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**MAR 21 1938**

Hon. Wm. H. McDonald,  
Commissioner General Land Office,  
Austin, Texas.

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Mr. J. H. Fortner, County Clerk, Presidio County, just showed me a copy of your letter of March 9, in which you stated to him that you will require me to state that I actually ran the field notes submitted to you of Surveys 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 25, Block 12, GH & SA RY CO, this County. These field notes were sent to you by Mr. Fortner and received by you on March 3.

I wish to state in this connection that I made a careful check upon my work in surveying the above mentioned sections as it has been brought to my attention that field notes on surveys 23 and 24, Block 12, GH & SA RY CO, had shown a 1918 varas north and south.

With the two rodmen shown on the field notes in your possession, I found the Southeast corner of Section 20, Block 12, GH & SA RY CO., which contained chiseled on one of the rocks "SE 20." This rock I found in a rock mound. I set up my instrument and found the S end of Capote peak which brs. N. 23 deg. 40' W. Peak in head of canyon brs S. 8 deg. 2' E. This established the fact that I had found J. B. Ammerman's corner. I then ran N. 1900 vrs in valey just east of McMinns creek on West bank of which I found a rock mound, containing rock clearly marked "NE 20", this mark having been made with a chisel. I found a peak in head of canyon which brs S. 7 deg. 15' E. and S end of Capote brs N. 25 deg. 45' W. I had made a careful check and found that the distance between these two corners was 1900 vrs. I then ran North and crossed McMinns Creek at 380 vrs. I then went on 1900 vrs in all and found a rock mound containing a rock marked "NE 18". This rock mound was about two feet from an old established corner of a fence between the ranch of L. C. Brite and W.H. Cleveland. From this point the E. peak of Chinati Mts. brs. S. 0 deg. 57' E, S end of Capote peak brs N. 28 deg. 7' W. I then turned West crossed McMinns creek at 460 vrs on 1900 vrs in all to a rock mound in small open flat containing a rock marked "NE 19". The markings on this rock were fully 1/8 inch deep and were plainly legible.

I then ran on West 620 vrs to foot of hill; at 1040 vrs. topped a hill and at 1900 vrs I found a rock mound in a cove

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containing a rock marked "NE 25". From this point I found the stump of an old live oak tree which brs S. 44 deg. 28' W. There were no markings on this stump. This stump was about 229 vrs from the corner. I also found another stump which brs 42 deg. 15' 212 vrs. There were no markings on either stump. There was a grove of live oak trees near by, but evidently the two stumps were the stumps of trees marked by Ammerman. The rocks in the mound at this place were somewhat scattered, but the ants had worked up among some of the rocks and it was plain as to the original location of the rock mound. I had found most of the rock mounds in fairly good shape. Of course some of the rocks were a little bit scattered, but as this country is very sparsley settled and rough and rocky, the same had apparently been molested by range cattle, and fence builders. I was following the Cleveland-Brite fence and had been since leaving the NE Corner of Survey 18.

I then ran on West at 360 vrs to a creek. Its course was NE and SW. At 740 vrs to the foot of a hill; at 1400 vrs. over the hill, at 1420 vrs to a draw, at 1900 vrs I found a rock mound among boulders on edge of bluff. The rock mound was well intact and contained a rock marked "NE 24". This mark evidently had been made by J. B. Ammerman like the other rocks so marked.

I then ran South and at 1900 vrs I found a rock mound in the fork of a draw. This rock mound had evidently been placed there by some surveyor, but I could not find any markings on any of the rocks to see who had established it. I take it that it was established after the Ammerman survey was made. The rocks in this mound were all intact, but I had found most of Ammermans monuments intact also, due to the fact that this is rough country and not inhabited.

