

DICKENS CO RLD. SK. NO. II

Letters and reports to and from F.M. and  
E.F. Maddox—Re—Surveys in Pitchfork Ranch etc.  
in Dickens & King Counties

Dated 1917 & 1918

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General Land Office.

State of Texas.

Austin.

J. T. ROBISON, COMMISSIONER.  
J. H. WALKER, CHIEF CLERK.

May 30, 1917.

Mr. F. M. Maddox,  
Paducah, Texas.  
Dear Sir:-

This office is in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in reference to the location and construction of certain surveys in Dickens and King counties on the Geneva Fork of the Wichita river originally made by R. G. Armstrong in 1875, and same has been given careful consideration.

An inspection of a blue print copy of a certified map covering a resurvey of that territory made by you in 1915 shows that you found and identified two original Armstrong corners, viz: the S.W. corner of Survey No. 261, Wm. Ahrenbeck & Bro., and the S.W. corner of Survey No. 207, A. B. & M., between which there is considerable excess E. & W., which excess should be distributed as hereafter indicated. The field notes of Survey No. 201, A. B. & M., made by Armstrong call to begin at a stake S. 1936 Vrs. and W. 2660 Vrs. from the S.W. corner of the Wm. Cain league and labor, with no other calls or marks to fix it on the ground except creek crossings, which are merely descriptive and locative; therefore, said Survey No. 201 should be located on the ground according to said field note ties or connection to the S.W. corner of the Wm. Cain Survey. From this position of the N.E. corner of Survey No. 201, whatever excess there may be between said corner and the original identified S.W. corner of Survey No. 207, A. B. & M., should be distributed proportionally E. & W. among the several intervening surveys, viz: 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 210. Surveys Nos. 214 to 218 lying north of 206 and 207, having no calls or connections that would give them excess E. & W., should take only course and distance. Survey No. 261, Wm. Ahrenbeck & Bro., should be located according to its beginning call for the S.W. corner of the Juan Jose Abirado Survey and its original identified S.W. corner found by you. The most southern south line of Survey No. 193 should be made to correspond with the north line of No. 261 as corrected, and in order to close its north line must be correspondingly lengthened. No excess should be given Survey No. 194, I. R. R. Co., nor to Surveys Nos. 225 and 226, Wm. Ahrenbeck & Bro., at S.W. corner of the Wm. Cain.

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The A. Haeppen No. 4 and J. Pilgrim No. 5, being junior, must be made to respect Surveys Nos. 261, 262, 193 and 201, located as herein suggested.

Adjoining surveys in the Thomson block or any other junior adjoining surveys that call for the lines and corners of the surveys made by Armstrong, named herein, should be corrected accordingly.

The above conclusions were reached after due consideration and counselling, and we believe the correct solution of the matter.

I am unable to find any field notes for Sur. No. 191, called for in field notes of Survey No. 193, I. R.R. Co.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Clark/P



February 11, 1918.

Mr. F. M. Maddox,  
Austin, Texas.  
Dear Sir:-

Your corrected field notes of surveys in the T. A. Thomson Block D, Dickens and King Counties, have been examined and the following objections noted.

According to the records of this office, Surveys 1 and 9 are in conflict with superior surveys 1 and 2, BS&F. Surveys 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 are not entitled to the excess as given in your corrected field notes. If the owner of these surveys desires to furnish corrected field notes eliminating the excess from the above mentioned surveys, constructing them course and distance according to the patented field note calls, the same will have proper consideration when presented with your corrected field notes of the other surveys in this block. It is suggested that should you wish to correct these surveys, eliminating the excess, a construction satisfactory to this office will be discussed with you at your convenience.

Please find herewith returned your corrected field notes of the surveys in the said Block D.

Yours very truly,

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Commissioner.



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AUSTIN, TEXAS.

February 16, 1918

Hon J.T.Robison  
 Commissioner of the General Land Office  
 Austin, Texas

Dear Sir :- Your favor of the 11th in re corrected field notes of surveys 1,9,10,11,12,13,18,19, and 20; Block D,T.A.Thomson in King and Dickens Counties,Texas received. Replying have to say:

These lands belong to the Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co. which I represent and will hereinafter be referred to as "we".

(1) Surveys 1 and 9 conflicting with Surveys 1 and 2 B.S.&F.

We have had these two surveys enclosed in our pasture for more than 25 years, paying taxes thereon, and using them to the exclusion of all parties. Hence if Surveys 1 and 2 B.S.&F. as re-surveyed by G.M.Williams under a judgement of the Federal Court, which is the record, I presume that you refer, does conflict with our surveys we have title by limitation, and further we, nor the owner of Survey 1 B.S.&F., were not parties to said suit and therefore not bound. The owner of said Survey 1 B.S.&F. has had same enclosed for 10 or 15 years in the identical position that we re-surveyed it, and has never set up any claim to our Surveys 1 and 9.

