

Supplemental Report
on a re-survey of certain tracts of Land
on Red River, in Wichita Co. Texas
made by R.S. Dod
State Surveyor.

Hon. J. T. Robison,
Commissioner Gen. Land Office
Austin, Texas,
Dear Sir,

In accordance with your letter of instructions advising me to make as extended a survey as was necessary to determine all the facts bearing on the true location of ~~of~~ sur 819 and the adjacent ~~at~~ strip of unsurveyed Public School Land, and at the request of S. M. Posey and others, I made the following survey.

I returned to the original N.E. cor sur 820 in the name of the Hrs of L. Powell, which was identified and fully described in my earlier report, and found that the old elm bearing tree at this corner had disappeared, and was told that it had been burnt down.

On the earlier survey I had set a stake on the east line of sur 820-286 varas south from the N.E. corner as located by the old elm tree and had marked a small tree in the thicket. Setting over the corner as located by my marks, I measured course and distance to the position called for by the field notes for the elm bearing and reached a thicket, which I recognized as the one in which the elm had stood. Much of the brush had been cut down and some small trees sawed off and a ditch or drain had been cut through from a rig erected near by to the south west.

I found bark from the old elm, some small branches and a bit of one of the large branches scattered on the ground. We dug down at the point where course and distance from the corner indicated that the elm had once stood, and digging through the sand thrown from the drain, we uncovered the complete circle of the shell of the old elm trunk, corresponding to the hollow shell of the marked tree as described in our former report. We found charcoal, ashes and signs of fire on this stump.

Its diameters measured $9/10$ vara east and west, and $6/10$ vara N. & S. and in location corresponded exactly with the marks I had placed from the corner on the previous survey. There was no other large tree or stump near by, we probed the sand carefully to the depth of a foot or more but no other stump was found. No large stump or tree was noted near the old elm when we were there before, and no other large tree is noted by the original surveyor, as his second bearing is a bunch of small elm and hackberrys.

I had a two inch pipe driven down in this old stump $5/10$ vara from the east edge and $3/10$ vara from the north edge, from which pipe I marked a 6" tree standing N $15^{\circ}39'E$ 9.4 varas, and found the centre of the derrick over the Burk-Bet well stood N $18^{\circ}49'E$, The derrick over Burk-Senator well bore N $52^{\circ}05'E$, a 2"x6" stob with a nail in it bore N $38^{\circ}15'E$ 143.4 varas.

Having thus remarked the original corner of 820, I ran south from that point and at 420 varas reached the top of the slope (140 ft above the corner), on south, the line running down a lane which jogged back and forth, east and west at several points. At 4173 varas south from N.E. 820, I reached the end of the lane and the north side of a road running west. On south, along a fence, at 4947 varas I reached an old cross fence running west and noted a rock set in the ground at the foot of a brace.

This point is by actual measurement the S.E. corner of sur 820 as called for in its field notes, and the N.E. and beginning corner of sur 7 Lower Pinto I.A. & Mfg. Co. surveyed in Mar 1878 by S. Green Dep. Dist. sur.

Reversing the calls for this survey, as it calls for no marked corners, it will run S. 1078 vrs, E. 888 vrs, S. 1146 vrs, W. 2053 vrs, N. 2224 vrs to the S.W. cor sur 820, thence east 1165 vrs to the place of beginning.

The J. Mumford sur 2 calls to begin at the most easterly N.E. cor of sur 7, run west to the interior corner sur 7, North 550 vrs, and east to the corner of the D. McKinny survey, and south 550 vrs to the beginning.

Subtracting the 550 vrs of the Mumford from the 1078 vrs of the east line of sur 7, will leave 528 varas from the N.E. cor 7, which is the S.E. cor sur 820, to the north line of the Mumford.

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From the S.E. cor 820 and N.E. cor 7, as above located from the original N.E. cor sur 820, we ran south 528 varas, along a fence and reached the north side of a road, the Clara and Burkburnet road, and the north line of the Mumford survey.

The north line of the Mumford shows to be the south line of the west part of the McKinny survey for which the Mumford calls, and the McKinny survey calls for 1350 varas on this west line to the south line of 819

Running north from the north line of the Mumford as above located, at 1350 varas we reached a point 48 varas north of the end of the lane on east line 820 as above described, where the road turns west.

But the south line of the west part of the McKinny survey calls for 750 varas, while the line of sur 7 calls for 888, This throws the west line of the McKinny survey 138 varas ~~xxxx~~ east of the east line of sur 820, or 138 varas east of the mouth of the lane above referred to which from the calls of the McKinny survey will be the N.W. corner of the McKinny survey and the S.W. corner of 819.

In our previous survey we located the N.E. cor sur 818, and ran west 672 varas for the N.W. 818 and N.E. cor 819. From this point we ran south 4845 varas as called for for the West line of sur 819, and west 1900 to the S.W. 819 by course and distance. The point located by this survey from the N.E. cor 820 for the S.W. cor 819 is 12.8 varas west and 12.5 varas north of the point located by the survey from the N.E. cor 818.

