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Laredo, Texas 7-5-44

Hon. J. Bascom Giles,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:- In the survey of that part of the Callaghan land and pastoral Company's lands in northern Webb and southern LaSalle Counties, we have endeavored to make as complete and as accurate a survey as was possible, with the true variation taken at E.E. during August 1943, and repeated in two successive days to check our needle which gave us a variation of N 10-25'E, and this same was rechecked, after having carried a traverse for some thirty miles, with twice as many angles, we tied to the U.S./C & G. Sur. monument and were off 20", which for secondary work was fairly good.

The Callaghan west line as noted herein to its east line we found to be excessive, and owing to the few original corners that were existant, we were able to determine where this excess should be applied to.

We ran three east and west traverses from one boundary to the other all over ten miles, and north and south traverses every two miles five in all, and intermediate traverses to locate corners.

I also ran two traverses south and southwest from the river bank at FtEwell, trying to ascertain the S.E. Cor., of 261, we finally made it by going it the reverse way from the S.W. Cor of survey 575 J.W. Peacock, we meandered the old San Antonio and Laredo, Road and altho' there are several parallel roads covering two hundred varas in width in several places owing to the old ruts in the first roads being bad and to the open country that at that time existed this road has spread itself considerably, however we took the original field notes of survey 575 and they fitted pretty close and landed us some 60 varas east of the fence the Callaghan had for the east line of survey 261, where it hit the river, and extended north across the river, at this point we followed a deep ravine which proved beyond all doubt to be the original Huajuco crossing at Ft. Ewell.,

In this manner we also ran S 38 W from this point and Abs. 82 were able to locate the south corner of the Henry Dayes survey ~~No. 13~~ / Cer. 1471, and tie it to the Ft Ewell's crossings its lines called for and we placed a concrete monument at its south corner.,

The north line of Block 3, I & G N., we were able to establish from the south line of the Charo survey No. 2, which has its north west corner, two large stones standing and the N.W., of Nol. Charo also has its original corner a stone "petrified" at its N.W. Cor., and scattered stones at its southwest corner, and as survey No. 1, Block 3, begins in one call 1400 vrs North of the N.W. Cor., of 38, and in another corrected call it says it is 1200 varas North of this survey we found the original N.W. of 38, and this gave us the 1283.1 varas that we have beteen the N.W. of 38 and the south line of Charo No. 2.,

The south line of this I & G N Block 3, has its S.E., of 38, tied to the N.E. Cpr., of 1812, which we found on the ground, and as 1812, and 1813, and 805, were surveyed in Aug 1, 1883, and 805 in 76, and survey 37 of block 3, corrected in Aug. 1, 83, and the south line of the Block then determined by S.M. Jarvis and Capt. Jones,, and as there is a fence line on the south line of the block placed there, since I believe 1894, I used this line to establish the south line of the Block and ran north from it to determine the shortage or excess to fall on the most northerly tier of sections which happened that surveys 1-2 and 3 fell short in distance north and south in order not to conflict with Charo survey No. 2.,

The east line of this Block was also established by the west line of sections 37 and 38, which also determined the width of survey No 37-1/2, as the original corners of 37 are on the ground and survey No. 4, of Block 3, was supposed to have been placed in 76, the survey that Mr. Prandy made and called 37-1/2 was squeezed to be 492 vrs at its west line instead of the 700 it called for.

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In this manner I assumed that since there was a south line of the block established in 1883 by Jarvis, and the north line by Dix when he made surveys 1 and 2 for Charo, that this would hold this block and the other surveys on the east and west make its boundary as they do, for I do not believe that the block was ever actually surveyed on the ground as we never found anything to identify its corners at any place except those at the conflict between surveys 806 and survey 37 of the block.

Most of the surveys made by Shea, 592, 594, 591, and 593, each has one or two large stone corners that were placed there by the owner who was Shea himself when he made this survey.

The east line of the Callaghan ranch is a fence line running south from the Nueces river from the N.W. Cor., of survey 108, to the S.W. Cor., of survey No. 40,, and altho' the fence line continues south on the same line, and surveys Nos., 1411 and 1412 should have had their corners on it, I find that the S.W. Cor., of 1411 is some 75 varas east of the southwest corner of the fence where it turns east some ten varas south of the south line of survey No. 1411, and for this reason I allowed surveys 38 and 25 of Block 3, to have ^{run} running N 02-16' W to take advantage of the S.W. Cor., of 1411 as found a buried stone, which also is tied to another buried stone 1922.2 vrs N 89-04' E of this S.W. Cor., stone, this gives the surveys north of the south line of 1411, 1215, and 1213, at their north lines, an excess in distance east and west of 149.7 varas.

I also had some trouble with some of the J.D. Martinez (surveyor) locations, as there are for each of his surveys from two to three corrected field notes in our records some do not agree with those at the land office, and if he crossed some creek in his first survey, altho he may have moved this survey some 300 to 400 varas to one side of its original location he still kept the creek calls, which were in some instances completely out of the survey lines and did not touch the surveys he called for.

I found that in such pre-emp surveys as 46-47, etc, we usually located the old ranch site, and in all of these pre-empts that are in the Callaghan ranch, the old ranch sites or homesteads of the original settlers are in evidence, that is the old stone foundations, as most of them had rock houses, and chimneys.

In many of the Homestead locations as surveyed by J.D. Martinez, only one corner was found if at all, and if we allowed the survey to take its land as had been originally intended by the surveyor or the owner they would have all been quite excessive and we allowed the excess to fall into the adjacent surveys and preferred to give the pre-emp its actual called distances in order that the new patent for it would not cause any change, save the creek calls we have now given it, for some of these pre-empts would not fall within the proper location they were intended to be if we had followed the tie calls that Mr. Martinez had given them, however the old ranch sites being on the ground and old timers recalling the owners names and when they lived at these places confirmed our locations of them as we show them on this map.

We have placed concrete monuments on some of the key corners of the Callaghan which are all noted on the map, for the future guidance of surveyors.

Respectfully submitted.,

E. J. [Signature]
Surveyor of Webb County, Texas
L.L. Surveyor.,

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E.J. Foster.

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BASCOM GILES, Com'r

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and La Salle ROSK. 9
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F. T. SURVEYOR

Surveyor of Webb County, Texas

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Surveyors Report
Callaghan Ranch
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No. 3 J. D. G. Land County