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Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith my field notes and plat covering lands in Reagan County for your approval, and I beg to submit the following report in this connection.

The South line of T P Reservation, Twp. 5 S. along portions of Block 34 and 35. from a sketch that I received from your office, made by some County Surveyor of Reagan County, I identified the Southeast corner of Survey 44, Block 34, and the center of said Survey 44, as being the original corner, which were stone mounds, very old and have witness tree bearings, and witness trees and stumps thereof were found, and with the distances along the South line of Surveys 43 and 44, being and agreeing very closely with the sketch referred to above and also the course and distance on the West side of Survey 43, Block 34, T 5 S. This line is immediately on the West side of a sheep proof fence which was constructed recently and the builders and owners of the land attempted to place it on the line. Likewise, the North line of Survey 48, as shown by my plat and field notes is on the South side of sheep proof fence which was thought to have been put on the line. And the South line of Surveys 47 and 48, Block 35, T 5 S, is located near the center of E-W graded highway, which has been con-sidered by the owners of the land for a period of about 25 years to have been the property line. Mr. E. L. McMaster, the owner of all the land that I have prepared field notes on, was with me on the ground at the time the survey was made, and the original corner that is called for and shown by the T P Surveys as the Southwest corner of Survey 47, Mr. McMaster says that the stone mound as shown and called for in said notes was there at the time he filed on the land and has been from that time to the present continously considered as such.

From this stone mound at the Southwest corner of Survey 47 the highway from Styles and Big Lake to Garden City was surveyed by the County Surveyor and graded according to his survey, and it was attempted to placed said haghway to be on the center of Section line, therefore, I was directed and told by one of the County Commissioners in Reagan County that it was safe and reasonable to assume that said highway at that place was on the section line, therefore from this corner, SW to Survey 47, I ran South 15°42' E which nearly traversed the center of said highway, and MIDLAND, TEXAS

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at the SW corner of Survey 15 a point of intersection of the two highways is in the center as shown by the plat. From this point as the SW corner of Survey 15, Block A, the highway is not along said Section line, and in locating said section line I found that an old fence corner and an old stone mound at the SE corner of Survey 14 to be 42 varas S  $15^{\circ}44'$  E from a point in center of said highway and on the same course and 1906 varas from Tarver's original NE 14, therefore a line connecting these two points has a course of N  $74^{\circ}36'$  E, which passes another old fence corner halfway between.

In locating Surveys 3,4,5,6, I took into consideration the three original corners along the T P Reservation line on the North and at the SE corner of Survey 3, a stone marked "SW2", which is S 15°25' E 1901 varas from the original NE 3, Thenomaking the South line of Survey 3 parallel to the North line as far as the Northwest corner of Survey 11, then continuing to a point midway and halfway between Tarver's original stone mound SE 13, and with ene stone marked HBT...., and the SE corner of Survey 48 on reservation line, which would give the remainder of the South line of Survey 3 and all of the South line of Survey 18, Block 0.

In arriving at the South line of Survey 13, I identified two old stone mounds as being Tarver's original corners. The one at the SE corner of 13, one stone 12 x 8 x 3 has letters HBT which are followed by five smaller dashes. The letters are carefully made, and show quite a bit of age, and the other old rock mound which I identified as the SW of Survey 13, is unquestionable very, very old and is in a mesquite flat with no other marks in the vicinity and does not show to have ever been molested or tampered with and was known to have been there by Mr. McMaster for a period of 25 years or more, it being slightly out of position from an exact right angle line, and exactly a mile in distance, yet I have no hesitancy in identifying it as an original corner, therefore, by accepting it as such it causes the four section lines radiating therefrom to be slightly deranged from a perfect square.

At the NW corner of Survey 207, Block 2, T & P, from which according to sketches obtained in your office, I find that this stone mound had witness trees as bearings, the stumps of which I found with the distances and bearings check. This stone mound also is known to have been at this particular place by Mr. McMaster for many years.

The E line of Survey 11, with the NE corner of Survey 11, and other points of Block O, as shown by Henry M. Dickson map, which he made showing certain lands in this vicinity, which he surveyed for Sam Ross and others, I was not able to find any

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of the points that were shown in his plat except the SE corner of Survey 44, which has witness trees and was identified as the original, but I could not find any trace of Dickson's marks other than that, therefore, the sheep proof fence that was built recently between McMaster's land on the W and Ross's land on the E, which was intended to be placed on the Section line, is two or three varas to the E of the E line of Survey 11 as I have placed it, and the SE corner of Survey 11 is a point in the center of said graded road. On the E line of Surveys 9 and 10, Block 0, I found that the true W line of Block 2 has previously been constructed and as in accordance with my map and field notes, a 2" GIP marked "NW 208" and a stone mound is about 20 varas E of the center of a graded road and on a line passing through this iron pipe which was surveyed by the Suggs Estate several years ago, was considered in my work as regarding the E line of Surveys 9 and 10.

According to Tarver's plat of this Block which he made at the time he surveyed these blocks, a copy of which I had in my possession from your office while in the field, I found that from the NW corner of Survey 207 South to the SE corner of Survey 10, according to his map was 1215 varas, or the total distance of the E line of Survey 10 according to this, was 1717 varas. I also took into consideration that from his original SE 13 North to the NW of 10, the distance called for by him was 1278 varas, therefore I placed these two distances on the ground according to his map, which would in turn cause some of the other distances to be slightly changed, and in closing will state that there is to be an agreement between the parties who are interested in Survey 9, Block 0, for Mr. McMaster to buy all and that part of Survey 9 which lies North of the center of the graded road as it now stands from the parties that own the whole survey, therefore I show on my plat the exact place of the highway and calculated the area in Survey 9 N of the center of said highway and gave the figures to him for that purpose.

In conclusion, will state that these lands as surveyed by me on the ground is my interpretation of where the lines have their place on the ground as revealed by the remaining evidences of the original surveys and surveyors in this locality, and in no instance does my work conflict with seeming vested rights, moreover it harmonizes with the adjacent lands.

I had on the ground all of the plats of all of the resurveys that had ever been done in this vicinity that were recorded in your office, and the only evidencies of any previous work that I was able to find or that is known locally both by the owners and lessors of these lands are mentioned herein above.

Hoping that this report will be beneficial to the examination of these notes, so on behalf of the owner, Mr. E.L. McMaster, of Garden City, Texas, and also of my own accord, I thank you for all past favors, I am.

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Obediently yours.

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