

The State of Texas
Stephens County To Hon. H. C. Walsh Comr
of General Land Office Austin Texas.

I C. Teale surveyor of Stephens County
Texas do hereby beg leave to make the following
partial statement relative to the condition of the block
of P. C. & L. Co surveys situated in the Eastern
portion of Stephens County on Cedar Creek and survey-
ed for said company by B. B. Barker in August 1853

1st I found and traced at some distance three
different lines running S 80° E or N 80° W. as represented
in the sketch hereto attached. These were old marked
lines and run the proper distance from each other
from North to South. In tracing these lines from
East to West I found corners at 1344 rods.

2nd I would have concluded that the lines and corners
above mentioned was the work of said B. B. Barker
surveyor for said P. C. & L. Co and that the same
should be recognized as correct but for the
following reasons to wit

3rd The lines running North and South seem to run
due North and South while those running East
West-differ 10 degrees.

4th The bearing trees to some of the corners do not
correspond to the description given in the field notes
of said surveys. I began at the N. & E. corner of
Survey N^o 1332 and ran N 80° W 1344 rods to the
N. W. Corner of said survey I found at this

corner one Post oak tree corresponding to the course
 and distance called for in field notes. R A McWilly
 a former county surveyor had chopped into the tree
 as I was informed for the purpose of ascertaining
 whether or not the same had the marks of a
 bearing tree upon it. I was not able to tell any-
 thing as to the marks of this tree on account of its
 disfiguration. I continued the course N 80 W from
 this corner and at 1344 rods I found a small rock
 pile. there was some mesquite trees at this corner
 that was marked but did not correspond to the
 field notes for the N W corner of N 1329. I contin-
 ued thence N 80 W at 1344 rods. I found old rock
 marked mound which should be the N. W. corner
 of N^o 1320 at this ~~corner~~ corner I found Post oak
 bearing trees and the corner located in Post oak
 timber. The field notes of 1320 call for mesquite
 bearing trees at its N W corner by continuing this
 line N 80 W through to the Western extremity of
 said Barker's work you do not find Post oak
 bearing trees to any of the corners along this line
 hence to call for Post oak bearing trees at
 the N W corner of survey N^o 1332 and Post oak
 bearing trees at the N W corner of 1320 is a contra-
 diction for the field notes of 1320 call for
 mesquite bearing trees at its N W corner at which
 point I found Post oak bearing trees and the
 corner in Post oak timber as above stated

The block of P. E. & L. Co surveys lying north and adjoining the work done by B. B. Barker was surveyed by James W. Powell a few days before the surveys were made by said Barker and the block of surveys P. E. & L. Co lying south of the work done by B. B. Barker was made by Thos Leslie a few days after Barker made his surveys.

There seems to be no difficulty about the surveys made for the P. E. & L. Co by James W. Powell and Thos Leslie hence it seems that it would be absurd to conclude that Barker should begin on Powell's ^{and not connect his work} work with the southern boundary line of Powell's surveys and that Thos Leslie did not discover the mistake made in Barker's work only a few days intervening between the work of these three surveyors.

Should the surveys of B. B. Barker be allowed to run on the ground as represented in the accompanying sketch great confusion will be produced in the surveys south and adjoining the P. E. & L. Co surveys made by Barker.

Given under my hand this 29th day of September 1884.

C. V. Dale
Surveyor of Stephens Co. Tex.

File 10^a
Stephens Co

C. Veale's letter to W.C. Walsh
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