I then ran on South 1900 vrs and found a rock mound on top of a hill from which a black boulder brs S 68 deg 35' E 8 vrs, another rock brs N 7 deg W 4 vrs. Each one of these rocks had a cross chiseled on it, but nothing indicated who had made the cross. I took my bearings on the center of the cross, for the rocks were very large and so close that any number of bearings might have been taken, but as the center of the crosses seemed to have been used by Ammerman, I take it that he must have made the same. In the center of the rock mound which I found, a cedar post about four feet high was standing. It had a nail and a piece of wire on it and appeared to have been used as a telephone pole at some time. This rock mound which I found was very high and contained some large boulders. One one large rock about three feet from the top of the mound I found chiseled "SE23". I was assisted by my two chainmen in moving the rocks around until we found the marking. I then ran east across a creek the course of which was NE and SW



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at 600 vrs.; at 900 vrs I reached the top of a sharp hill. I found the tracing of an old wire fence, which followed in a general way the line which I was running, but due to the rocky nature of the land at times this fence changed its course. At 1380 vrs. I crossed another draw. I passed a rock mound, probably the NE Corner of Sec. 7, Block 1, T M RY CO. At 1900 vrs. I found a rock mound containing a rock marked "SE 22". Near this rock mound the markings of the old fence turned South.

I then ran East and at 340 vrs crossed a draw; at 600 vrs topped a hill and at 1900 vrs found a rock mound marked "SE 21". I had also passed directly across a rock mound evidently the NE corner of Section 6, Block 1, T M RY CO. I then ran 1900 vrs east to the place of beginning.

I had checked my work as carefully as I possibly could and had made calculations due to the fact that the land was generally hilly and uneven. Then to further check my work and to be sure, I went back to the SE corner of Survey 21, in my car, and from the same I ran North 1900 vrs and found a rock mound. All of the rocks were well intact, but I found no markings on any of the same and nothing to indicate who had established the same. I then ran on 1900 vrs. north and found the NE corner of survey 19 which I had passed before. I then went SW in my car to the SE corner of Section 22, ran north 1900 vrs and found a rock mound well intact, but with no markings. I then ran 1900 vrs further north and found the rock mound which I had passed before.

From the work which I did, I will state that I am positive that Ammerman's survey is as near correct as it would be possible to survey it. I have also surveyed out other surveys of Block 12 lying north of these surveys and I have found the same character of work done by him in connection with all of my work. His corners are unusually well marked. I will only state that I actually checked all of the corners and bearings as above stated in the field.

Very truly yours

*Bill Burson*

County Surveyor.



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Dear Mr. McDonald:

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Under date of March 9 you wrote me with reference to the field notes made by County Surveyor Bill Burson, of Surveys 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 25. Mr. Burson was busy in the field when I received your letter and showed the same to him. I am enclosing herewith his report, which you stated, you required.

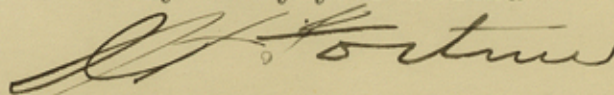
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I want to state that Mr. Burson, in making these surveys really expected to find an excess. He states to me that he cannot conscientiously make any other report than that which he has made. If Mr. Burson had found an excess of 18 varas north and south, it would have simplified matters, and we could have had the entire matter closed out some time ago. As it is we are now only waiting to get the question of the field notes adjusted with you so that we can patent out the entire W. H. Cleveland ranch. As Mr. Cleveland is ready and has been ready to do this for some time, it is really costing him, every day, the interest on his indebtedness to the State.

I am thoroughly convinced that Mr. Burson has made as careful a check as it would be humanly possible to make. He told me that he had made allowances in all instances for the uneven land and has surveyed the same as a flat plain.

Now, will it be necessary to have Mr. Burson submit field notes of surveys 23 and 24? Mr. Burson cannot get to this for several days, as he is busy. I am wondering if you are convinced as to the accuracy of his other work if you will require new field notes, or if you will accept Ammerman's field notes. Please advise me in this connection.

Very truly your friend



County Clerk.

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