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Austin

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Dec. 13, 1920.

Mr. H. C. McCluer,
County Surveyor,
Clarksville, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your favor of the 4th instant returning Land Office working sketch dated 11/18/20 of the J. M. Hooker, and surrounding surveys in N. W. part of Red River County and enclosing therewith extract or skeleton copies of field notes of a number of surveys covering this particular territory made from the records of your office - also enclosing a plat of some territory made by you which you say shows the location of surveys as per record notes, and stating that the sketch from this office is not in keeping with the record notes, nor as shown by county maps from this office. Following this statement you then proceed to point out what you believe to be a number of errors and discrepancies in the construction of the Land Office sketch - all of which has been given careful consideration and in reply beg to advise that I have carefully gone over the records here and find no error in the construction of the working sketch, which was compiled from the recognized field notes of same on file in this office.

In support of this construction I herewith enclose a copy of a statement of F. M. Harris filed in this office Oct. 10th, 1889 in connection with the two T. T. C. Anderson surveys, showing his field work and findings on the ground which explains the discrepancies and troubles mentioned by you except the space shown between the north line of the J. Whitney and south line of the H. M. Hooker surveys, in explanation of which your attention is called to the fact that there are no calls in the field notes of either the Whitney or Hooker surveys one for the other - that the western S. W. corner of the T. T. C. Anderson school survey is identical with the S. E. Corner of the Whitney survey, describing the same witness trees - that the Anderson west line extends north from this corner 1981 varas to the south line of J. M. Hooker, while the Whitney survey runs only 1924 varas north from this

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corner - a difference of 57 varas as shown by the sketch.

There are fourteen sets of field notes on file in this office for the two T. T. C. Anderson surveys, eight of which for the individual or northern survey and six for the school survey all of which have been cancelled except the last two, one on which patent was issued to the individual and the other approved for the school survey. These two field notes show to be of record in book E, pages 567 to 569 surveyors records and are the notes used, and properly so, in the construction of the working sketch. The W. E. Tomlinson survey is shown on the sketch according to the tie in beginning call to S. E. corner of the Wm. Tomlinson survey but if it is actually located on the ground as stated by F. M. Harris in his report and as called for in corrected field notes of the two Anderson surveys then it would occupy the position shown in red lines on sketch. Whatever location the W. E. Tomlinson may have on the ground will not affect or change the west boundary of the T. T. C. Anderson school survey which is common with the east line of the Whitney by reason that its western S. W. corner calls for and describes the same witness trees called for in the Whitney survey at its S. E. corner.

As above stated I find no errors in the construction of the working sketch which is according to approved field notes of the surveys shown thereon on file in this office. I am therefore returning same together with your copies of field notes for reason the originals of said field notes are on file in this office and the copies can serve no purpose. I am also returning your plat for reason that it is not according to the records here and nothing to show that you have been on the ground and identified the lines and corners of surveys to authorize the position of surveys as shown thereon. Hence it is of no service to this office.



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If the surveys are located on the ground differently from their position as shown by this working sketch the proper way to correct same would be by an actual and accurate survey on the ground and report same to this office officially showing by certified plat and report what corners were found and identified, describing what evidence of original marks or other evidence were found at such corners by which same were identified, and giving course and distance of all lines actually run and measured on the ground etc. Upon receipt of such report this office would be pleased to advise you concerning any necessary corrections that may be shown.

Yours truly,

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Act. Commissioner