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REPORT OF RESURVEY of
T. & P. Ry. Co. Blks. 31,
32 and 33, Township 5 South,
and part of Block 22, H. &
T. C. Ry. Company.
Sterling & Glasscock Counties.

Dear Sir:

The following is a report of a resurvey made during the last 18 months for the J. L. Glass Estate, David Glass, Foster & Hildebrand, and others in the captioned blocks.

The original survey of the T. & P. Blocks 31, 32 and 33, Township 5 South, was made in 1875 - 1876 on the block and township lines only, by Surveyors Powell, Peck and Harris, working concurrently and each endeavouring to correlate his work with that of the other two surveyors.

In the particular vicinity covered by my resurvey, Powell ran the East line of Block 31, the South line of Blocks 31, 32, 33, and the West line of Block 32. Harris surveyed the North line of Block 31, and the East 3 miles of the North line of Block 32 of both Townships 4 and 5 South. Also Harris ran the North 4 miles of the East line of Block 32, and Powell ran the South 4 miles of the same East line. Peck surveyed the North, East and West lines of Block 33. This information is from the original field books used by the surveyors, and photographs of the books are on file in the Land Office.

In tying their work together, it was discovered that the lines of Peck and Powell were some 269 varas apart in latitude at the Southwest corner of Block 32.

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The records show that Powell ran a check line along the West side of Block 32, from the center line of the railroad location to the Southwest corner of 32, to verify Peck's work, and also his own. This check line was later used when writing the field notes of the Surveys along this block line.

While making this check, Powell ran about three miles easterly along the North line of Block 32, Tsp. 4 South, with the very evident intention of establishing the position on the ground of the Harris corners. Powell made this note in his book "at 765 $\frac{1}{2}$ varas intersection South line 46, 541 varas West from Southeast corner". After verifying his own corner at the Southwest of Block 32, Township 5 South, he surely realized that Harris was some 500 varas too far West with his work. Further, his recognition of the discrepancy is indicated by the fact that even though Harris surveyed the East part of Block 32, T 4 S, Powell wrote the field notes for the entire South half of Block 32, T 4 S, trying to correct the error by using his check line instead of Harris' survey.

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The error in the Harris position has been recognized by several surveyors, but they have never submitted sufficient evidence, at one time, to allow the Land Office to make a definite decision as to what should be done to remedy it. Reference is made to maps and reports of Surveyors Beckett and Kellis, also of H. L. George.

My resurvey of the captioned blocks has been made to obtain proof that the construction of them was not irregular, but a uniform system of Surveys; and to relieve affected property owners of the uncertainty of the location of their section lines, caused by Harris' error in position. A similar error in Harris' work was found and corrected in Block T, T. & P. Ry. Company, Sterling County.

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The South line of Township 5 South is well monumented and reasonably regular. The original corners with bearings made by Powell on the East line of Block 31, T 5 S, were found to be in an excellent state of preservation due to the fact that, since they are partly in conflict with senior blocks, no fence has ever been erected along this East line. I have found no evidence that these corners have been recovered before, except perhaps by Harris when he wrote corrected field notes for this area in February, 1879.

Along the East line of Block 32, T 5 S, no original corners were found by me except indirectly. A stone mound at the Southeast corner of the block recovered by Surveyor Kellis while bearings were still standing, and three miles up from it a stone mound was found, built in the same manner as Powell's other stone mounds. This corner was first recovered by H. B. Tarver during a survey made by him in September, 1886, and set forth in his report which is on file in the Land Office.

Along the West line of Block 32, T 5 S, the Northwest and Southwest corners were the only original corners found by me. There is evidence by dependable witnesses that the other corners along this line were wilfully destroyed in the past by a former property owner, now deceased. The resurvey corners of Surveyors J. A. Simpson and W. F. Kellis are on the ground.

On the North line of Block 33, T 5 S, eight original corners were found. The original Northwest and Southwest corners of Block 33, T 5 S, also were recovered. No original corners between these two were found by me, but I did find the resurvey corners of Surveyors J. A. Simpson and J. E. Beavers. The resurvey of J. E. Beavers was made in 1910 while some of the bearing trees were still standing, and part of his corners are identified by him as original.

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Using the original and resurvey corners set forth in the preceding paragraphs, I have reconstructed Blocks 31, 32, and 33, T 5 S, following the footsteps and intentions of the original surveyors, as a uniform and homogeneous system of Surveys.

The part of Block 22, H. & T. C. Ry. Company resurveyed by me has been constructed from the corners set by the original surveyor, Jacobo DeCordova, in May, 1867, and the resurvey corners made by Geo. Williams in October, 1906. For the location of these corners please refer to my map and the map of Mr. Williams on file in the General Land Office.

The corners of all Surveys belonging to my clients have been established with a marked 2" galvanized iron pipe set in concrete in a stone mound, and tied to the State Co-ordinate System. Also, the courses and declination used in field notes and shown on map are on the Lambert Grid, Central Zone. A total of 25 separate closures was made during this resurvey in order to obtain maximum accuracy.

Trusting that this report and other data will enable you to approve my work as set out in your letter to me of July 13th, 1954, I am

Very truly yours

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF GLASSCOCK }

I, MRS. VENA LAWSON, Clerk of the County Court in and for said

County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument dated the 20 day of June
19 55 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for Record in my office, the 7th day of
July 19 55 at 4:30 o'clock P M., and duly Recorded the 11 day
of July 19 55 at 10:00 o'clock A M., in Field Notes Record of
said County, in Vol. B on Pages 203

WITNESS my hand and the seal of County Court of said County, at office in Garden City, Texas, the day
and year last above written.

By _____ Deputy

Vena Lawson Clerk
County Court, Glasscock County, Texas

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J. EARL RUDDER, Com'r.

By V. E. [Signature]

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TSP 55 and part of Blk.
22, H. & T. C. R. R. in Sterling
& Glasscock Counties.

By M. D. Rawls

June 20, 1955

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