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Hon. Bascom Giles  
Commissioner  
General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Commissioner Giles:

Accompanying this report are corrected field notes for Surs. No. 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ , both in name of Z. C. Collier, original grantee, Sutton County, Texas, along with a map of this area by me as surveyed in June, 1952.

These are part of the Geo. S. Allison Estate, Sonora, Texas, and the heirs wish to patent said Surveys 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Judge L. W. Elliott of Sonora, Texas, represents the Allison Estate in this matter, and we are passing this report, field notes and map to him before forwarding to you. Please refer to your letter of March 19, 1952, to Messrs. Elliott and Elliott, attys., Sonora, Texas, for information concerning said Surveys.

Original field notes for said Surveys 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$  were by W. H. Bonnell, Dep. Surveyor Bexar Dist., July 3, 1890; field notes show "by virtue of Cert. .. issued to Z. C. Collins ..", but Land Office map of Sutton County, your letter of March 19th, and most other maps and records seem to show "Collier", so we have used the latter.

Sur. 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  originally showed to be west of the Mary Jane Harris Sur. 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ , between TWNGRRCo. Blk. 9 and Georgetown R. R. Co. Blk. A-9 (along with BS&F Surs. 7, 8 & 11), with width of 324 varas. Original field notes for said Surs. 7, 8 & 11, along with those for Surs. 13 & 16, Blk. A-9, call to join the south line of said Blk. 9, so there is doubt that Surs. 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$  should have been allowed in the beginning. Since they do exist as the present records and facts indicate, it seems our only choice to show them as we have on our map and field notes.

Surveys in said Blk. 9 were originally surveyed by L. E. Edwards, Dep. Surveyor Bexar Dist., in 1877; his work is generally conceded to be an "office survey", since no monuments for corners, etc. 42237 are named that can be identified or located. The GH&SARRCo. Blk. K, immediately north and east of said Blk. 9, was surveyed and well monumented by Geo. M. Williams, State Surveyor, in 1889 (this is another block supposedly surveyed originally, in 1776, by same L. E. Edwards). Block 9 calls to begin (and to "tie to") said Blk. K, so we have located south line of Blk. 9 from the Williams' corners along south line of said Blk. K, as shown on my map.

Please refer to field notes on Survey No. 94, said Blk. 9, by me, dated in 1938; patent for said Survey No. 94 was issued on basis of these notes by me. Also, refer to my letter of Sept. 30, 1939, and my sketch of part of said Blk. 9. These will explain details of location of said Block 9, which controls north lines of said Surveys No. 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Most patents for Surveys in said Blk. A-9 and adjoining area, were based on original field notes, while most original surveys in the area were never made on the ground, apparently (this is based on our findings, on information from Mr. E. C. Saunders, former Sutton County Surveyor who knew some of the original surveyors, and other sources). We find that the J. A. Robbins Survey No. 8 and the W. A. Glasscock Survey No. 8 (and adjoining Sur. 10), were patented on basis of surveys by said Saunders. We made no effort to verify Mr. Saunders' old work in locating last named Surveys on the ground, since this involved much distance and work. A study of his reports and field notes, along with our knowledge of part of this area, leads me to believe that his locations of said Surs. 8, 8 and 10, is reasonably correct; since patents were issued on basis of his field notes, I feel that we should honor his locations, since I know of no serious discrepancies.

In view of this, we have located north lines of the Block A-9 and its adjoining Surveys, based on patent corners of said Robbins Sur. 8 and Glasscock Sur. 8, as shown.

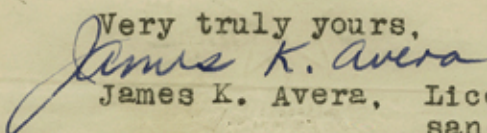
You will note different courses on present map by me from those on old maps by me referred to above; this is due to different variations (declinations) used. Corners and lines are the same in each instance, and same basis was used each time. Other work by me in this area, and south of here, was based on lines using U. S. G. S. bearings, while work by me in north part of this area and farther north, was on different declination.

There were a few varas "excess" distance between the two Surs. 8 (patented), and this was prorated by me, as shown. The corners by said Geo. M. Williams in Blk. K, had little excess, with even slight shortages in few places, and we have averaged his distances as well as possible, giving a very reasonable construction to our area under survey.

