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Mr Bascom Giles,
Land Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you sometime ago stating that as soon as the party could take time to assist me I would make a resurvey of the land lying between Block C, HE&WT Ry Co and Blk EFD situated in S W part of Sutton County. Will state that we began the survey last week, but owing to the enormous amount of work to be done on the ranch, we had to defer the surveying to a later date. However, to be able to give you the distance from the South east corner of Survey No 16, S H Larrimore, same being the NE corner of the T M Robinson survey No 15, Blk EFD, South to the North West corner of Survey No 21, Blk C-2, T P Gillespie same being the SW corner of Survey No 20, in name of S H Stokes Blk C-2, surveyed by John McNicol, I have run the connection from the Original NW cor of Obedience Smith Survey No 4, in East line Survey 5, EL&RR Ry Co, Blk CC, South and East and South to the North line of said Gillespie strip No 21, Blk C2, as shown by the rough sketch enclosed herewith, which developed a conflict existing and shows a conflict of 21 vrs between senior Survey No 16, S H Larrimore and junior Survey No 21, T P Gillespie on the West.

Mr McNicol evidently did not run the East line of the Larrimore Survey or he would not have called for the rock md made by him for the N W corner of Survey No 21, T P Gillespie to be at the SE corner of Survey No 16, S H Larrimore when by actual survey it was found to be 575 vrs North of the T P Gillespie N W corner and conflicting with Survey 16, S H Larrimore 21 vrs.

I will ask you to please return me the sketch and field notes of all the surveys made for Mrs Nannie B Wilson. Also a blue print of the East line of Block EFD, same being West line of Block C, HE&WT RR Co, if this line has ever been run on the ground, and field notes filed in the General Land Office. I fear the discovery of this discrepancy in distance between the SE corner of the S H Larrimore Survey on the North and T P Gillespie Survey No 21, on the South may develop other errors in the location of the H E & W T Ry Co surveys in Block C, that will require correction and might possible necessitate rewriting the field notes of the HE&WT Ry Co surveys Blk C in conflict with the Tyler Tap & Rusk Transportation surveys.

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I will further state that Aldwell Brothers own about all the surveys in Blk EFD and Mr Roy Aldwell, one of the owners, was with me during the entire survey of the connection I ran to determine the SE corner of the Larrimore survey, and now that the SW corner of Survey 16, S H Larrimore has been placed 69 vrs East of the fence now on the ground and supposed to have been put on the East line of Blk EFD by actual survey many years ago, Mr Aldwell is very much dissatisfied with the result of the Survey and possibly will want the entire East line of Blk EFD resurveyed, particularly if there are no old marks on the ground by which the old Blk line can be identified beyond question. In this connection I will ask you to please advise me if the McNicol surveys No 19 and 20 S H Stokes, Nos 21 and 21½ T P Gillespie and No 22, W A Miers all with corners that are filed in the General Land Office and can be identified on the ground by stone mds and with witness trees and marked bearings. Is it not a fact that these surveys are fixed and cannot be disturbed, and will hold the territory now held by the confines of the lines and corners now on the ground.

And now by the connection I ran from original corners in Blk CC it is shown that the above named surveys do conflict with the surveys along the East line of Block EFD will not all the land in these surveys of Blk C-2 be subject to patent as they are now located on the ground, be the land in conflict. I find to trace the lines between original corners set by S A Thompson in Blk CC, requires a magnetic declination of 10° and 50', whereas the surveys in Block C HE&WT Ry Co were located by true meridian, which I find by placing my transit over one point and directed to another point at the terminals of a meridian line placed in the Courthouse yard in 1881 by F M Little, U S Geodetic Surveyor, the magnetic declination of the needle now is 10° and 30' E which will cause a divergence in course of 20' of a degree between the two Block lines C HE&WT RR Co and EFD, which will cause Blk C-2 lying between the two Blocks to be wider at one end than the other.

Mr Giles I have written you a very long letter which I trust will not try your patience too much, but I thought it necessary to explain existing conditions. Thanking you in advance for any advice you can give that will assist me in any way in making the Survey for Mrs Nannie B Wilson, I am,

Yours for Assistance,

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