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Hon.J.T.Robison Austin Texas Dear Sir:-

On Aug.6 1927, W.C. Huntington the county surveyor of Shelby county Texas, made a survey of 58 1/3 acres of land for me on the W. bank of Sabine river in Shelby county and which is claimed by the Pickering Lumber Co.as a part of the H.E.&.W.T.RR Co.No.1 survey, and it seems that the said lumber Co.and its employees are going to put up a big fight for it as they do not wish to be bound by the X the field notes of the pattent issued to Crawford and Minor July 21,1885 Vol.7 page 395.

The county surveyor says he submitted the plat and field notes of the land he surveyed for me to the said lumber co.before he recorded and mailed the same to you-(something unusual)

The Pickering Lumber Co.wants the records changed to read on the fourth call of the pattent so as to take in all the bends of Sabine river as follows:- -- Thence down the Tennaha Bayou S.45 E to the mouth of the same where it empties into the said Sabine river (however the patent does not call for the river as you know)---------- Thence down and with the various meanders of the said river about two miles to the N.E.corner of the John Banks survey, (instead of S.12 E.1190 varas as called for in the patten to the said H.E.&.W.T.RR Co.No.1 survey) ----- Thence west with the north line of the John O.Banks survey 2066 varas to the N.W.corner of the said Banks survey(instead of 1726 varas)

If the records can be changed and altered in this manner, then it would appear to me that the records are not worth much to us, this is my opinion, as it calls for a specific degree and distance.

The said Lumber Co.says the call down the Tennaha Bayou S.45 E.is short and that they must go to the river inorder to get their compliments in distance, but they do not want to be bound by the distance on the south line of the H.E.&.W.T.RRECo.survey.

I will state for your information that the point as claimed by the said lumber Co.on the Tennaha Bayou for the N.E. corner of the H.E.&.W.T.RR Co.No.l survey, is not the origional corner of the said survey, the Hickory and White Oak as called for in the pattent has not been found, and the corner which they are now claiming as the N.E.corner of said survey has been made in the last few years and is more than 200 varas and possibly 300 vs.down the said Tennaha Bayou kwxwkake from where the north line of said survey would intersect the said Bayou if run on a due east course, so if x this be true that is what makes the line down the Bayou short.

The Pickering Lumber Co.has mighty fine attorneys, and when they bought the said H.E.&.W.T.RR.Co.survey about a year ago, they accepted the same field notes in the deed executed to the Lumber Co. as called for in the patent and did not mention the river at all, I can send you a copy of their deed if you would like to examine the same.

There is likely to be an oil well brought in not far from the land I have made application for and surveyed, in the near future and it is the mineral rights I am interested in, and I realize the state will reserve one half of the minerals. There is not much value to the land and timber.

to the land and timber. I beg your pardon if I have worried you with this long letter, but since I have been surveyor for 35 years, and believe I am right in my contention, I like to contend for it. and I would be pleased to hear from you when you have made an examination of this matter, as to what you think of it.

Yours Omu ner

P.S.

I am enclosing to you a copy or plat of the land in that locality made up by the Texas Oil Co.showing how the state of Louisiana regards the location of the Sabine river before the new channell of the river was formed. My contention is that there will be more than 60 acres gain in the H.E.&.W.T.RR.Co.survey if permitted to run with the meanders of the Sabine river

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SK. & Report of Surveyson Sabine R. in Eastern Part of County. Elitet Weaver, Aug. 18, 1927:

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