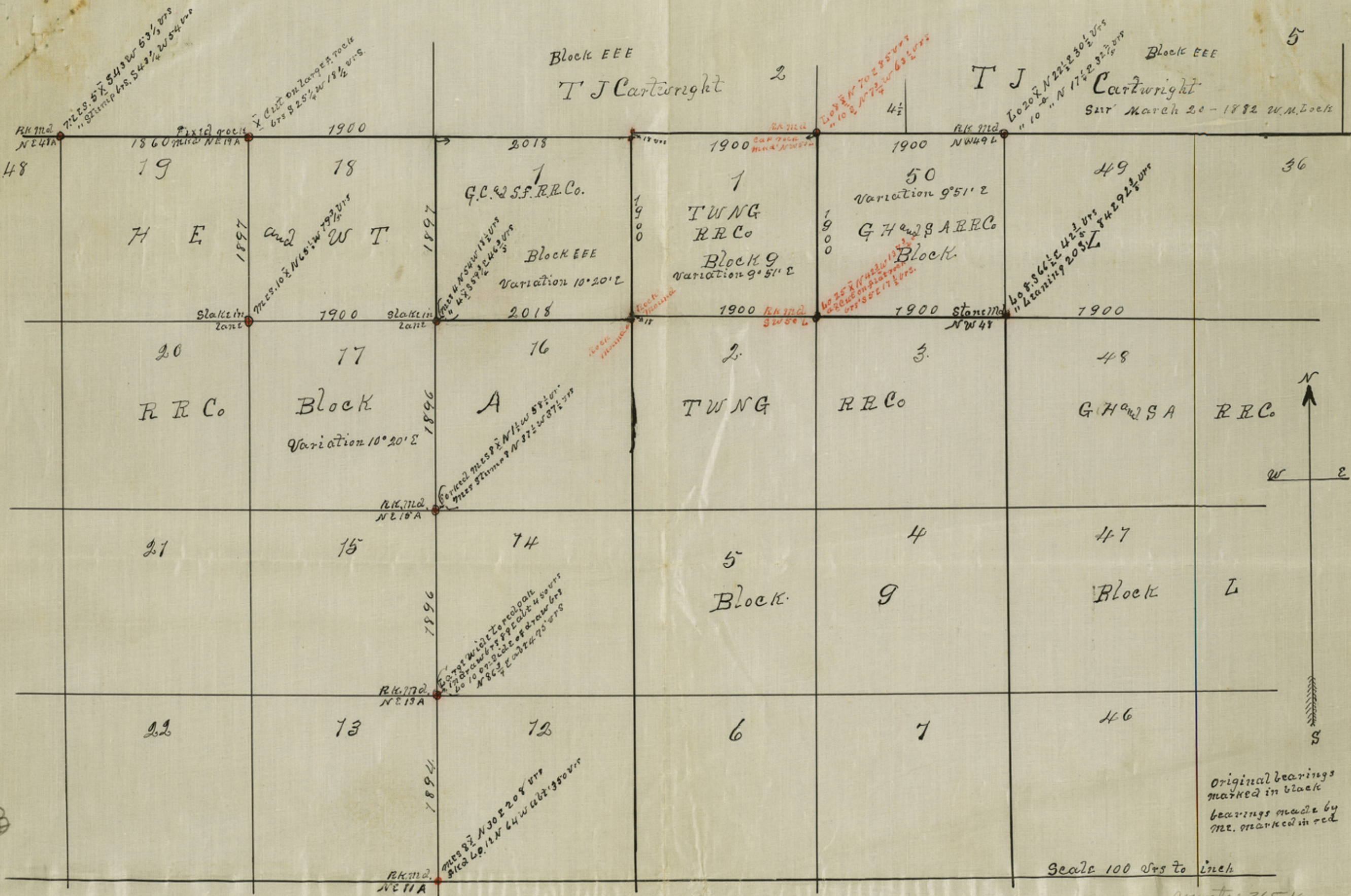


Block EEE
T J Cartwright

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Sur' March 20 - 1882 W.M. Lock



Original bearings
marked in black
bearings made by
me. marked in red

Scale 100 vrs to inch

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Sept 15, 1937

Mr Wm H McDonald,
General Land Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a sketch showing a portion of the NW part of Block A, HE&WT Ry Co situated in N W part of Schleicher County. I am required to make a survey of Section No/70, in this Blk, shown on enclosed sketch, and will now ask for advice as to how to construct this survey acceptable or in a manner that will meet the approval of that department for filing and letters Patent.