From this S.W. cor 819 running north we cross the north line of the Huesman survey previously run ~~xx~~ S 64 W from N.W. 818, at 3912.5 varas, running on the distance called for for the west line 819, viz 3925 varas, we reach a point 200 varas south and 138 varas east of the original N.E. cor sur 820.

If the call in the Huesman field notes for the east line of 820 prevails over course and distance, then the S.W. cor of 819 will be on the east line of 820 at the mouth of the lane, and measuring back the 3925 varas called for we reach a point 200 varas south of the original S.E. cor sur 820.

But it is to be noted, as stated in earlier report, that the distances given in the field notes for the east and west lines of the Huesman survey will not close the survey on the course of 64° given for the north line. The west line must be shortened to 3918.9 varas, and if the west line of the Huesman be extended westward to the east line of 820, the course of the north line will be the same S 64 W and the west line to close the survey must be reduced to 3845.4 varas

The general result of the two surveys, one made from the original N.E. 820 carefully running the connections to the S.W. cor of sur 819, the other, on the east running from ~~the~~ our location of the N.E. 818 and carefully running the lines of 818 and the calls of the Huesman to its S.W. corner differ only some 13 varas and practically fits the calls of all the surveys around the Huesman by actual measurement and fits the position of the two old corners N.E. 818 and N.E. 820.

As a further check on the survey and to show that later surveyors accepted this position of these surveys we find certain deeds subdividing the Huesman survey.

A Deed to Kemp and others to 640 acres calls to begin at the S.E. cor of the sur 819 and run north 1800 varas and west 2002 vrs,

A Deed to C. Birk calls to begin 1802 varas north of the S.E. cor of the sur 819 and run north 901 vrs and west 2002 vrs,

A Deed to J.W. Morgan calls to begin at the N.W. cor of C. Birk and run North 1222 varas and east 1136 vrs

A Deed to A.A. Morgan calls to begin at S.E. J.W. Morgan and run east 866 varas and north 2142 varas.

If we take the calls on the west line 1802 & 901 & 1222 they add up 3925, which is the call for the west line of the Huesman and as shown by our measurements above given can not reach the N.E. cor 820 by over 200 varas.

Taking the calls on the east line 1802 & 901 & 2142 they make ~~214~~ 4845 varas the length called for on the east line of sur 819, and the distance which we measured south to locate the south line of the Huesman.

There is the same error here in the distance 3925 on the west line that we found in the Huesman, and we note that the surveyor accepted the call for the east line of 820, but even so there is room for these surveys on the Huesman so located without crossing its north line as located by this survey and its original fieldnotes, and the distances north of the subdivisions show that they can not and were not intended to pass the calls for distance on the east and west lines of 819.

And each of them will have its full complement of acres under its calls within the lines of the Huesman survey and the east line of 820 as located by this survey.

As noted in our previous report, there are three points noted as possible beginning corners for sur 819 on the east.

First was a large rock ~~marked~~ at the foot of the ridge, in the bottom, with a stake mkd for N.W.E. Stanley and another stake. This rock ~~marked~~ has disappeared entirely, no trace of it is left.

I went to the edge of the thicket where it had been and could see the line we had cut through to hunt for the stumps of the bearings.

I had two marks, one 74 varas north from the ~~ground~~^{rock} and one a small tree close by. The tree had been cut down but the stump was there.

From these marks I located the former position of the rock and drove a small stake and took a bearing on a 10" tree in the edge of the thicket which bore S 41° 30' W 18.5, and a small tree bore N 81° 30' W 2.8 varas. I then ran back west and connected this stake with the corner I had marked at 672 vrs for the N.E. 819, and from which I had a bearing on a prickly ash, as before reported, and connected this with the stone in the road. This stone had also been dug up and reset. When we first saw it it stood about 3" above the ground, now it is 6" or more above the ground. On connecting it with our corner we found it was about right as to westing but was about 1.5 feet too far north.

The large rock at the thicket, as before reported was in my judgment, based on what evidence I could get and connections with Mr. Hendersons Red River Lands as shown on his plat, the N.W. corner of the Stanley and N.E. 818 as located by Mr. Henderson by the original bearings.

From this I measured 672 varas as called for and set the N.W. cor 818 and N.E. 819, which places 2050.8 varas between the east line of the Huesman and east line of the Powell.

But Mr. Henderson places the common corner of the Durfee and Meadows 689 varas from the Stanley corner, and the fences we found along the east line of 819 were 43 varas east of our line. 2008 to east line 820

The rock in the road is 721 varas west of the large rock and no one seemed to know who had placed it there but some seemed to think it was the common corner of the Durfee, Meadows, and 819, I could find no shadow of proof or evidence that the rock had been placed there to mark a corner. It is 13.1 varas north of an east course from the rock marking the Stanley corner. It is 2002 varas to east line 820, which is the distance given across the Huesman in the Specht deeds.

I had thought the facts shown by our first survey were sufficient to give a clear basis for the decision of the matter at issue, but as the result seemed to show that more information was required, and I found the chain of calls in the surveys on the west with a well established original corner for a starting point I judged it would be well to make the above survey so that I could report the above related facts. In fact it should have been done on my former survey, and it was a serious error on my part to have omitted it.

All which is respectfully submitted

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