

THE STATE OF TEXAS

vs.

GEO. A SNECKNER ET AL

No. 29432

*See Copy of Cause
No. 29432 in Webb Co.
Sketch File "C"*

*See W^m H. Leckie's Sketch
in Webb Co. Rolled Sk. No. "17"*

5/18/38 - J. J. W.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To the Hon. District Judge

Austin, Texas.

In accordance with your order of 25th day of February, A.D. 1915, appointing me as the surveyor in the above styled cause, to run and mark upon the ground, the S.E. boundary line of the tract of land granted to Joaquin Galan, and known as the Balconcitas tract in Webb County, Texas, accompanied by Mr. Geo. A Sneckner, one of the principals in this case, I went upon the ground on the 23rd day of April, and began the survey.

The field notes of the Balconcitas tract in Webb county according to the re-survey made by ^SF. M. Jarvis, deputy surveyor, in June 1887, read as follows:- "Beginning at a pile of rock on the E. bank of the Rio Grande, at the mouth of San Pedro creek an old corner. Thence with the meanders of the river, North 36° 38' West 1295 varas; North 22° 44' West 1155 varas; North 66° 3/4° West 1620 varas; North 49° West 680 varas; North 19° 05' West 282 varas; North 4° West 413 varas; North 16° West 627 varas; North 10° East 600 varas; North 45° East 740 varas; North 36° East 1140 varas; North 17° 1/2° East 752 varas; North 3 1/2° West 276 varas; North 13 1/4° West 1008 varas to a pile of rocks at the mouth of Espada creek, an old corner. Thence North 18° East, 26300 varas to a pile of rocks between two hills called Las Hermanas, an original corner. Thence North 63 3/4° East 34793 varas to pile of rocks on the hill called the Peloncillo, an original corner. Thence South 11 1/2° West 18128 varas to pile of rocks on top of a hill called El Almud, an original corner. Thence South 47° 10' West 45900 varas to the place of beginning"

It is to be noted that in the re-survey of No. 2292 made by Arthur Foster, surveyor of Webb county, in December 1897 for the Heirs of Joaquin Galan, the course of the S.E.

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boundary line of the Balconcitas tract is described as S.48° 19' W. running from the El Almud. Again, this same Balconcitas line, next the river, is described in the field notes of surveys 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, adjoining the Balconcitas below, as running N.43° E. from the pile of rocks on the east bank of the river on the south bank of San Pedro creek; indicating some confusion in the minds of surveyors regarding the true course of the line.

Beginning my survey at a pile of rocks found at an angle of a fence, on top and near the middle point of El Almud, which is a well known and conspicuous flat topped hill, about 360 feet long and about 75 feet in height, standing in an open plain; I adopted as a base the fence running N.11 1/2° E. along the Balconcitas east boundary toward the Peloncillos, called for in its field notes, and which was visible for approximately two miles. I then turned a deflection angle of 35° 40' from a S.11 1/2° W. course, to meet the S.47° 10' W. course called for, and ran that course for a trial line. I found the magnetic variation of these courses to read 10 3/4° E. on my transit, and maintained that variation throughout the survey. On the following day, and at a distance of 7818 varas from my point of beginning, I temporarily abandoned the survey owing to heavy rains, and the character of country through the line ran.

On May 25th I resumed the survey at the 7818-vara point, and continued the line and measurement S.47° 10' W., at 11540 varas, from El Almud, crossed the fence in the N.E. side of Mr. Sneckner's enclosure, at 13778 varas being informed that this course would miss my objective on the river by about a mile and a half to the northwest (which information proved eventually to be in error) I turned a deflection angle of 6 3/4°, and ran S.40° 25' W. at 2500 varas crossed Sauz, or Santa Isabel creek, in all 4960 varas, and set reference stake^a.

I then went to the mouth of San Pedro creek, on the east bank of the Rio Grande river, and from an old pile of rocks on a ledge of rock, that bears about S.47° E. 75 varas from the middle of the mouth of the creek, and N.43° E. 40 varas from the brink of the high bank of the river, I followed an old line of fence that rung directly from this point N.43° E. at

3056 varas crossed Laredo and Asherton road, at 5840 varas the top of a hill from which the fence deflects 20' to the right, making compass reading N.43°20' E., at 10359 varas pass corner post of the fence, the termination of the fence running N.43°E. and the north corner of survey 31 of the subdivisions of the Thos O'Connor tract, adjoining the Balconcitas on the southeast; at 17680 varas reach open high ground from whence the middle of El Almud is in plain view, bearing N.51°18' E. about 14 miles distant, a deflection of 7°58' to the right from my last course. Thence I ran on a straight line N.51°18'E.7561 varas towards the middle of El Almud. Thence ran S.84°35' E. 2772 varas to the reference stake^a aforesaid, thereby closing the connection.

From the foregoing described courses and connections I found the true line from the old pile of rocks on the south bank of San Pedro creek, and east bank of the Rio Grande river, to the pile of rocks at the angle of the fence at the top of El Almud, to run N.48°12'E. 45737 varas.

Returning to the corner post at the north corner of survey 31, as described, I then ran with the fence in the north boundary of surveys 31 and 12 of the subdivisions of the Thos O'Connor, N.70°05'E. 2423 varas, and set a post at the intersection of the Balconcitas S.E. boundary line which is N.48°12'E. 12570 varas from its corner on the south bank of the San Pedro creek; a cluster of three Mesquits from one root, marked with blazes and hacks, bears N.12°E. 25 1/2 varas.

Thence with the Balconcitas line N.48°12' E., at 5400 varas the middle of the El Almud bears N.48°12'E. about 14 miles distant; at about 16900 varas cross Sauz, or Santa Isabel creek; at 19,398 varas, a post in a pile of rock from whence the N.W. point of a rocky ledge bears S.43°E.248 varas; at 21,617 varas set post in the fence in the N.E. side of the Sneckner enclosure, from whence a small double mesquit, marked with blazes and hacks, bears S.29°1/4°W. 31 varas; in all 33,166 varas with the Balconcitas line, from the post at its intersection with the north boundary line of survey 12, to the post and pile of rock on top, and near the middle point of El Almud. The survey was completed at midday on the 3rd day of June. I attach hereto and make a part of this report, a plat marked

Exhibit "A" outlining the work done upon the ground. The lines in red represent the trial lines and connections as run, and the heavy black line shows the true Balconcitas tract S.E. boundary; and indicates a conflict with surveys 26, 27, 30, 31, 32 and 12 of the subdivisions of what is known as the Thos O'Connor tract, to the extent as shown.

I also attach my fee bill, marked Exhibit "B" for the agreed amount of \$275.00, which I trust will meet your approval.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. H. Leckie

I, Wm. H. Leckie, Land Surveyor, residing in Runge, Texas, do hereby certify that the facts set forth in the foregoing report are true and correct.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of June, A.D. 1915.

Wm. H. Leckie

Surveyor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of June A.D. 1915,

W. T. Scarborough

Notary Public in and for Karnes county, Texas.

Handwritten notes and signatures in blue and red ink, including names like 'Wm. H. Leckie' and 'W. T. Scarborough'.

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Webb County
Surveyors Report

By W^m H. Leckie

Filed June 19 1915

~~W. H. McDONALD~~, Com'r

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