I will state what has happened in the past concerning the locating of this Block A, HE&WT RR Co in order that you may be able to give me the advice that I would like to help me in making a survey of Survey/70.

First: On the 12th day of March 1888, L E Edwards surveyed this Blk A, HE&WT RR Co in the office in one day. Later Mr Reck and Horres Thomson of Austin acquired possession of a portion, if not all of this Blk A, and employed Mr W B Silliman of Sonora to make a survey of all the sections in this Blk, placing marked corners and bearings at the corners of every section, which he did, marking the cap stone placed on the md at each corner with letters and number of the corner. Now, by reason (he says) of poor, careless, chain carriers and I say a transit compass out of adjustment made a mess of the survey of the entire Block. After completing the survey the field notes were burned (with his office) before they were recorded any where. Mr Silliman then got Mr D W Maddox, County Surveyor of Menard Co to examine, approve and record, on Oct 19th, 1899, (Schleicher County was then attached to Menard Co for judicial purposes) the field notes to the East and North boundary lines of the Block, and South on the West Blk line 4 miles and stopped. And no other corner in the Blk is of record I presume Mr Maddox found the measurement so bad he could not afford to approve it. I notice the calls of the approved field notes by Maddox read, Thence North or West, at 1900vrs found a stone md instead of to a stone md. I have checked the corners clear around the Blk. It is well he used the word found instead of to. I found the North line of Survey 48, short 48 vrs and survey 49, 100 vrs. ^{short.} Eldorado is located on this Survey 49. You will find what field notes were approved by the GLO in file No 24702 filed Jan 15th 1900. Now you will find referring to the sketch enclosed herewith that by reason of bad chaining or otherwise there is considerable excess shown in the West line of 198 East line 199, between original corners as established by W B Silliman. Now will a survey be approved wherein this excess is allowed through the North tier of Surveys in the Blk or should I give the excess as shown to survey 199 only, and make the West line of 198 and

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East line of 199, just 1900 vrs continuing this line east one mile which would be the North line of Survey/70, the survey being surveyed, which would give/70 considerable excess North of a line run due East from the identified Silliman corner at the S W corner of Survey 196,

Trusting you will advise me in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Edgar C. Saunders.

Licensed Land Surveyor.

Letter
General use
Retaining to a Survey
by WBS Silliman m. A. T. R.
R. H. A. H. S. A. W. T. R.
Schleicher County



WM. H. McDONALD, COMMISSIONER
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Mr. Edgar C. Saunders
Sonora, Texas

Dear Mr. Saunders:

In reply to your letter of September 15, 1937, seeking information regarding a survey No. 70 (should be No. 170), Block A, H.E. & W.T.Ry.Co., Schleicher County, beg to advise you that we have given this a good deal of study and cannot, with the information at hand, instruct you definitely how to proceed. I note in looking through the files that this similar request was made by you many years ago, so evidently it is not a new question to you. We find in one of our files a letter from Mr. T. L. Brooks, County Surveyor, dated December 27, 1902. He is writing as follows: "You will find listed below the field notes for sur. 168, Block A, H. E. & W.T.Ry.Co. located about 6 miles W. of Eldorado. I have made the survey as follows. Beginning at Rock mound N W cor. sur. 200-A thence E 1900 vrs. to St. and mound. Cap stone marked N.W. 197-A, thence E 1900 vrs to N E cor. of Sur. 197-A, thence E. 1938 to St & mound. Cap stone marked N. E. Cor. 170-A, thence N. 1900 vrs. to Rock mound. Cap stone marked N.E. 169-A. No bearings thence E. 1862 vrs to Rock mound. Cap stone marked N.E. 168-A. then beginning at a Rock mound. Cap stone marked N.E. 169, Thence W. 1938 vrs. to Rock mound. Cap stone marked N.E. 198-A." I refer you to this due to the fact that he found at the Northwest corner of No. 197 a stone marked NW 197, while in your sketch you indicate at this same point a cap stone marked N. E. 200. In his calls he runs on East and then runs North 1900 varas and reaches the North line of the Block. Evidently his corner at the Northwest corner of No. 197 is not the corner you are now finding marked N.E. 200. You find according to your sketch 49 varas excess, while he did not find any. This point should be cleared up first of all and the true corner established. The other surveys on the North are all patented on original field notes except No. 18 which is patented on field notes made by yourself and shows the North and South distance to be 1897 varas.