Therefore we most respectfully decline to correct said surveys 1 and 9 so as to free same of conflict with said surveys 1 and 2 B.S.&F., and as surveys 1 and 9 correspond in every particular with the original surveys and patents issued thereon we ask that you file and approve said re-survey field notes or at least file same.



(2) It has been our desire and purpose to make proper corrected field notes of the surveys in this block. So far as I am informed, no objection is made to our corrected field notes of the other surveys in said Block D.

A. The field notes and sketch therewith show that these surveys form one solid block.

B. They show that the north line of surveys 2 and 7 are the south lines of surveys 1 and 8 and that said line runs at right angles to the west line of the block.

C. They show that the south lines of surveys 2,7,11, and 12 are one continuous straight line, and is the north line of surveys 3,6,15,14, and 170 varas of 13.

D. They show that the south lines of surveys 3,6,15, and 14 is one continuous straight line and that said line is the north line of surveys 4,5,16, and 17.

E. They show that the south line of surveys 4,5,16, and 17 is one continuous straight line.

F. They show that all of said lines run at right angles to the west line of said block and are 1900 varas north and south, and east and west except surveys 11 and 12 which are shown to be 1985 varas east and west and 1820 varas north and south; and that each of said surveys contain 640 acres.

G. Surveys 9 and 10 call for the south and west lines of surveys 209,210,203, B.S.&F., 202 A.B.&M., and 6 J.G. calling for the courses called for in the original field notes of said surveys 209,210,203,202, and 6. No.10 calls to run east in its 9th call 438 varas with the south line of said survey No.6. Thence south 206 varas stake. Thence east 1698 varas stake in the west line of No.7. Thence north 1980 varas to the beginning.

H. They show that the east and west lines of survey 9 is 1006 varas, and its north and south lines is 3592 varas, and show that

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the original N.W. corner of survey 1 is on the south line of survey 9 and that the N.W. corner of 9 is the S.W. corner of 209 B.S.&F.

(3) Survey No. 10

The patented field notes of surveys 7 and 8 shows their east line to 1900 varas each or a total of 3800 varas. The patented field notes of surveys 10 and 11 shows their west lines to be 3800 varas, of which No. 11 takes 1820 varas, and No. 10 1980 varas, being the exact distance called for in survey 7 and 8. No. 10 begins at the N.E. corner of No. 8. Thence west, north, south, & until it reaches its 10th call which is : " Thence south 206 varas to stake. Thence west 1698 varas to stake in the east line of No. 7. Thence north 1980 varas to the beginning". This places the S.S.W corner of survey 10 at 80 varas south of the S.E. corner of No. 8 and the N.E. corner of 7.

Survey No. 11

This survey begins at the S.E. corner of survey No. 7. Thence east 1985 varas. Thence north 1820 varas. Thence west 1985 varas to a stake in the east line of No. 7. Thence south 1820 varas to the beginning. This places the N.W. corner of No. 11 at 80 varas south of the N.E. corner of No. 7 and the S.E. corner of No. 8 or at the same point that the S.S.W. corner of No. 10 is located.

The east line of survey 7 as fixed by corners found on the ground on the west line of No. 2 is 1963  $\frac{87}{100}$  varas. The west line of survey 11, giving it its proportionate excess, is 1881  $\frac{17}{100}$  varas by my corrected notes. This places its N.W. corner 82  $\frac{7}{10}$  varas south of the N.E. corner of No. 7 or only 2  $\frac{7}{10}$  varas difference, in my field notes and the original field notes.

Surveys 12 and 13.

The original field notes and sketch show that the north line of survey 12 and 13 are a continuation of the north line of survey 11, and the original field notes and sketch of survey 11, 12, and 13 show that their south line is one continuous



straight line. My construction shows the same. Therefore the east and west lines of survey No. 12 and northern west line of 13 must be 1881  $17/100$  varas. The original southern west line of 13 calls to be 1726 varas. I make this distance 1767  $7/10$  varas which is the original distance plus the ~~the~~ proportionate excess of the west line of survey 14. Said survey No. 13 begins at the N.E. corner of survey 12. Thence east 936 varas to the west line of the S.C.S.L.. Thence south 3546 varas to stake and mound. Thence west 1165 varas to stake and mound. Thence north 1726 varas to a stake on the south line of survey 12. Thence east 170 varas to its S.W. corner. Thence north 1820 varas to the place of beginning. I make the east line of said survey 13 the same as I made its west line. Survey 19 begins at the S.E. corner of said survey 13. Thence north 1051 varas to the S.W. corner of the S.C.S.L.. I therefore placed the S.E. corner south of the S.W. corner of the S.C.S.L. on the north line of survey 18 at a point 877  $33/100$  varas south of the S.W. corner of said S.C.S.L.. Survey 18 begins at the S.W. corner of 13. Thence south at 174 varas pass the N.E. corner of No. 17 at 1900 varas stake on the east line of No. 17. Thence east, north, and west to the beginning. I gave the east and west lines of this survey their proportionate excess which make said lines 1935  $54/100$  varas.

