

Eagle Pass Texas
August 7th 1885.

Hon. W. C. Walsh,
Commissioner.

Dear Sir.

I have in my possession a copy of a file made by Jacob Kuechler agh for owners, filed in Cavalla County with County surveyor, Ab Luce, which he, Ab Luce, says he has surveyed and joined field notes to G. L. C. and as I am familiar with the land filed upon, I take this opportunity to call your attention to the fact that this file — made by Jacob Kuechler agh, covers an older survey made by said Kuechler Dec 23/75, being Sur N^o 596, I & G. N. R. R. Co. Gov't's. Covered by Cert N^o 96, issued to Fritz Schank July 21st 1881, by Jacob Kuechler agh per owner.

Enclosed I send you a copy of surveys 596, 597 & 598, as Copys by ^{me} from ^{Revised} Texas land district, at San Antonio, which if you will be kind enough to read you will see at a glance that 596, was intended to fit in South of 597, east of 608 & 595, and north of 593, Bustillo as shown by map of Jas C. D. of 1879. Signed by yourself you will see also according to the dates of surveying that 596, calls for being surveyed 7 days before 597 & 598, but field notes calls for joining to the surveys as shown by map of 7/79 although it does call for beginning at the SW cor^r No ³⁰⁶ ~~605~~ Ode' Santangelo, and gives the identical bearings as are given in 306, representing the trees to be the same size as they were called for in 1848. While upon the ground the bearings can not be identified by those calls but can be by running from SE and NW corners of 306, furthermore the size of the trees now are some two and four inches larger and both

bearing and dead, for more than ten years, going plainly
 to show that 596 is nothing more nor less than an of-
 -fice survey; with the exception that the west line was
 run and mounds of earth thrown up as it was open
 prairie land and ^{no} bearings taken. Jacob Kuechler actually
 run upon the ground the east lines of 594 ^{2840 measures to its NE cor} & the 596, thence
 N 70 E to SE cor. no 608. J & S Pilkington thence N 20 W along the
 east line of no 608 setting corners as he went on up to N.E.
 corner no 603 A. B. & M. on S. line of 184 Inh. sur. 70 varas west
 from its SE corner. Mr E. Gireaud and myself have retraced
 his lines and found his corners. now survey no 603 A. B. &
 M. calls for Beg-ah N W cor no 306. and give same bearings
 which are to be identified on the ground at the N W cor no 306
 about 3000 varas east and more than one thousand varas south
 from the S.E. cor no 603. which is south 1767 varas from its NE
 cor. 70 W west from SE cor no 184. Inh. now is 603 A. B. & M.
 and 597 & 598 hold their relative position to 603 & S Pilkington
 while then will not 596. also remain in its place as
 surveyed and intended to be? now again the J. W. gates sur
 no 551. calls for the S.W. cor of no 316 (Wm. Hotchkiss. but its
 S.W. corner is plainly identified upon the ground by its bearing show-
 ing that it does not go down to the Hotchkiss. but remains east
 and adjoining 552 & 553.

Surveys No 9. 10. 11 & 12 G. C. & J. F. R. A. C. surveys two States and two Individuals
 were placed west of 302 J M Alexander & 306. Ode Santangelo from the fact
 that I believed 596 to join 608. and before I made the survey
 I asked your opinion. after explaining the matter to you

and you said if the west lines were run and corners were set 596. could not go east with the Alexander.

My object for addressing you this letter is for the purpose of determining, you, whether or not patent should issue upon the field notes returned to your office by virtue of Scrip no 96. issued to Fritz Schart. also to protect the states interest. in 19412.

I am Most Respectfully
 O. W. Steator.
 C. Sur. M. Co.

Field notes of Survey. no. 576. - 640 acres. N.W. Ry. Co.
Scrip no. 108. Beginning at a stk set for the N.W. cor of
no 302. of M. Alexander and S.W. cor. no 306. a Mesq. 10' and
S 30 E. 15 1/2' do 12" S 47 W. 12' Thence N 20 W 562' to stk find.
Set for S.E. cor. no 597. S.W. Ry. Thence S 70 W. 1492' to stk find
on E. line no 608. S 45 Pellington for S.W. cor. no 597.
Thence S 20 E. 1052' to stk find for S.E. cor of said Pellington
Thence S 70 W. 28' to stk find 42' on no 595. 1. Thence
Thence S 20 E. 1328' stk set for N.W. cor of M. Bustillo
Thence N 70 E. 1536' N.E. cor. said Bustillo
Thence N 20 W. 1819' to Beginning
Dec. 23. 1875.

Jacob. Ranch. Dec. 23.
(but calls for S. line of no 597.)
no 577 & 598 S.W. Ry.)

Field notes of Sur. no 597. S.W. Ry.
Beg. at stk. on E. line no 599. for stk. cor. no 598. from which a Mesq.
7 in S 88 W. 12' do 8" N 3 W 13' Thence N 70 E. 1492' stk find
on E. line no 306. Thence S 20 E. 2422' stk find. Thence S 70 W. 1492'
st find on E. line no 608. Thence N 20 W. 1836' to it N.E. cor. st find
from which a Mesq. 3 1/2' do 8" N 88. 40' 2422' to beginning
Dec. 29. 1875

Sur. no 598. State S.W. Ry. (Beg. at N.W. cor. no. 597.
Th. N 20 W. at 1314' stk. for N.E. cor 599. - Mesq. 5' N 75 E. 25' do. 7 in
S 24 W. 40' - 2422' to stk find on E. line no. 600.
Thence N 70 E. 1492' st find Thence S 20 E. 848' to stk set for
N.W. cor. no 306 O de Santangela. - 2422. to stk find. for
N.E. cor no 597. Thence S 70 W. 1492' to beginning
Dec. 29th 1875

J. C. Navarro.

24th
Zavalla County
in West Line

Surveyors Explanation and
Sketch.

Filed August 20th 85

J. A. Robinson

Chf. Clerk

[Faint handwritten text, mostly illegible due to bleed-through and fading. Visible words include 'Zavalla County', 'Surveyors Explanation and Sketch', 'Filed August 20th 85', 'J. A. Robinson', and 'Chf. Clerk'.]

Box 2.

24,

Zavalla Co

On West line of Zavala Co.
Surveyors sketch & explanation
Filed August 20, 1885.

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