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Archer City, Texas.

August 15, 1929.

Mr. J. T. Robison,
General Land Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regard to a plat and corrected field notes of the A. Rohus Survey in Archer and Young Counties, which has been sent you under separate cover. You will find below a description of the manner in which the survey was made.

Beginning at the N.E. corner of the A. McMillan Survey Ab. 198, we found the original bearing trees gone, as far as identifying marks were concerned, although a number of stumps were about the places called for. But several old settlers told me the corner was established when the bearings could be distinguished, about thirty years ago. We made new bearings in order to identify the fence corner for future purposes. To move further North at this point would throw the corner and bearings into an open prairie, where no trees have ever been. At the N.E. corner of the South Jno. Dorsey, the bearing trees were in place two years ago, when I checked them and used same to run out the Dorsey Sur. for the fee owners. The creek call of 1050 varas in the East line checked out and we set the S.E. corner of same at that time. The A. McMullen Survey, Ab. 286, just East of the Dorsey was surveyed at the same time and all corners set and referenced, also the J. Hand Sur. In order to locate the North line of the A. Rohus, we went to the N.E. corner of the A. Mullen, Ab. 198, and ran East to intersect the South

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line of the J.Hand and A.McMullen Ab.286, and the inside corner of the said Hand. This was on a variation of 10-32' E.

Having previously located the P.H.O'Conner, M.Rhoades and R.Wilson Surveys three years ago, we found the East line of the Public Road checks the West line of said R.Wilson Ab.1276. The actual course of the West Fork of the Trinity has changed and what was years ago probably the channel, is now a dry slough and the corner could not be accurately located from it. Using the West line of the Wilson Survey for the East line of the A.Rohus, we intersected the South line of the J.Hand and established the N.E.corner of the A.Rohus Sur. This tier of surveys on the East of the A.Rohus are on a declination of 9-00' East.

We established the N.W.Corner of the Colo.Tap R.R.Co.No.2, by coming North from the Wm.Stoneman North line to an old fence corner, that has been accepted for years as said N.W.corner. The slight difference of 6 varas is evidently due to the fact that we had to go over a high hill with very rough ground and we plumbed our tape. This would easily account for the difference.

We then ran East from N.W.corner of C.T.R.R.No.2, into the fence along the North line of W.C.Adams Survey and on to the accepted N.E.corner of same. Then measuring North to N.E.corner of A.Rohus, it checked about one vara short of the original call. The original bearing trees could not be found. The distance West from the S.E.corner to the N.W. corner of Colo.Tap checks 2920 varas almost exactly to fence corner.

The S.S.E.corner of the A.Rohus and the entire South line was run

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out over thirty years ago and was participated in by all the property owners adjoining said line, and is an agreed line as the original bearing marks were lost even at that time. There is an instrument on record in the Deed Records at Graham Texas, that bears this out. There is also a narrow strip of varying width along the North line of the Colo. Tap No. 2, owned by H. O. Prideaux and F. Loftin, who own land in said Colo. Tap immediately South of it and hold all of it under one fence. The said strip is part of the A. Rohus and these owners own it merely by the laws of limitation, it being fenced thus for thirty years.

The agreed line on the South line of the A. Rohus, intersects the West line of the Colo. Tap R. R. No. 1, an even 427 varas North of the North line of the Wm. Stoneman Sur. and is 3367 varas South of N. W. corner of Colo. Tap No. 2. The Colo Tap Surveys were on a declination of 9-00' E. The South line of Rohus on a declination of 10-36' E. We had occasion to run this South line three years ago and found it as straight as an arrow, the fence not varying more than a foot at any point, in a foresight and backsight line. We ran out the D. Dawson Survey four years ago and while we found no original bearings, except an old pile of rock at the N. E. corner, it has been fenced and accepted in it's present state for many years. We then went to the S. E. corner of the A. McMullen Ab. 198, which I had established three years ago, and ran West in the South lines of the A. McMullen, I. & G. N. R. R., H. F. Peters and T. Rose Surveys, intersecting the East line of the D. Dawson. There being an old and very good fence along the entire line, which has for many years been the accepted line. The S. W. corner of the Rose is just 8 varas over the call distance; from N. E. corner of the Dawson.

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We then closed the survey by running North from the S.E. to the N.E. corner of the A. McMullen Survey. This last tier of surveys was run on a declination of 10-22' East.

In determining the N.W. corner of the Wm. Stoneman, we found the old original 3 Prong mesquite in place and located the corner from it, but was unable to find anything at the N.E. corner of same. although there is an old fence along the North line.

If there is any information not included in this rather lengthy explanatory letter, would be glad to include same at your request.

Yours truly



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~~Field Notes~~

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File Clerk

Connecting line & explanation
of location of the A Rohus
5111. in Young Co.

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