#### Survey 19.

In constructing this survey, I regarded its north line as the south line of the S.C.S.L. because it calls for the S.W. corner of said S.C.S.L., and the N.W. corner of the M.G. Jones survey which is on said south line. I made its east line 1132 varas as called. Its south line runs parallel to the south line of the S.C.S.L.. Its other boundaries are fixed by the adjoining surveys.

#### Survey 20.

This survey begins at the S.E. corner of survey 18. Thence north 1819 varas to stake. I make this distance 1671  $7/10$  varas

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because I reach the S.S.W. corner of survey 19 as I constructed same. It then calls to run east 1341 varas to stake. Thence south 2054 varas to stake the N.E. corner of survey 10. I make the north line of this survey 1544 varas in order to reach a point north of the N.E. corner of survey 10, and make its east line 2112 varas instead of 2054 in order to reach the south line of No.19 and go to the N.E. corner of said survey 10. The original notes then call to run: "Thence west 3241 varas to stake. Thence north 235 varas to stake. Thence east 1900 varas to the beginning!" I make the south line 3410 varas in order to reach a point south of the S.W. corner of No.18. I make the western west line 408 26/100 varas instead of 235 varas in order to reach the S.W. corner of survey 18. I then run east 1900 varas to the beginning which is the original call.

In conclusion I will say that in re-surveying this block, I tried to maintain the relative position of the surveys thereof as shown by the sketch and calls in the patented field notes only changing the courses and distances to meet the original corners found on the ground and the calls for the adjoining surveys. Hence I confidently beleive that a further consideration will lead you to conclude that my construction is correct.

Asking such consideration and begging pardon for this long letter I beg to remain

Yours very truly, *J.M. Maddy*



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P. O. BOX 423

300 WEST 5TH STREET

OLD PHONE 1614

AUSTIN, TEXAS.  
May 6, 1918

Hon J.T. Robison  
Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :- We have carefully gone over the field notes of our surveys made in King and Dickens Counties, Texas for the Pitchfork Land and Cattle ~~Company~~ for Mr D.B. Gardner, and noted your exceptions to said field notes and beg to state that we have in compliance therewith corrected the following field notes :-

- 1 N.E. Wm Cain dont agree with 136 B.S.&F. and we have corrected.
- 2 A. Huepgen is wrong and we have corrected it.
- 3 206 B.S.&F. changed distance 714 to read 1716.
- 4 6 W.T. changed to read cross branch of Croton Creek.
- 5 7 W.T. changed to read cross branch of Croton Creek in second call.
- 6 6 Sam Lazarus in 2nd course changed <sup>to</sup> N.E. 24 ~~varas~~  
in 5th course changed to N.E. corner this.
- 7 27 Sam Lazarus changed 1759 75/100 to read 1769 5/10 varas.  
changed 116 25/100 to read 106 5/10 varas.  
changed beginning call to read pipe is also E 10 vrs.
- 8 4 J.V. Massey changed to read Creek is branch of Croton.
- 9 6 J.P. Goen changed call to N 61°30'W.

The above changes have been reported to the County Surveyors of King and Dickens Counties with requests to change their records to correspond which has been done.

We contend that our field notes of the following surveys to which you object are correct viz :-

- 1 H.J. Williamson. Thence West 936 92/100 O.K. Excess
- 2 1 Somervell County School Land. Call for T.A. Thomson is correct
- 3 I.&G.N. Survey Cert. 547 and Surveys 1 and 3 J.V. Massey.  
These surveys were corrected on the advice of your Department.
- 4 1 Certificate 1/356. See our letter Feb. 16. 1918 Page 1, § 1.
- 5 Surveys 135 to 161 B.S.& F. East of N.E. Wm Cain to N.E. 148  
We contend that we are entitled to the excess.
- 6 Contend that our construction 153 and 154 is correct.
- 7 209 B.S.&F. call is O.K.
- 10 219 B.S.&F. call is O.K.
- 11 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 Block D, T.A. Thomson, contend that our field notes are correct and refer you to our letters of February 16, 1918, and May 6, 1918.
- 12 7 <sup>and 10</sup> W.T. call for T.A. Thomson Block O.K.
- 13 1 M. Schneider, 2, <sup>and</sup> 9 Sam Lazarus contend that our construction of these surveys is correct, but will discuss it personally with you.
- 14 M.G. Jones contend call for 19 T.A. Thomson is O.K. see our letters February 16, 1918, and May 6, 1918.
- 15 2 R.T. Co., and 2 J.V. Massey same as above.
- 16 77 I.R.R. Co. contend call for N.E. 1 is O.K. will discuss it.

I will take this up in person  
Yours truly,

*E. F. Maddox*  
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