

August 11, 1943

Judge George T. Wilson
P. O. Box 685
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Judge Wilson:

After a thorough examination of all the facts and circumstances which seem to bear on the question, and a careful examination of all the records of the Land Office pertaining to the boundary lines of Blocks 16 through 20, University Lands, Pecos County, I have come to the conclusion that the east boundary line of Blocks 16 and 17 shall be a line beginning at the N. E. corner of Section No. 1, Block 16, as described in the field notes of a survey made of this section December 1, 1879, by R. M. Thomson, as follows: "An earth monument near El Paso road from which a projection of 12 mile hill hrs. S. 45° W., and a peak with a cap stone 8 feet in diameter bears S. 26° E., a similar one bears S. 46° E.," and extending on a course to be determined which will carry this line to and beyond an old stone mound believed to be the original stone monument as called for at the S. E. corner of Section 36, Block 16, in the field notes of a survey made December 2, 1879, by R. M. Thomson. This monument is now located at a point on the line as located by A. N. Lea in 1911 for the west line of Block 194, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., and is 103 varas south of the corner, as set by Mr. Lea for the S. E. corner of Section 36, Block 16, University Lands.

From the "stone mound on the side of hill", the S. E. corner of Section 36, Block 18, University Lands, called for in the original field notes by R. M. Thomson, a line shall be run on the same course as the line just described for the east boundary of Blocks 16 and 17, University Land; this line to extend one mile north and from this point a line shall be run due east for the south boundary line of Block 17, University Land, to where it intersects the line already described for the east boundary line of Blocks 16 and 17, and which point will be the S. E. corner of Section 12, Block 17.

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This will determine the east boundary line of Blocks 16 and 17, the south boundary line of Block 17, and that part of the east line of Block 18 south of Block 17.

From the information before me, it is my belief that this construction will conform as closely as it is conceivably possible to the construction as intended by the original surveyors, and that it will do the least violence to the interior surveys of these blocks as located by Mr. Frank Friend.

In conformity with this decision, I am therefore, returning to you the field notes of Sections 82, 84, 88 and 92, Block 19⁴, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., as prepared by Mr. J. A. Simpson, according to his resurvey of these sections made in 1941, and ask that these field notes be corrected to conform to the above described construction, and that a connection from same be made to the N. E. corner of Block 16, University Land, in order to show the correct relation of these surveys to this block.

On receipt of these field notes to this office, and if upon examination they are found to be correct, approval will follow without delay.

I trust this will meet with your approval, as well as that of everybody concerned. I regret my inability, due mostly for lack of definite information, to arrive at a decision at an earlier date.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Filed AUG 11th, 1943.

BASCOM GILES, Com'r

H. Sheriff
File Clerk

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