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Honorable Garry Mauro:

The following surveyor's report covers the original grantee, D. C. Kenley, Abstract No. 956, School Class, and File No. 132184 within Trinity County. We are desirous of a patent being issued on same. There has been numerous correspondence with the General Land Office concerning this area. The earliest record we have is dated December 13, 1962. All request being rejected due to the field notes not covering the entire area of school land. We therefore submit this surveyor's report of our on the ground survey, copy of a working sketch prepared from the original surveyor's field notes drafted by J. Kilpatrick of the General Land Office, Survey Division and a Milar Tracing of our Survey Map, all of which to enlist a favorable finding from the Land Office.

All records available in the files of the General Land Office that are pertinent to the vicinity of the D. C. Kenley Survey were obtained. These records included materials found in the survey file jackets and copies of all available maps. A search was also made of the records maintained by Trinity County. When this material was considered in connection with "working sketches" that, as stated, were prepared by General Land Office personnel, a picture of the surveys emerged.

We wish to point out this area is within the large timber company properties. Original boundary lines and witness trees appear to have succumbed to saw blade, although an enormous advantage was gained by the generosity of the timber companies in that they allowed reviews of

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their old field books enabling a reconstruction and recovery of land marks.

The senior Jacob Buhlman Survey adjoining and to the north surveyed by Charles Nelson, no date on the field notes, was examined March 10, 1847 and patented for 640 acres on May 27, 1847 and is presently owned by the United States of America. From local documentation it is apparent they surveyed, marked lines and set monuments at the corners during the year of 1934. Apparently these marked lines and monuments have been used and accepted as original to this date as reflected in the timber company field books we inventoried.

The Abigal Jackson Survey of 149 3/4 acres was patented on August 13, 1908 from corrected field notes by Ed. L. Evans, field notes not dated, recorded on August 5, 1908. Mr. Evans begins at the southeast corner of the senior Buhlman Survey and proceeds clockwise around the Jackson Survey. At this southeast corner of the Buhlman Survey, Government field books reflect that in 1934 they found a pine knot and replaced it with a 1 1/2" steel pipe with an aluminum cap, no witness trees mentioned. From this corner we set an 1/2" iron rod at the called distance of Jackson's westerly north line in the painted and marked government line. A vigorous search was made for the witness trees called for by Mr. Evans in his field notes of the Abigal Jackson Survey.

We then surveyed South 10 deg West to an intersection with the present northeast line of the senior John Robins Survey. Mr. George Gibson, by his field notes dated March 1, 1871 placed the Robins on the ground. We found the distance to be 730.01 varas or 16.99 varas short of Evans call for the west line of said Jackson Survey. At this corner we set a 1/2" iron rod and marked new witness trees. From this iron rod we surveyed South 79 deg 36 min 09 sec East a distance of 343.00 varas to a 4" concrete monument that was set by Southern Pine Lumber Company surveyors in 1940. Their field book reflects they were following marked lines that were already there and set this monument in the intersection of same. In Mr. Ed L. Evans field notes of the Abigal Jackson Survey, he has a passing call of 535 varas. If we take this passing call from his total distance for the south line of said Jackson Survey, we have a remainder of 415 varas. Should we use the plat attached with the field notes of Mr. Evans the figure would compute 285 varas.

Returning to the 1/2" iron rod we set at our southwest corner of the Abigal Jackson Survey, we then surveyed North 79 deg 36 min 09 sec West at 192 varas there is a corner and a fence approximately North 10 deg East and 535 varas from the above described monument at the northeast corner of said Joshua Roach Survey, however we believe that this corner was placed on the ground the called passing call distance

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by Mr. J. O. Booker on or about December 7, 1962 during his attempt to have the D. C. Kenley Survey accepted by the General Land Office under SF 3753 but was rejected. Now continuing North 79 deg 36 min 09 sec West a total distance of 363.36 varas along a marked and painted line we found a 6" concrete monument with witness trees, none original. From field books of Southern Pine Lumber Company surveyors, we see that in 1940 they found a stake standing at the intersection of marked lines and replaced the stake with the concrete monument for the southeast corner of the R. H. Simmons Survey.

From this monument we continued North 79 deg 36 min 09 sec West a distance of 249 varas along a marked and painted line to a 4" concrete monument that was also set by the Southern Pine Lumber Company surveyors in 1940 for the northwest corner of the John Robbins Survey same being the northeast corner of the William Roach Survey. This distance of 249 varas is the call that Mr. D. C. Holland has in his original survey of the R. H. Simmons by his field notes dated October 6, 1880 for his beginning call. From the original surveyors field notes we see that Mr. George Gibson surveyed both the William Roach and the John Robbins surveys on March 1, 1871. From Mr. Gibson's field notes along the north line of the Roach, we have a passing call on the branch at 390 varas. From our survey we found the branch at 381 varas.

Returning to the southeast corner of the R. H. Simmons we surveyed North 10 deg 27 min 14 sec East a distance of 727.01 varas along a marked and painted line to a 5" concrete monument for the northeast corner of the R. H. Simmons Survey in the south line of the aforementioned Jacob Buhlman. We find in the field books of Southern Pine Lumber Company surveyors that in 1940 they found the stump hole of the Post Oak called for in the original field notes for the Simmons Survey and set a stake North 45 deg East a distance of 13 varas and at a later date replaced the stake with this concrete monument. The north line of the Simmons from Corrected Field Notes dated October 6, 1880 by Mr. O. C. Holland calls North 80 deg West a distance of 1199 varas to the southwest corner of the senior Jacob Buhlman. We computed the distance from Southern Pine Lumber Company field books to be 1242.84 varas or 43.84 varas excessive.

From these same field books we see that in 1940 they found a Class A concrete monument stamped K-89, 1934 at said southwest corner of the Jacob Buhlman Survey and found standing today.

We then surveyed South 80 deg 04 min 51 sec East a distance of 357.59 varas to the place of beginning encompassing 46.52 acres.

In summary, we have placed the northeast corner of the D. C. Kenley Survey 285 varas North 80 deg 04 min 51 sec West from the USA monument at the southeast corner of the Buhlman Survey, Abilgal

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Jackson Survey calls South 80 deg East a distance of 285 varas. We placed the southeast corner of the D. C. Kenley called bearing South 10 deg West to an intersection with the marked and long recognized north line of the John Robbins Survey. The southwest corner of the D. C. Kenley we honored the concrete monument which we have documented as far back as 1940 and same being true for the northwest corner of the D. C. Kenley with the added confirmation of the old stump hole.

As a Licensed State Land Surveyor, I do not take lightly my responsibility in this matter. I believe I have followed all the guide lines governing my conduct and recommend that this survey of the area of the D. C. Kenley, which is not in conflict with senior surveys, be adopted for such purposes and actions as may be pertinent to such lands.

Sincerely,

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