

WHEELER COUNTY

Fort Elliott

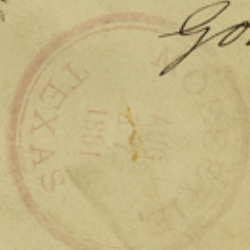
Aug 17th 1888

Henry C. Noyse
in reference to
boundaries of the
U.S. reservation

to
Referred to
Comd'g Gen'l of
G. M. Hunt
Gov

Quentin
Cramer

Texas



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Fort Elliott, Texas.

August 17th. 1881.

His Excellency
The Governor,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:

Having recently succeeded to the command of this Post, I find upon personal examination, that there are no marks, boundaries or corner stones to properly define the limits of the U.S. reservation here. By reference to the records, I see that both Gen. Davidson ^{and} Gen. Hatch, have corresponded with the state officials on the subject, and that quite recently a section has been added to the North West corner of the reserve. I find here a plot of the reserve (received from Department Headquarters) which differs so radically from that in the office of the County Surveyor, that I send a copy of each with this, with the request that the matter be referred to the proper State Office, for a decision in order that all doubt on the

subject may be removed: the numbers of the sections are entirely different, on account of a presumed error in survey; but that is a minor affair: what is desired, is that the sections reserved for the U.S. be definitely located with reference to the Sweet-water Creek, the source of our water supply, in order that the timber and brush on it may be preserved to shelter the water sources; there are already several squatters on the creek within the reserve, and it would not be right to move them, so long as there is any doubt as to the extent and location of the reserve!

No 1. Shows the reserve claimed by the U.S. (Sections 35. 36. 46. 47. 53. 54. 55. 67 & 68). No 2 is copied from the map in the County Surveyors office and shows but 6 sections 36. 46. 54. 55. 56. & 66.

Hoping this will receive early attention.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully
Yours obedient servant
Henry E. Hayes
Major 4th Cavalry
Commanding.

1 Enclosure.

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