I believe this covers most of the controlling items, but if there are questions or other data needed, please let me know.

If these notes and map are acceptable in their present form, please notify me in order that my files will be complete.

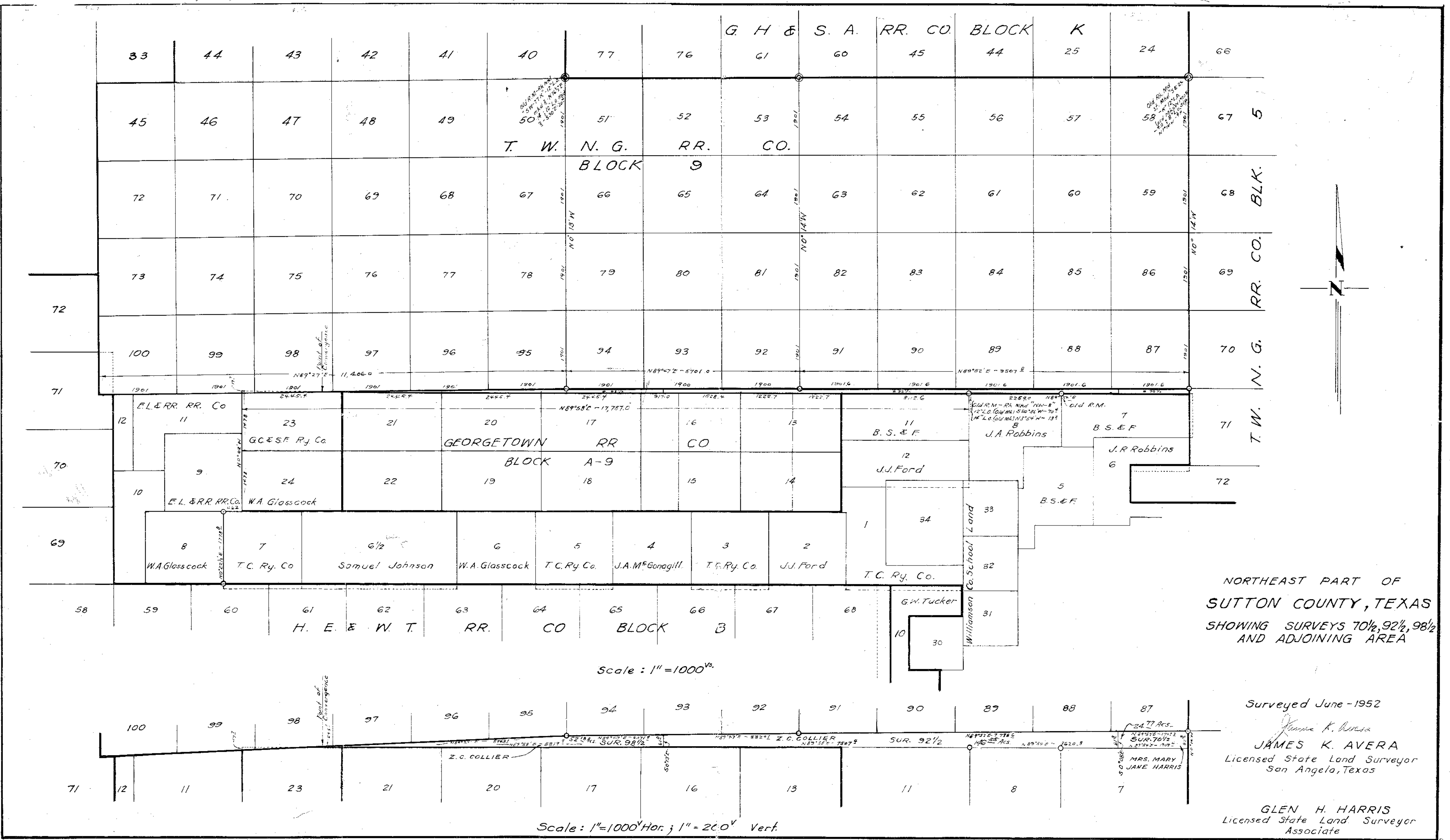
Very truly yours,



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NORTHEAST PART OF  
 SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS  
 SHOWING SURVEYS 70 1/2, 92 1/2, 98 1/2  
 AND ADJOINING AREA

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