

Clarksville April 1862

The Commissioner of the G. L. Office  
City of Austin

Sir - In your letter of the 11 of Feb. by post you require of me  
corrections or explanations of sundry G. L. files which I had returned  
to your office. - From protracted illness I have been unable to give  
reply to your demand. I will now however make such a statement  
of facts as will enable you to see and judge of the condition of these  
surveys, as drawn from the records of my records, and my knowl-  
edge of the facts as they are found on the ground.

I will state the condition of the Blossom Prairie surveys together with  
D. D. Breton and others - You state that the C. F. H. Hall

survey conflicts with Robt Carter, that the N. W. corner of W. J. Hall's  
in survey does not agree with the connection between them  
and the survey of J. Bap. that a labor survey (without name) is  
connected with the S. W. corner of said Halling's survey, a mistake  
on oversight surely exist here, there is not a labor survey that will  
appear of record in my office within five miles of this office. I made  
the survey of Carter, Halling's Bap under the land of July 13  
1854, and the survey of Hall under the act of '60. I am and  
marked every line, the work is all mine, and I again wish for  
the correctness of these respective surveys, and will appear as  
on the ground as I have stated in my returns. I may have  
committed an error in figures in my notes, but it appears right  
of record.

The C. C. Davis survey (which lies at the <sup>Bowie</sup> Beaver by line  
you say conflicts with the John <sup>Sawitzer</sup> Switzer's claim, may you will  
find my notes show that the S. W. C. of their survey stands 150 or South  
and 50 is East of the S. E. corner of a 480 acre survey made for  
William Davis (I may have used the word North instead of South  
if so please correct). I should therefore to be so. having measured  
the space between the N. W. corner of the Davis and the line of  
<sup>Sawitzer</sup> Switzer, and the corner of the Davis 480 acres. I made the Switzer  
& the C. C. Davis survey but not the W. C. Davis, and I will here

I am to be excused in saying this by an inspection of the Parish  
Survey in Book A of my office. The estate begins, and runs  
west 269 feet. Then north to the line <sup>1470</sup> 1782. with the line 1470 put in different  
into a place above entitled. Humbly 37,244. Then South <sup>225</sup> 1287  
the 975. and opposite into from the 1287. going to end & calling  
for W. H. Christian's S. E. Corner. Then East at to Scouting NW  
corner in all 3228 to Wilson W. 1/2 line. Then North the <sup>1537</sup> East  
2683 on the closing line has no distinction given, and from what I have  
seen and noted of the lines of this survey. It must have made  
in the way I have stated, for I see a line by his estate plan  
the S. E. C. of the W. H. Christian survey East end was at just 1204  
in to the Scouting survey, and with the line description it would  
run over his call. It is all open Prairie. No woods are cut up, or  
permanent stakes planted, save the S. E. S. E. corner. But should  
I suspect the beginning or S. E. C. of the Scouting tract, I was called  
to them some 9 or 10 years ago, and have been careful to have  
those corners perpetuated by good Board here State

The Adams tract survey begins at Ballant's S. E. C. of Christian's  
at the S. E. C. and leaves a space of 1488.4 between them having  
gone it & measured it three times. The space of the line between  
the S. E. & S. E. corner of the Ballard survey which are laid in and tells  
Good made the Scouting 220 survey & makes the line 1114.4  
Heffer made the Breton survey. Begins at Scouting S. E. C.  
and runs 1586.43 then North 1158.4 then East 280 to Scouting  
S. W. C. then So. 1654 to the beg. on call being 14.6 the other 1158  
The Doubt Cheshire survey does not conflict with the Patsey  
Hickens survey there is just 102.4 between them and 25.4  
between Chester S. E. C. and the Breton survey.

I have been guided in my action on the matter by the corner  
of the Ballard & the Scouting survey as my guide — as I am  
and have so much affected that is only at intervals that I can aversible  
you will be perplexed to read this scroll, But as soon as I am able I will  
furnish you with a sketch of the Blodorn Prairie survey, showing the situation  
counter 35118

the Price Survey, in some 7 or 8 years I reviewed the most of the work & boundaries  
of the survey and found errors both in the lines & distances called for by other  
surveys until which time I hope you will bear with me, as I believe that  
I can show the Price Survey as the Cills are does not agree with the  
facts as above stated; the Photograph Map shows, compares in those lands

I hereby Esy Cms 20<sup>th</sup> Sec I some years ago purchased of a Mr  
E. P. Barnett (now of Washburn county) the right survey of 320 acs  
lying 4 1/2 miles South of Clarksville. His agent was to procure the patent  
It has never been recorded with me. Now I wish you to examine its  
condition if the Patent has been issued & the fees not paid, or if it can  
be patented please notify me of the facts in relation to it, and drop  
me also with your bill for expenses, and I will by return  
mail if possible locate the full amount for the fees & fees for your  
trouble. And I would ask of you on the same terms to  
examine your files for the field notes of a survey of 320 acs which lies  
immediately North of the Barnett. It was made upon the Head right  
Ct. of Stearns Jackson by agent Joseph Brown (now of Washburn Co)  
Your Photograph from me shows the proper shape & shape of the survey, but  
leaves it black or wither name. It is made upon the Jackson Ct of  
4 1/2 miles - Red River Co. The Record shows that Stearns Jackson emigrated  
in 1840, & died in 1844 without taking out his Certificate and at  
that time the land returned me by No 13 of the 4<sup>th</sup> class  
Please furnish the information in relation to it which your files and  
Records will enable you to do. In so doing you will confer a favor  
on me as a person interested in the matter better I will freely pay  
such amount as may cover all your trouble &c.

Yours truly  
William D. Crook

File 9.

Wm. D. Orr  
Clarksville April 1862

Explanatory of Several  
Matters relative to Swamps  
in Red River County.

Ms. 14<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Red River Co

that one of my predecessors Mr. Sim in making the survey of John  
H. Davis for 640 Mrs Davis 480. & 320, and the Jr. Surveyor  
begun the survey of John H. Davis just 920 or distant from the place  
called for, he called to begin at the S. E. corner of the Row or  
Groce Seager when it put the distance nearly west of  
the S. E. corner, but I know but of one of the reports by plot and  
applications. Now for the Blossom prairie survey,  
it will require much time and trouble to give explanations  
which is required, a short history or relation of facts as will appear  
from the Record, and the subsequent running of the line which  
I have made will enable you to see the difficulty which  
surrounds the survey in that vicinity, your Photographic map  
which you furnish me shows the discrepancy of the survey.  
A brief statement of facts will I hope be satisfactory for the present.  
The Ballard Seager was first made in that neighborhood by  
J. S. Harmer its lines and corners made and established.  
Other surveys were made conforming to it, this legend by a survey  
of the lines is found to be greatly over the calls in the Indian  
language or measure over so over the calls the lines crossing  
find other surveys such as found it hard to conform to it  
by their lines. The Harding Scattering survey of 220 was  
made the prairie giving a bearing no connection with any other  
survey this survey was made by B. Geov. calling to begin 300  
or East of a lake when the trees were found to be over thus  
distances a South East corner.

The John Price 3/4 S survey was made by Steffen, and bears  
date the 5 of March 1812, terminating the 5 of July 1812  
Scud Steffen made the Price, the S. H. Dick, Brown over and  
Benton survey, and I fully believe in the correctness of the  
of the case, that the Price and the Boston claims were made  
by simply plating out the space left by other surrounding survey  
of Isaac Wilson John Scud B. Geov. I am word of Joel  
of Still Is. Poor by E. Allen by <sup>Huff</sup> ~~by~~ With. Christian by Beach.