

General Land Office.

State of Texas.

Austin.

J. T. ROBISON, COMMISSIONER

January 15, 1915.

Capt. R. S. Dod, State Surveyor, Alpine, Texas. Dear Sir:-

This office is in receipt of your sketch and report of progress relative to a resurvey of certain surveys of land near Shafter in Presidio County, and same given due consideration. I note the position or location given surveys Nos. 329 and 330, AB&M, and Survey No. 468, A. Hemphill as determined by you, also note what you say with reference to the position of Surveys Nos. 13, 17 and 18, Block 330 and your construetion of same according to the call in the corrected patented field notes of Survey No. 13 for the S E corner of No. 330. >(I have carefully studied the construction of these surveys in connection with your report, and am of the opinion, if you have reported all the facts obtainable, that all the surveys in Block 330 should be located on the ground in the order and position called for by their field notes regardless of where you may actually find 329. 330 and 468 on the ground. To do otherwise would cause Surveys Nos. 13, 17 and 18, Block 330 toconflict with other surveys of the same system and block made by the same surveyor at the same time, which certainly was not his intention. Furthermore if the Surveyor in correcting Survey No. 13. tied it on the east to Surveys Nos. 21 and 22, J. Hardeman, which surveys you now find to be some three miles west of where therewere supposed to be at that time, and such fact is at least persuasive if not conclusive, that he did not know where any of these surveys were actually located on the ground, and for that reason I do not believe that the call in the corrected field notes of Survey No. 13 for the S E corner of No. 330, and corners of No. 468 should prevail over its call for the SW corner of Survey No. 10 of its own block and cause the conflict in same above referred to. I have prepared a sketch based on your report and connecting lines, showing



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Surveys Nos. 13, 17 and 18, together with other surveys affected in that vicinity, according to the construction given same by this Department, and am sending by mail under separate cover a blue print copy of same for your guidance in completing your survey of these lands.

I desire to call your attention to the traverse run by you from the original corner of Survey No. 767 north to the south corner of Survey No. 468, which you state is 5915 varas north and 1070 varas east. By computing the latitude and departure of the several courses given by you between these two corners, the total latitude appears to be 5015 and departure 1070 varas, which agrees with the scaling given same on your sketch, and which distance (5015 varas) was used in compiling above mentioned sketch. Kindly check your notes on this traverse and see if there is any error.

The records of this office show that one Tiburcio Zubia purchased the S 1/4, 160 acres of school Survey No. 12, Block 330, described in his application as beginning at the S W corner of Survey No. 330; thence E to north corner of Survey No. 468; thence S 45 W 1344 vs. etc. Now if this purchaser has actually settled on the ground adjoining surveys Nos. 330 and 468, as located by you, there he is entirely on school Surgey M 10, Block 330 and not on No. 12, therefore, in order to protect his rights, I will be pleased if you will ascertain where he has actually settled relative to these surveys and report same to this Department, when you make your final report on this work.

Respectfully.

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