

File 4<sup>b</sup>  
Surveyor's Statements

County Surveyor's Office  
Wharton County July 15th 1876

Hon J. J. Gross.

Sir I have just returned from a survey for the I. & G. & RR. co in this county, began at the lower line of the Melton Ranch house on west side Colorado river at the corner on the River, found the old line, ran out the line to the next corner of the Henry Griffith, & found that the corner established there, by Geo W. Turnbull deputy surveyor was S. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  $^{\circ}$  East of where the real corner is, & 325 ft. from it. Does very particular as there is no stake or stone in a distance of 100' on the line. The first in case plants are in used without survey, not to give the bearing nor as they are allowed in the Survey No 72 Washington Co., N. H. but describe it in the way a middle tree on west bank of Jones Creek bears S. 24 $^{\circ}$  W. another tree S. 18 $^{\circ}$  W. another S. 48 $^{\circ}$  W. a live oak bears S. 89 $^{\circ}$  E. all on West bank of Jones Creek, comes a stake & mound in Prairie. There is something very odd somewhere, & I will try to hunt it up, below the corner of the Chas Howard & Henry Griffith, the corner of the Chas Howard was given me by Geo W. Schley Deputy Surveyor.

Then from the corner of the Henry Griffith as I made it with great care, both as to the compass & the measure, I ran the line of the Washington county & I & G. & RR out to the S. corner of lot 1 Thrice 6 miles N. 70 $^{\circ}$  W. to the ~~West~~ corner of lot 9, & continuing the same course 1 mile, & placed a flag so it could be seen. Then ran out the line on the old line & established the NE corner. Then ran out the B.B. fence to the South East corner, thus found that the flag bore 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  $^{\circ}$  W. from the counter 39921

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S.E. corner of the B.B. Peace 1192 ds. This I was  
very particular to do & saw every chain  
measured. Then from the S.E. corner of the  
John L. Evans on the west bank of Colorado  
I ran its south line 4500.05. & continued the corner  
S. 65° W. to the little C<sup>o</sup> which is an old marked  
tree in the bend of west mustard creek. & found the  
distance from River to it to be 7848.05. This section  
C<sup>o</sup> is S. 70° W. of the S.E. corner of the A. J. McDonald  
1250 ds. Then I ran a line from the S.W.  
corner of No 17 S. At M. G. due West 3793.75. to  
point due North of No 9 L. At M. G. near Pine  
oak Creek. & find that S.E. corner of No 9 was  
due S. of said point 157.05. I hope these lines  
will enable you to correct ~~any~~ errors  
on the Wheaton County map.

I have also made a number of the  
surveys around. To be done & will report.

Please let me know what I  
am to do with the surveys as they now stand. I am  
dissatisfied I now have the real corner of the Henry  
Guffield, but there is still not land enough to agree  
with the map. It may be that the corner of the  
Chas Howard is not correct, or there may have been  
an error in the original surveys, but as  
the surveys now stand, the surveys made for the E.  
T., R.R. 110 in number will all come away  
and also those made by myself 6 surveys on Jones  
Creek. I am plattting the surveys & would like to  
hear from you, immediately, on the subject.

I certify under the oath of my office that  
the measurements given above are correct to the best  
of my knowledge & belief & observation.  
How about the Hangrove Survey?  
Henry J. Schley  
O.S. M.C.