I do not think you would be justified in carrying your 49 vara excess clear through this North tier even after proving your corner was the correct corner. Since none of Sillman's work and corners are on

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file in this office the courts would probably rule that course and distance would hold over those corners, however, I note in one of your letters that the majority of this land is held and fenced on the Sillman corners. This presents a rather confusing picture. If you will give us more information showing the present holding as well as Sillman's corners and other marks that can be found by you, we will be glad to give this further study and attempt to work out an explanation that will be satisfactory to all parties.

Sincerely yours

James M. Donald
Commissioner.

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Encl. Sketch.

*Approved R.A.O.J.S. in original
and forwarded to Commissioner
D.A.R. 10/1/37*

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24 Letter from G. L. O. A. S. Surveyed
by W. B. Silliman in NW Part B2H
A H & W J R R Co

W. B. SILLIMAN

Commissioner

W. B. Silliman

Director

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the NW 1/4 of Sec. 24, T. 10 N., R. 10 W., S. 10 E., and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. B. Silliman

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Schleicher Co. S. A. File # 24

Survey No. _____ Block No. _____

The State of Texas,

County of Schleicher

FIELD NOTES of a Survey of _____

of Land made for _____

it being the quantity

of land to which he is entitled by virtue of
Field notes of a Survey made in extreme NW part of Blk A HE&TRRCo. for the purpose of properly locating Survey no. 170

Said Survey is No. 170 in Schleicher County, situated on the waters of Devils River a tributary of the Rio Grande River, about 8 miles West of El Dorado, Texas

Variation 10°45'E.

SCALE, 2000 Varas to the inch

Beginning at an old rock md about two ft high in valley cap stone mrkd NW 199 A evidently established by W B Silliman when locating Block A, HE&WT RR Co for NW corner of Survey No 199, Blk A, HE&WT RR Co, NE corner of W A Davis pasture brs N 6 vrs all trees of any size have been burned or cut down a mes stump brs N 18 1/2 E 85 vrs;

THENCE East with North line of Survey 199, 1897 vrs to a stone md at NW corner of large field corner had been about 2 ft high, cap stone mrkd NE 199 A at the NE Cor of Sur 199 and NW Cor of Sur 198, Blk A, no trees standing near, found a mes stump burned even with the ground bearing N 5 E 20 vrs;

THENCE South with East line of Sur 199 Blk A, at 1706 vrs, pass SW Cor of field at 1886 vrs cross fence on N side of Highway from Eldorado to Ozona at 1919 vrs cross S fence on Highway in all 1949 vrs to an old stone md against West side of a net wire fence set for the original SW Cor of Sur 198 SE 199, NW 197, and NE 200 all old trees burned or cut down for wood, a mes stump 10" brs N 32 1/2 W 134 1/2 vrs a mes stump 9" brs N 8° W 113 vrs original call mes 9" N 8 W 113 vrs a mes 9" mrkd X brs N 32 1/2 W 134 1/2 vrs;

THENCE S 0° 13 W with West line of survey 197, Blk A at 89 vrs pass NW Cor of large field in all 1900 vrs to an old stone md cap stone mrkd NE 201, A it being the NE Cor of Sur 201, NW 196, SW 197, and SE 200, Blk A, all ground in cultivation no trees.

