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Kountze, Texas

March 1941

Mr. Bascom Giles, Com. Gen. Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Below I submit outline of work done on the ground in locating a survey of 220 acres of land for the Nona-Fletcher L'b'r Co. out of Sec. No. 4, Cert. No 540, T.&N.O.R.R. Co. in Block No. 2 in Tyler County, Texas. This section was originally awarded to George Collier and later partitioned among his heirs and Nona-Fletcher L'b'r Co., Kountze, Texas, acquired the S.W. portion. This section is located in the great cut over pine belt and none of the original witness trees are left standing thus making it very difficult at times to find these old surveys as extremely few of the old line marks can be found today.

To begin with we began at a point on the North line of Section No. 4 in a road built by the Civilian Conservation Corps where we found a newly marked line. This road is supposed to cross the section line 475 varas East of the upper N.W. corner of Sec. No. 4, T.& N.O.R.R. Co. From here we ran West 475 varas to a new corner for this section but were unable to identify it as original. We looked for a considerable distance North to find evidence of East line of T.T. Swearingen survey but all old timber removed and we had no success.

We ran South from new corner of Sec.4 for a distance of 708 varas to find the S.E. corner of T.T.Swearingen. This point falls on the East side of a branch and no evidence found of a corner. The field notes of Swearingen call for a red bay for cor. from which a black gum brs. N 45 deg. W 1.5 vrs. No red bays or black gums ever grew at this distance set out in field notes to Sec. No. 4 which calls for same trees as the T.T. Swearingen.

We turned West at the 708 vara point and measured West 559 varas to find the corner of the Swearingen on East line of Mary Jones Survey.

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After a close search we found the corner which was originally witnessed as follows: Pine S $17\frac{1}{2}$ deg. E 12.7 vrs and a pine West 9 vrs. This point is in open pine woods where we found a pine stump which brs. S $17\frac{1}{2}$ deg. E 12.7 from a point where a flat sunken place brs West 9 vrs.

We dug into the latter place and found the charred tap root of a pine. This identifies the S.W. corner of T.T. Swearingen as no corners are ever duplicated in bearings in the same system of surveys.

From the above corner we ran East setting a mark for T. & N.O. R.R. Co. No. 4, at 271 varas and at 560 varas we find what I deemed the S.E. corner of the T.T. Swearingen survey. Here we found a red bay about 8" dia from which a decayed Black gum stump bore N 45 deg. W 2.5 vrs instead of 1.5 varas as set out in field notes from surveyors records. All circumstances surrounding this point indicated it to be proper corner. It is in the West edge of undergrowth on West side of the branch previously mentioned and several varas West and South of point 708 set from the line run from the new corner of T. & N.O.R.R. Co. No. 4.

We returned to the point 271 varas East of T.T. Swearingen S.W. cor. and ran South 1303 varas and set a mark for S.W. cor. T. & N.O. R.R. Co. No. 4 but found no evidence of old bearings. No line marks of any kind found as timber is all young growth.

We turned East and ran 794 varas to look for corner of this section which calls to be in West line of Allen Collier's survey. After a diligent search we failed to find any evidence whatever but found 3 lines running North and South for Colliers West line.

We next began at the S.W. corner of the T.T. Swearingen as we found same and ran South by pacing 403 varas and found a new corner for Mary Jones and S.P. West. Owing to discrepancies in field notes I did not identify this corner, but turned West for a distance of 741 paces which put us in the edge of swamp. A corner marked here but not original. On this last course we found a few old marks.

We followed a marked line South from last station through brushy country until we came to a corner in swamp.

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The witness trees marked were not the original which are set out in field notes as an ironwood brs West 3 and a black gum brs S 54 deg. E 5 vrs. This is call for Mary Jones and S.P. West surveys. This point is called to be in the North line of the J.P. Jordan survey and over in the swamp we find an old m'k'd line running West.

From the mkd corner of Mary Jones and S.P. West we ran East and at 502.2 found the N.E. corner of J.P. Jordan which is also the N.W. corner B.B.B. & C. R.R. Co. No. 1. Here we found a pine stump brs S 41 W 3 vrs and a pine stump brs N 4.5 vrs. as called for in J.P. Jordan notes. We continued East and at 1012 varas we set a mark. No evidence of T. & N.O. R.R. Co. No. 4 found at the time.

We again began on the S.B.L. T.T. Swearingen where we found evidence of the original cor. of T. & N.O. R.R. Co. No. 4, which point is 283.6 varas East of the S.W. corner of T.T. Swearingen instead of 271 varas as called for in notes to S.P. West survey.

Here we found a pine stump brs N 75 deg. W 7 vrs and a pine tap root brs N 12 deg. E 8 vrs. We had to dig into the ground to uncover the latter.

From here we ran South 1330.5 vrs to point of intersection with line previously surveyed from J.P. Jordan N.E. corner. Here we find a pine stump brs S 73 deg. E 8 vrs and at a point N 34 deg. E 14 vrs we dug into ground and found the remains of a pine which had burned to charcoal.

We had now succeeded in finding evidence of 4 original corners. From the last corner we ran East 794 varas to again look for S.E. corner on West line Allen Collier survey. Again we failed to find it so we followed one of the marked lines South down what is locally known as a bay gall and on South side of same we found the S.W. corner of the Allen Collier, both stumps of original witness trees standing- one brs N 18 deg. E 6 vrs and the other one brs N 34 deg. W 3 vrs as set out in field notes to this

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From here we ran North but owing to swampy condition did not measure the line to point of intersection with the line just made from S.W. cor.

T. & N.O.R.R. Co. No. 4, we made a corner but still not able to identify a corner where South line of T. & N.O.R.R. Co. No. 4 being 748.7 varas

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long instead of 794 as set out in field notes.

We continued North with Allen Collier West line 683.2 varas from T.& N.O.R.R.Co. No. 4 S.E. corner and here we found a new corner recently marked for Allen Collier N.W. corner.

Said survey was originally witnessed by a pine brs S 5 E 4. This pine was cut down a short time ago. The other witness tree was a hickory 6" dia brs N 65 deg. E 2. At course and distance for this tree we find a depression and digging into same find hickory charcoal and old tap root.

Having now found 7 of the original bearing upon our survey we proceeded to survey out 220 acres from T.& N.O.R.R.Co. No. 4 as will be seen from plat and field notes herewith.

All of the above facts I hereby certify to be correct but if any further explanations required will be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

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Licensed Land Surveyor.



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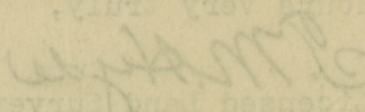
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Your interest of 1924 as set out in field notes
 we continued with with Allen Collier west line 533.8 yards
 from T. & G. R. Co. No. 4 E. E. corner and here we found a new cor-
 ner recently marked for Allen Collier E. E. corner.
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 tree we find a depression and digging into same find hickory char-
 coal and old tap root.
 Having now found Y of the original bearing upon our survey we
 proceeded to survey out 280 acres from T. & G. R. Co. No. 4 as will
 be seen from plat and field notes herewith.
 All of the above facts I hereby certify to be correct but if
 any further explanations required will be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

 Licensed Land Surveyor



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