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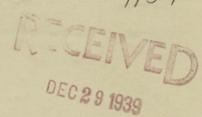
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Mr. Bascom Giles Commissioner of the General Land Office Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have recently made a survey of the Johnson Estate ranch in Coke and Sterling Counties, of which J. Willis Johnson, Jr. is the executor.

I have prepared field notes of nearly every survey in the ranch. Six of these field notes are for patents and the balance are for purchasing excess under the new law. The patent field notes are as follows:

Survey #1, E.W. Escue, Coke County
The North 2 of Survey #1, C.W. Scudday, Sterling
County

Survey #2, Robert Brown, Sterling County Survey #66, Block 2, H.& T.C. R.R. Co., Sterling & Coke County

Survey #68, Block 2, H.& T.C. R.R. Co., Coke Co. Survey #76, Block 2, H.& T.C. R.R. Co., Coke Co.

The excess field notes are as follows:

Survey #3, Coke County
Survey #5, Sterling County
Survey #6, Sterling County
Survey #25, Coke County
Survey #26, Coke County

Survey #26, Coke County Survey #27, Coke and Sterling Counties

Survey #28, Sterling County
Survey #29, Sterling County
Survey #65, Sterling County
Survey #67, Coke County

Survey #75, Coke and Sterling Counties.

I have prepared a sketch showing the various corners we identified and a full description thereof; the courses and distances between these corners, and the a-

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creages in the surveys.

This map, I believe, is self-explanatory and needs very little discussion. The survey in its entirety was based on the resurvey made by Stephen Turner in the early 80s. You probably are very familiar with the Turner work and will recall that Turner did the work in many of the H.& T.C. blocks in West Texas for the H.& T.C. R.R. Company. A great many of these surveys which includes this one, were never placed of record. The occupants settled the land on these corners and have been guided by them since that time.

In this particular case I believe the Turner work has been more or less validated because a portion of this block was resurveyed by George Williams, and the field notes of this survey are of record in your office. The survey by Williams was based entirely on the Turner work.

The only survey that needs any explanation is Survey #1, E.W. Escue, which lies between Block 2 of the H. & T.C. R.R. Company land and Block 15, S.P. R.R. Company land. This survey originally not only covered a part of the area between the north line of Survey #25 in Block 2 and the southwest line of Survey #36 in Block 15 but also the area between the southeast line of Survey #36, Block 15 and the Northwest line of Survey #1, Block 2. This last mentioned area was nullified in a suit in the District Court at Coke County in Cause #1266, styled Mrs. Ethel B. Carruthers vs. N.R. Eldred. You are familiar with this because in your Certificate facts of October 10, 1939, you set out this fact. I shall therefore not discuss this feature.

My problem was to locate the north line of Survey #25, Block 2, and the southwest line of Survey #36, Blk. 15, S.P. R.R. Co. In looking over the field notes of Block 15, there appeared to be no definite corners called for in this area except at the west corner of Survey #35. Here there was a call for a stone mound with a cedar bearing and a definite call on its south or southwest line for creek.

I was able to find this old stone mound. Someone had driven a l" galvanized iron pipe in the center. The cedar is apparently gone, but there are some cedar sprouts at about the bearing and distance. The distance from this original corner southeast along this south line is a little excessive to the creek, but there can be no doubt that this is the creek called for because it is the only one along this line. To locate the south

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corner of Survey #35 I ran southeast the field note distance for the creek crossing. I have given to the Escue survey that area which is bounded on the north by Survey #36, Block 15, S.P. R.R. Company; on the west by Survey #5; on the south by Survey #25, and on the east by Survey wey #1, all in Block 2, H.& T.C. R.R. Company.

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In making this survey I have endeavored to locate all corners that would have any definite bearing on these lands. Some of the corners outside the ranch I was unable to find, and in these cases, courses and distances from the other corners have control.

I trust that these field notes and the sketch accompanying them meet with your entire satisfaction. If, however, there is any correction you want me to make, please advise, and I will be very glad to do so.

Very truly yours

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