

File 12.
Red River.

13 miles South of
Clarksville.

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on the Sulphur Fork

county 35130

Red River Co. - S. A. File #12

The Com of the S. L. Office have please accept this the 1st made
of the survey partly along the Sulphur Fork & Jordan river returning upon the
scale of 2000 acres & my being and constant bad health with my complaints
with which I am afflicted will I trust plead my excuse for not being more
prompt and efficient in my returns. I have been unable the most of the last
year to do any out business of much importance. I was in a few days when
I return a short time back, since making them I have been unable from sore eyes
of doing any thing or but little of the little intervals of my better feelings
and improvement of my sight. I had indulged the hope that ~~but for~~ that
that I would be able to make some other surveys along the Sulphur side of the County
that I might be able to map the entire length from East to West, but the various
causes which has acted and does now act has prevented me from accomplishing
much that I intended doing, besides my afflictions, there is other impediments
in the way, the portion of the County is literally depopulated, the bear, volunteerism
and the census, have left a host of poor suffering women & children and
without means of support entire families of laborers and the drawing off of the husbands
and fathers leave them in truly a pitiful condition, nor can I procure help to save
the land when I render my services without pay.

I have now as I have need for them at all expenses & hiring chain carriers to
to make corrections required, and nine tenths of the settlers are subject to
military duty, and mostly now emigrate from other States, come & signed down
on what they suppose and are told is vacant land, make their titles ignorant of
of any appropriated lands, and to give them their lands as they are entitled
for by them the task is onerous and oppressive on me, and no one has
ever paid me in a dollar and number of ^{them} men into service and ~~die~~ killed
killed in battle their families left a year, and this is another impediment
to my business purposes. Not knowing whether or their claims will be perfected
by payment of dues to the States.

The sketch which accompany this, embraces a portion of the survey on the Sulphur
together with a portion of the survey on Little White oak, on the north side of which
some other survey would be made before I can properly return them the South West
to Blount survey, or East to the Robert H. at Harts Bluff.

You will see by the Field notes, that I have made a resurvey of the Daniel
McKermy land, as you suggested in your note to me, and fortunately I had
in making the Gould survey, made the beginning on the E. line and 300 square
McKermy & E. C. having in my experimental survey given the lawful front