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To the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Austin, Texas.

This report, on location of Survey lines, fences, etc., is submitted, in connection with the Field Notes I have prepared for Edwin B. Cox and Jake L. Hamon of land recently purchased by them from the State out of the Original B. S. & F. Survey No. 172, of unpatented School Land, situated in Starr County.

This is a regular 640 acre section and a companion to, the already patented, B. S. & F. Survey No. 171, and its' adjoinder calls are for the Northwest and Southwest corners of 171, the senior patented survey in this area and all other patented surveys bounding on 171 and 172, call for common boundary lines with them, except the W. D. Peevy Survey No. 757, patented April 8, 1884, and surveyed by O. W. Brewerton, February 20, 1883, which survey, according to Land Office Map, dated February, 1913, is shown to be in conflict with other surveys and will not, according to its' calls, close against Surveys Nos. 171 and 172, nor does it call for the S.B.L. of 171 or 172, as it should, but its' 3rd., call is "Thence North 3432 varas to the Northwest corner of Survey No. 254, strip 363, C.C.S.D. & R.G. R.R. Co., for the Northeast corner hereof", a 4th., call does not mention survey Nos. 171 and 172, on a West call from the Northwest corner of No. 254, which is definitely located, by its' field notes, as being in the S. B. L. of B. S. & F. Survey No. 171. Applications for a vacant strip on the S.B.L. of Surveys Nos. 171 and 172, have been refused by the Land Office, according to the "Sketch Files" of this area, and as this is a Junior Survey, the location of its' north boundary does not affect the South boundary of 171 and 172.

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The field notes of the Surveyor of 171 and 172 do not call for witnesses at any of the corners and only posts were set to mark same. These notes were prepared and dated March 26, 1877, by Martin Van Merrick, District Surveyor of Starr. Therefore,

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this surveyor, having left no permanent information on the ground, is difficult to follow in the field. However, J. C. Eivet, surveyor, in his field notes of C.C.S.D. & R. G. N. G R. R. Survey No. 559, dated March 2, 1881, Begins this Survey " on the N. bdy of 171, at the N.W. corner of 558" and on the 5th., call " Thence South through brushy prairie 2346 varas to a post on the N. bdy., Sur. No. 172, for S. W. corner hereof, large Mesqt mkd  $\bar{X}$  brs S.  $72\frac{1}{2}$  E.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  varas" and "Thence East with the N. bdy of 172, at 526 pass post in prairie N.W. corner of Sur. No. 171 and at 1561 varas the place of Beginning", so, we know, Eivet found one of the corner posts set by Van Merrick.

In my survey, just completed, I have found that fences have been built and subsequent surveying, based on the location of these fences, or vice versa, has been done, apparently, without regard to Original Patented Field Notes. Because I could not find any of the original posts set for the S.E. and S. W. corners of these surveys, B. S. & F. Nos. 171 and 172, I made a search and did identify corners called for by Eivet in his notes for 559. There is a fence, well located, on the lower E.B.L. of 559 and the W. B. L. of 558 ( see map accompanying this report for detailed information on my survey) and at a lower most Eastern N.E. corner of 559, called by Eivet, "on S. bdy of Survey 202", but shown on Land Office map as 201," from whencea Mesquite mkd( $\bar{X}$  558NW.) brs S.  $45\frac{3}{4}$  E. 10 varas" . I found this witness, an old 16" Mesquite marked with blaze and chops, S. 45 E. 10 varas from a well established fence corner. Hence, I concluded this fence corner was on or near Eivet's original corner, but in measuring West 32 varas, Eivet's call, I did not find anything, tho, continuing West with fence, at 128.52 varas there is a fence corner and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron rod, a 10" mes., mkd.  $\bar{E}$  brs. S. 59 E. 16.92 varas, but there is nothing in the record indicating a corner at this point.

In a further effort to re-establish original survey lines, I returned to the fence corner, already established, as the N.W. corner of 558 and most Eastern N.E. corner of 559 and ran a line South, with a fence, at 738.08 varas there was a fence in an Easterly direction, at 771.12 varas, a fence corner and a fence Westerly. Thus, the

fences in this position would indicate a jog in the N.B.L. of 171, which is not according to field notes. At 770.4 varas, I deflected R.  $89^{\circ} 53'$  and on a calculated bearing of S.  $89^{\circ} 53'$  W. North of a fence, at 1019.2 crossed a "senderro" and found old cutting to the right. Upon examination here I found a very old rotted post still in a upright position with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron rod alongside, 27 varas North of fence, a 6" mes., mkd  $\bar{X}$  brs. S. 59 E. 11.8 varas (4 or 5 yr mk). While, I was sure this old post was the original N.E. corner of 172, I ran a line West and at 534.5 varas and found the rotted remains of a Mes., post and the original witness marked by Eivet old 20" mesquite, now dead mkd. X brs. S.  $72\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 8.46 varas is still in position and mark can be identified. However, a fence corner, with a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pipe is 94.1 varas West and 29.16 varas South of this old corner. Accepting this old post and witness as Eivet's original Southwest corner of 559 in the N.B.L. of 172, I next ran a line South from the old post and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron rod, which I now believe is the original N.E. corner of 172 and N.W. corner of 171, an old "senderro" marks this line, at 27 varas crossed a fence, at 950 varas set a 3" mes., post for the S.E. corner of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the the N.E. corner of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , B. S. & F. Survey No. 172, ~~mk~~ (see field notes) at 1425 varas set a mes., post for N.E. corner of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of B. S. & F. Survey No. 172 (see field notes) at 1883.88 varas a fence and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron rod (probably set by Sun Co.) and at 1900 varas I set a 3" mes., post in an old "senderro" on the North side of a pasture trail for the Southeast corner of this Survey B. S. & F. No. 172 and the Southwest corner of B. S. & F. Survey No. 171.

From this Southeast corner of No. 172, so located, I then surveyed, set post and marked witnesses for the corners of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of B. S. & F. Survey No. 172, for messrs. Edwin B. Cox and Jake L. Hamon and do respectfully submit these field notes together with this report and map.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th., day of  
July, 1944.

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Sketch File No. 44

Starr County  
A. B. Connor's Report of B. S. & F.  
Survey No. 172 - About 20 miles  
N. 24° E. from Rio Grande City

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See Starr Rolled Sk. 33 for Sketch.

On B. S. & F. Survey No. 172  
Starr County, Texas.

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