THENCE S 0° 27' E with East line Survey 201, W line 196 at 981 vrs cross fence on South side of field in all 1908 vrs to an old stone md cap stone mrkd NW 195 A, at the NW Cor of Sur 195, NE 202, SE 201, and SW 196, whence a mesquite stump brs according to original call mes 9" mrkd X brs S 78 1/2 W 101 1/2 vrs Cor of fence brs West 11 vrs;

THENCE S 0° 7" W with East line Sur 202, West line 195, through West edge of field at about 600 vrs cross fence into a pasture in all 1905 vrs to a stone md cap stone mrkd SW 195 A, set by W B Silliman for the SW Cor of Sur 195, and SE Cor of Sur 202, Blk A, HE&WT RR Co; THENCE return North to the NE Cor of Sur 199 NW 198, Blk A, HE&WT RR Co, same being NW Cor of a field,

THENCE S 89° 45' E with North line of Survey 198, this Blk at 498 vrs pass NE Cor of field in all 1900 vrs to an old stone md under net wire fence cap stone mrkd NE 198 A, at the NE Cor of Sur 198, NW Cor Sur 168, Blk A (in prairie, no trees near) whence a mesquite stump 12" brs S 66 W 127 1/2 vrs a do 9 brs S 63 E 209 1/2 vrs.

THENCE continuing S 89° 45' E at 1900 vrs a point at a wind mill between two concrete water tanks of about 50,000 gallons each, no marks found that would indicate a corner;

THENCE South at 1900 vrs a point in center of Eldorado & Ozona Highway no trees bear all evidence of a corner at this point, the SW Cor of Sur 168 SE of 169 Blk A destroyed.

THENCE East up the Ozona lane with the supposed South line of Survey 168, Blk A, at 1900 vrs drove a stake in E and O Highway near North side of Highway about 60 vrs South of house and windmill, searched for evidence of a corner and bearings found none, continuing East at 1929 vrs on North side of Highway 4 vrs South of lane, fence on North side of Highway, said point also being South of SW corner of a 400 acre field.

THENCE South at 19 vrs cross fence on South side of Highway, a large

cedar post, at NE corner of a 500 acre field in all 1900 vrs to a cedar post, the corner of three large fields evidently the SE Cor of Sur 167, NE 166, SW 140 and NW Cor of Sur 141, as made by Silliman, found nothing at this Cor of mrkd or bearings all trees grubbed up.

THENCE returned North to a point in Eldorado and Ozona laned highway, chained to previously the SE Cor of Sur 168, NE 167, SW 139, and NW 140, Blk A

THENCE North chaining fence with field and residence on West side and field on East side 1891 vrs to a large old rock md cap stone plainly marked NE 168, the NE corner of Survey 168, NW 139, Blk A, at bottom of large post the NW and NE Corner of two large fields occupying the greater portion of Sections 168 and 139, Blk A.

THENCE West with North line of Survey 168, this Blk 1929 vrs (not chained) to the point of turning South at concrete tanks and windmills,

to the place of beginning.

Bearings Marked X S M Bradley }
Surveyed October 5th 1937 S J Mitchell } Chain Carrier

I, Edgar C Saunders, a licensed land Surveyor of Sonora, Sutton County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Survey was actually made by me in the field, according to law, and that the limits, boundaries and corners, with the marks, natural and artificial, are truly described in the foregoing Plat and Field Notes.

Edgar C. Saunders
a Licensed Land Surveyor of Sonora Sutton County.

I, _____ County Surveyor _____ County, do hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Plat and Field Notes and find them correct, and that they are recorded in my office in Book _____, No. _____, Page _____

Given under my hand, at Sonora, Texas, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 193_____

County Surveyor _____ County.

* In calling for adjoining and connecting Surveys, the names of the ORIGINAL GRANTEES should always be given.

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1722 FIELD NOTES

Sketch File No. 24

Schleicher County

letter & Corn line
by Edgar. A. Saunders

Filed 10/15 1937

WM. H. McDONALD, Comr

Leslie

File Clerk

Descriptive: NW pt of
B/K A. H. F. & T. B. R. P. Co
Surveys.

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