

Office of the County Surveyor  
Presidio County, Texas, Marfa, May 29, 1920.

Hon. J.T. Robinson,  
Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Attached please find report covering survey of several sections of land in this County near Presidio, which seem to be in conflict.

You doubtless have on file in your office a re-survey of some of these sections by Cap. R.S. Dod of Alpine, made June 21, 1913 but which are not recorded in my office.

Will you kindly have this matter looked into and inform me what you will authorize to be done in order to eliminate this conflict.

Yours very truly,

*J.W. Cook*  
County Surveyor.

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*See letter to J.W. Cook  
6-17-20 Clark*

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PRESIDIO  
Surveyor's Report of Survey w/in  
3 miles of town of Presidio  
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Report of a survey of several sections in Presidio County near the town of Presidio.

The object of this survey was to discover the amount of conflict in the various sections if any.

The data for the survey was taken from field notes of record in my office and a sketch furnished by Cap. R. S. Dodge of Alpine, who made a resurvey of part of these sections in June 17 to 21, 1913, but which is not of record in the County Surveyors records of this County.

The sections in question are No. 4, Larkin Landrum, surveyed by Stevenson Archer, April 18, 1856; twelve and thirteen in the name of Ralph Wright, surveyed by Mr. Archer May 1st, 1855, section 5, J.W. Spencer, surveyed by W.L. Diffendorfer, Dec. 14th, 1853, resurveyed July 24, 1907 by G.H. Brooks, survey 1331, Nancy Moore, surveyed by S.A. Thompson, July 5th, 1884 and re-surveyed July 24th 1907 by G.H. Brooks, section 749 & 750 T.C. Railway Co., surveyed by E.G. Gleim, July 20th, 1881 and 749 re-surveyed Aug. 6th, 1907 by G.H. Brooks, surveys 1391 & 1392 M.K. & T. Ex Ry. Co., surveyed by S.A. Thompson Sep. 12th, 1885, also surveys No. 190, 191, 192 and 193 J.B. Burgess surveyed by J. Hubbel, Sep 8, 1862.

The beginning point of the principal surveys in this neighborhood was an astronomical point erected by Maj. Emory of the U.S. Army in 1852.

This point seems to have been lost for a good many years but was dug up by the International Boundary Commission and Mr. Dodge several years ago.

Upon looking for the astronomical point there was pointed out to me a concrete monument about three feet long with a piece of steel shafting about 3 in. in diameter in the center of it, but from Mr. Dodge's description it did not seem to fit. We dug it up and dug down some five feet but could find no signs of an old monument. There was an old adobe wall which had fallen down but could be plainly seen where it had been. I also found a Mexican by the name of Ignacio Gonzalez who lived near this place for many years and who claimed to have been present when the astronomical point was disinterred by the boundary commission. He unhesitatingly pointed out a spot about one vara E. of the old adobe wall, near what was apparently a gate in the wall and by digging some 2½ feet unearthed some 25 or 26 stones. One was a good <sup>size</sup> stone with a cupped shaped depression dug out at the top, also another good sized stone with some marks on it.

We accepted this as the true astronomical point and replacing the stones, set the concrete monument over them and recovered them.

From the new position of the concrete monument the northeast corner of the old Kelly house bears north 70 degrees west, 26 6/10 varas. The southeast corner, south 61 degrees west 25.65 varas. The Chapel on Santa Cruz bears South 6 degrees 30' east, a round peak in the Chanati Range bears north 9½ degrees West. These are magnetic needle bearings disregarding local attractions. *with a variation of 11°30' E.*

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Setting up the transit upon the astronomical point and by solar observation determined the course of the line as the needle seemed to be affected by some local attraction. We ran east to check the Concrete Monument which the owner of No 13, Ralph Wright, has placed for the Northeast corner of this survey, we checked within  $3\frac{1}{2}$  vrs. of Mr. Dod's course and distance, we left a flag at the astronomical point to check the course ~~in distance~~ of the East line of survey 13. We find this line to run South 40' West and at 472 $\frac{1}{2}$  vrs. reached a concrete monument marked S.E. 13. Setting up on this monument we ran S. 89 degrees and 20' E. and at 560 vrs. found a concrete monument mkd. N.E. 12. Setting up on this monument, running South 40' W. 475 vrs. found concrete monument marked S.E. 12. Setting up on this monument we ran S. 89 degrees 45' E. at a 1033 vrs. past a stone mound at 1233 reached another stone mound. From this stone mound we ran South 672 vrs. to a stone mound which property owners in section No.5 claim to be the S.E. corner of this survey.

Setting up on a stone mound which property owners of the Burgess surveys claim to be the original N.E. corner of survey 190 we ran East passing 18vrs. N. of the stone mound at 848 vrs., also passing 18 vrs. N. of the stone mound which is claimed as the S.E. corner of survey No. 5. We found the original stone mound placed for the N.E. corner of survey of 1392 in line, also the stone mound placed for the S.E. corner of 749 and the S.W. corner of 750. We found the old Kleinman house which was supposed to have been built on survey 750 to be about 115 vrs. E. and 130 vrs. N. of this corner, running on East we found the original stone mounds placed for the S.E. of 750 and the N.E. corner of survey No. 2 all in line as shown on the map. Running N. from S.E. corner of 750 located one of the S.W. corners of survey No 22 T.J. Griffith and the N. E. corner of 750 inline, running West from the N.E. corner of 750 found the original stone mound placed for the N.W. corner of this section and continuing farther west found the original S.W. corner of survey 22. Having previously resurveyed section 4, Larkin Landrum ~~the~~ checked O.K. on the stone mound which I had placed for the intersection of the North line of 749 with the E. line of No. 4 and 72 vrs. N. of this stone mound, noted a large stone mound on the hillside. Continuing West found a stone mound as shown on the plat which doubtless had been placed for the N.W. corner of section 749, also found the stone mound directly N. of this corner in the N. line of survey No. 4 and another directly south in the S. line of No. 4.

In conclusion we find the conflict between between sections No 4, 1331 and 5 with sections No. 749, 1392, 1391, 190, and 74 to the amount as shown in the sketch.

Respectfully submitted to;  
 Hon. J.T. Robinson, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas.  
 Presidio Land Co., Presidio, Texas  
 J.C. Fuller, Marfa, Texas.

*J.W. Cook*  
 County Surveyor.

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