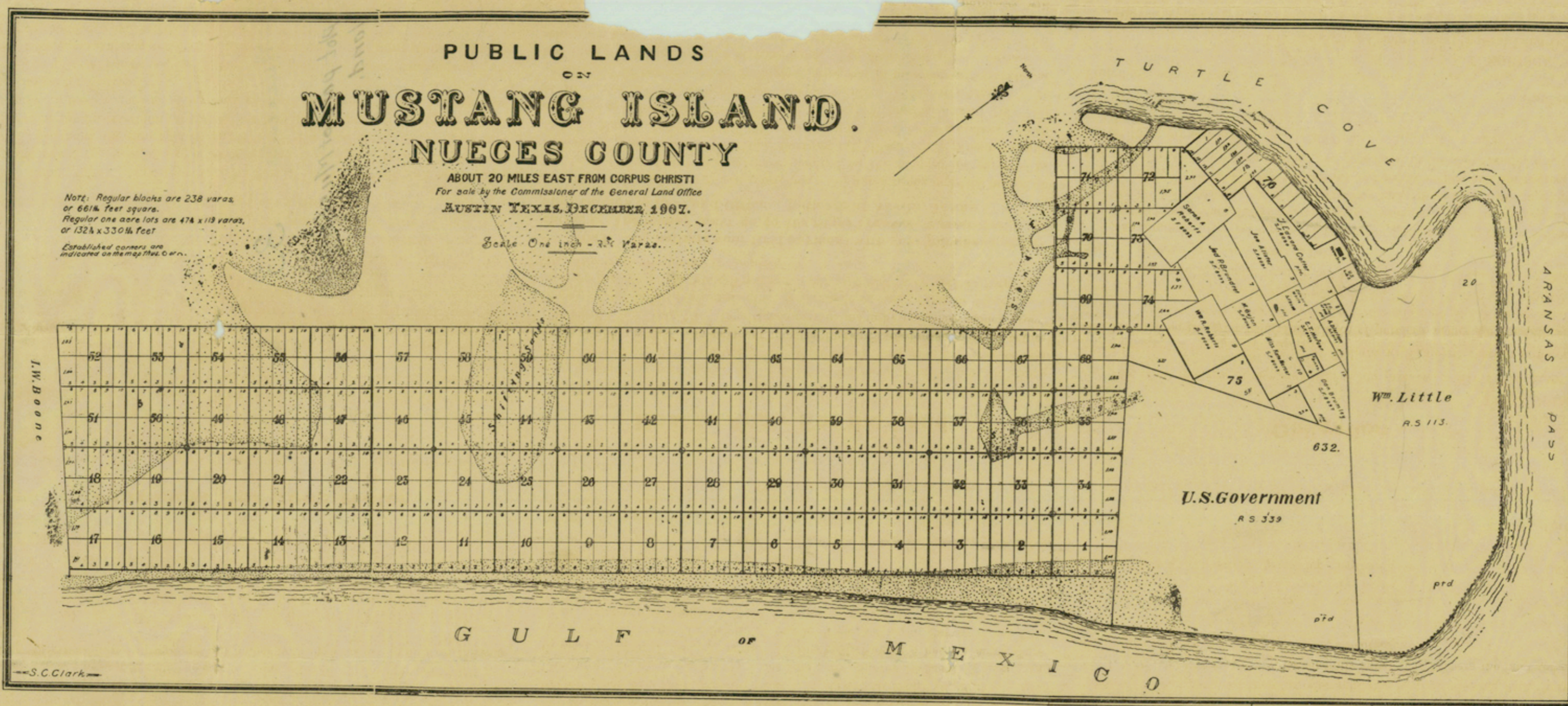


Map of Public

Mustang Island



Sale of Public Domain on Mustang Island

Date on the market, July 6, 1908.

Bids to be opened July 7, 1908, 10 o'clock a. m.

From THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Austin, Texas

JOHN J. TERRELL, Commissioner

J. T. ROBISON, Chief Clerk

Minimum Price \$10.00 per Acre

Mustang Island

is a part of Nueces county, lies off the mainland between Corpus Christi, the county seat of Nueces county, and Rockport, the county seat of Aransas county. It lies south of, but adjacent to Aransas Pass, where the United States government is putting in jetties. Deep water seems to be assured. Then Galveston and other ports on the Gulf of Mexico will have a worthy rival.

The Island is from one to two and a half miles wide, about fifteen miles long. The soil is white sand, the same as Galveston Island, not very fertile. For many miles on the Gulf side the beach is like a straight edge, wide, and affords an unexcelled driveway. This Island has never suffered much from storms and floods. It is in the west or outer edge of the storm current. Here are the world-wide, famous fishing waters, where Tarpon, Spanish Mackerel, Red Snapper and other fish are found in abundance. Large quantities of ducks and geese winter there. On this Island is the town and postoffice known as Tarpon. Mr. J. E. Cotter is the postmaster and keeper of a large hotel. From him one might get some information not given here, but he has nothing whatever to do with the sale of this land.

The inland country in the vicinity of Rockport and Corpus Christi and intervening, which includes Aransas Pass town, is very fertile, winters mild, summers breezy and healthful. It is the gardener's Eden.

The Aransas Pass Railroad goes to Rockport, and from there boats carry passengers to Tarpon, on Mustang Island, where this land is located.

Prospects For Deep Water

and development at this place are indicated in the following recent press dispatches:

San Antonio, Feb. 27.—David M. Picton, government contractor in charge of building the jetties at Aransas Pass, is in the city on business. He is enthusiastic over the outlook, and says that within a year the channel at Aransas Pass will be deep enough for the largest vessels.

Rockport, Tex., March 17.—Engineer Heinkel, who was in charge of government work at the Pass several years ago, arrived in the city last night from Galveston and went over to the Pass today to again be in charge of the operations there.

Several new boats that have been chartered by the contractor, David M. Picton, reached the Pass from Galveston Saturday, and it is understood that work will be pushed steadily from now on. At present a large force of men is at work laying ties for the government railroad across St. Joe Island.

Rockport, Tex., April 18.—A good deal of speculation has been caused here by the recent purchase of two blocks of land from Mayor Henry Traylor, and D. R. Scrivener, the sum paid being \$7000. The land is on the bay front and almost in the heart of the city, and its acquirement gives the impression that it will be a nucleus for one of several railroads that deep water at Aransas Pass will insure for Rockport.

The project known as the Panhandle Railroad, whose contemplated line will include San Antonio and both Rockport and deep water in its plans, is spoken of with confidence and satisfaction here.

The deep water work at Aransas Pass, also the dredge work for the proposed interoceanic canal, are both progressing actively.

E. A. Hitchcock, formerly Secretary of the Interior, recently arrived here. He pronounces the certainty of deep water at Aransas Pass as beyond doubt.

A Map of the Land

to be sold is printed herewith. It does not show all of the Island nor the bays between the Island and the mainland, nor does it show St. Joseph's Island, which is on the opposite side of Aransas Pass. There is more State land extending on towards the bays or mainland from these blocks, but it is low sand flats, which at this time is supposed to be undesirable, on account of being covered with water at times. It is, therefore, not surveyed nor offered for sale.

The land offered for sale has been surveyed into blocks numbered from 1 to 76, inclusive. Each block is subdivided into tracts containing one or more acres. Where there is more than one acre the acreage is stated on the tract, but as the map may not be clear enough the irregular sizes will be given as follows:

In Block 1, Survey 1 has 1.06 acres, Survey 10 has 1.19 acres. In Block 17, Survey 4 has 1.61 acres, Survey 5 has 1.74 acres. In Block 18, Survey 4 has 1.88 acres. In Block 34, Survey 1 has 1.32 acres, Survey 10 has 1.43 acres. In Block 35, Survey 1 has 1.57 acres. In Block 51, Survey 5 has 1.1 acres, Survey 6 has 1.27 acres. In Block 52, Survey 5 has 1.4 acres, Survey 6 has 1.53 acres. In Block 72, Survey 1 has 1.95 acres, Survey 10 has 2.27 acres. In Block 75, Survey 3 has 2.4 acres. In Block 76, Survey 8 has 1.43 acres, Survey 9 has 1.33 acres, Survey 10 has 1.29 acres, Survey 11 has 1.25 acres, Survey 12 has 1.22 acres, Survey 13 has 1.14 acres.

