently Joasts N.E. corner, we then continued N35-W across sec. 27, at 480 Vas we reached the S.E. bank of Sabine River, which we meandered up to S.W. corner of Mat Finck Survey. We returned to Kirby's N.W. corner and ran N55-E following a well marked old line, the North line of the abandoned Joast.

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at 425-25 Cross East line of Daniels, and 1147 25
further, or 1572 25, we reach an old corner on the
South line of S. W. Henry 94 a-cs, a large Red Oak marked X,
Thence West at 270 25 we find an old corner, and
the line to this corner is very old, Thence N35E. (instead
of N30E), we follow a well marked old line 783 25
to Henry's N. W. Corner on South line of Williamson.

This corner I know is correct, for more than 30 years
ago. I saw the Red Oak called for and described in
Patent, Thence N87W following an old marked line
510 25 to Williamson's S. W. Corner, which corner also
I know is right, a Cypress standing marked \bar{z} by me some
25 or 30 years ago is still standing. Thence N3E 495-
25 for the N.E. corner of No. 25 and S.E. corner of sec 26,
The course from this corner to the N. W. corner of No. 25-
432 25 N35W of Gates S.E. corner is S61W, 1901 25,
but no old marked line on any degree, we continue
on around Williamson following well marked
old lines, N3E 611 25, N87W 470 25, N3E 200 25
N87W 660 25, N27E 270 25, and N87W 103 25 to the
S.E. corner of sec. 27, and N.E. corner of sec. 26, Thence
S5-3'4W 1572 25 to the N.E. corner of Needham Gates,
at the large Water Oak marked X, we find no old lines.
Sec. 26 can only be located by its calls for the
Williamson corner and the Gates.

If further information needed, please advise
me. Sec. 26 is about 135-a-cs, and Sec. 25 also is
that.

Obediently Yours,
R. M. Priest L. S. T. Ed surveyor

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