

December 16, 1954

Stewart Title Guaranty Co. of Texas
1206 Main
Dallas, Texas

Attention: Roger C. Sullivan

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I have your letter of December 8, 1954 in which you requested information concerning Sections 76 and 84, Tex. - Mex. RY. CO., Block 5 in Presidio County. Mrs. W. Jerome Hill was in the office Friday December 10, 1954 with a similar inquiry, and I advised her that this information would not be available until after an examination of the records as the official map indicates a conflict between the Tex.-Mex. RY. CO. Block 5 and the T&P RY. CO. Block 1.

The records of this office reveal the following:

The T&P RY. CO. Block 1 was surveyed by S. A. Thompson in 1884 and 1886. This Survey was approved and patents issued on his field notes.

State Surveyor Paul Hess resurveyed Tex. - Mex. RY. CO. Block 5 in 1890 and filed corrected field notes in the Land Office. These field notes revealed Sections 76 and 84 to contain 409.8 acres and 261 acres respectively, clear of conflict with the T&P RY. CO. Block 1. When the field notes of Hess are plotted in conjunction with Thompson's field notes for the T&P RY. CO. Block 1, an error of 500 varas is revealed in the Hess field notes for Section 79 along the SE line of Section 21, T&P RY. CO.. This error has the effect of throwing part of Sections 79 and 80 and all of Sections 76 and 84 in conflict with the T&P RY. CO. Block 1.

In the year 1907 Tex.- Mex. RY. CO. Block 5 was re-surveyed by G. F. Brooks in an effort to clear up the conflict with the T&P RY. CO. Block 1. The Brooks Survey reduced the

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size and configuration of the surveys in Block 5 so as to equally distribute the acreage between the railroad and the school surveys.

Mr. S. W. De Wolf of Laredo, Texas, Agent for the trustee of lands originally granted to Tex. - Mex. Ry. Co., by letter dated November 15, 1913, requested the Commissioner to approve the survey made by Brooks. Commissioner J. T. Robison approved that survey as requested on April 3, 1914, (Re: Exar Serip 41675, Parcel #10).

Surveyor Brooks did not file corrected field notes in the Land Office on all of the Sections in Block 5 and his position can only be determined by his connecting lines and map. His location for Sections 76 and 84 when platted in relation to the T&P Ry. Co. Block 1 will leave a slight conflict between the two. Unfortunately Brooks made the same error of 500 varas in his tie to the T&P Ry. Co. Section 21 as made by Hess.

This office therefore does not have field notes or an adequate description upon which to issue patents on Sections 76 and 84, Tex.-Mex. Ry. Co. Block 5 and corrected field notes will be required. These field notes may be made by the county surveyor of Presidio County or a Licensed State Land Surveyor.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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attachment to
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File No. Sketch File 109

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GARRY MAURO, Com'r

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