All surveys on which appear names of persons are private land and the United States government tract has been patented to the United States and is supposed to be used as a base of operation while constructing the jetties and to be used later for fortifications. The hotel called Tarpon Inn is on the J. E. Cotter tract.

How to Apply For the Land

A form of the application to be used is given herein. A separate application must be made for each tract. If the full cash payment is paid, then the applicant may tear off the "obligation." All applications must state the price offered for the land and the first cash payment must be in the State Treasury on or before 10 o'clock a. m., July 7th. Remittance may be made by postoffice money order, express money order, registered letter or exchange on some bank in Austin, and must be payable to the State Treasurer. All this land is classed as "grazing." No settlement or residence is required.

NOTE.—Do not mix your first payment with your purchase applications. The money must go to the State Treasurer, your purchase applications to the Land Office. Both are at Austin, Texas.

No conditional offer will be considered. All applications must be mailed to the Land Office, sealed up, and have indorsed on the wrapper or envelope as follows: "Application to buy land, Survey . . . , Block . . . , Nueces county. Date on Market July 6, 1908," filling in the survey and block numbers. Such envelopes as are substantially so indorsed will be held unopened until July 7th, at 10 o'clock a. m., when all such will be opened. Then each tract will be awarded to the one who offers the highest price, but in no event will an offer at less than ten dollars per acre be considered. The Treasurer will be advised to return the money deposited on all rejected applications. One who pays one half cash will have one year in which to pay balance with five per cent interest. When full cash payment is made, either at first or subsequently, the purchaser will have to pay a five dollar patent fee to the Land Office before the patent will be issued.

Form of Application

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To the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas:

I hereby apply to purchase under the provisions of the Act approved April 24, 1907, Chapter 172, relating to the sale and lease of Public Domain on Mustang Island, the following survey, situated on Mustang Island, in Nueces county, Texas. I agree to pay for said land the price per acre specified below:

Survey No. . . . , Block No. . . . , Public Domain, . . . acres, price per acre \$

I am over twenty-one years of age. (One under twenty-one years of age may purchase for cash.)

For the purpose of securing said land I have remitted to the State Treasurer, Austin, Texas, the sum of \$ as the (insert whether "full" or "one-half") cash payment therefor, and subscribe to the following oath, to wit:

I, , do solemnly swear that I desire the land for my own benefit and not for any other person or corporation.

..... Applicant.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the day of , 190..

..... County, Texas.
(Officer must not omit seal.)

NOTE.—If applicant pays all cash he should tear off the obligation below.

Obligation

\$ Public Domain.

For value received, I, the undersigned, do promise to pay to the State of Texas the sum of Dollars, with interest thereon at five per cent per annum, the same being for balance of purchase money for the following described tract of land, purchased by me of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of an Act approved April 24, 1907, Chapter 172, relating to the sale and lease of Public Domain on Mustang Island, Survey No. . . . , Block No. . . . , situated in Nueces county, Texas.

The interest of five per cent upon all unpaid principal I am to pay, or cause to be paid, to the State Treasurer, at Austin, Texas, on or before one year after the date of my purchase. And it is expressly understood that I am to comply strictly with all the conditions, limitations and requirements, and am subject to and accept all the penalties contained and prescribed in the above recited act.

Witness my hand, this day of , 190..

..... Applicant.

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J. T. ROBISON,
Chief Clerk and Acting Commissioner, General Land Office.
Austin, Texas, April 25, 1908.

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