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Certificate of the location & boundaries of the
[illegible] contiguous to the block of lands surveyed
for the St. and D. C. Ry Company in Pr. Bend Co.

Beginning at the East corner of the E. Lipscomb
survey, a point on the South bank of Big Creek
below the principal forks of same and was identified
as the East corner of the Lipscomb by the inter-
section of the plainly marked and very old hacked
line, the South East boundary of the said Lipscom-
ch, with the South Bank of Big Creek.

Thence South 45 West at 1900 varas set
an iron pipe 2 in in diameter the West corner
of Philip Fairchilds, at 3874 varas set an iron pipe
2 in. in diameter the South corner of the E. Lipscom-
ch survey.

Thence North 45 West crossing Deer Creek
at 5001 varas to the intersection of hacked line the
North West boundary of E. Lipscomb, set an iron
pipe 2 in in diameter the West corner of said Lip-
scomb survey, whence a low tree in Wheals pasture
bro N. 71½ E. and the corner of Wheals pasture fence bro
S. 40¾ E. about 400 varas and a tall tree on head of
Fairchilds Creek bro N. 39 W.

Thence North 45 East with the newly hacked
line crossing Fairchilds Creek 6383 varas to the
South Bank of Big Creek for the North corner
of the said Lipscomb survey. By this
locating, from its East corner (the beginning corner)
and running course and distance following the
calls consecutively, it is seen that the North
West boundary (the same) has been ex[illegible]

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37) thirty rods was in order to reach the South bank of Creek as called for.

B. Dickson

Beg. at the North corner of the C. Lipscomb on the South bank of Big Creek, I ran South 45° West crossing Fairchild Creek 5817 varas, set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter the South corner of the said B. Dickson survey. Thence North 45° West at 4480 vrs cross Fairchild Creek at 5222 to the intersection of the well defined and very old hacked North West Bdy line of said B. Dickson set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter the West corner of same. Thence North 45 East at 1142 vrs. cross North prong of Fairchild Creek at 3028 vrs with old hacked line to the South bank of Big Creek the North corner of said B. Dickson.

By this location of the B. Dickson, its South West boundary is lengthened 2312 varas in order to reach the well marked North West Bdy. of same, and the North West Bdy line is short 99 vrs. on account of Creek being further South West than called for, in Field Notes.

F. Dickson

Beginning at the North corner of B. Dickson on South bank of Big Creek

Thence North 45 East 200 varas to a point for the East Corner F. Dickson; here I made diligent search for bearing trees called for but could find none. — Thence North 45 West 4498 varas to the North Corner of said Dickson at the intersection of the well defined and plainly marked West boundary of same.

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Thence South 45° West with old blacked line, at 1722 m. cross Big Creek at 2060 m recross do at 2215 m recross do at 2500 m to an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter and a mound the West corner of F. Hickson survey, whence an Oak 12 in. in dia mkd X bro N.51° E. 296 varas.

Thence South 45 East 2498 varas to an iron pipe 2 ins. in diameter and mound the South corner of said Hickson survey, whence a dble pecan 20 in dia. mkd X bro S.18° E. 150 varas and a do. 10 in diameter mkd X bro. S19¼ E. 151 varas.

Thence North 45 East 2300 varas to the beg.

C. B. Stewart

Beginning at a point on South Bank of Big Creek 1722 varas South West from the North corner of F. Hickson. Thence South 45 West with old blacked line at 338 m. cross Big Creek at 493 m recross same at 778 m cross West corner of F. Hickson at 1395 varas set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter the South corner of C. B. Stewart, whence a cedar post bro S 4½ E. 56 varas.

Thence North 45 West at 1153 varas cross a branch at 2218 m set an iron pipe one in. in diameter and a cedar post at the intersection of the very old and plainly marked North West Bdy of C. B. Stewart, for the West corner of same.

Thence North 45 East at 530 varas cross Big Creek, 2841 m. to the North corner of the Stewart. Thence South 45 East 2218 m to the East corner same. Thence South 45 West 1446 m to the beginning a point on bank of Big Creek. All the calls of Field Notes agree

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with natural objects identified, except that the North West distance is 2218 instead of 2200, in order to reach the marked North West boundary.

F. J. James. and others.

Beginning at a point where the well defined South East boundary line of F. J. James and the North West boundary line of C. B. Stewart survey crosses Big Creek. Thence South 45° West using magnetic Variation 9° 30' East, 530 varas to an iron pipe one inch in diameter and a cedar post for the West corner C. B. Stewart survey and the South corner of the F. J. James. survey.

Thence North 45 West at 1950 varas crossed Cottonwood Creek at 2000 m. recross same, at 2100 m. recross same at 2588 m. I set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter at the intersection with the well known North West boundary line of the F. J. James Survey which is hacked in the timber of Crow Creek.

Thence North 45 East with old hacked line at 925 varas crossed Crow Creek at 958 m. set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter for the South corner of J. Thompson survey, whence an oak 20" in dia. mkd X brs. S 66½ E 9 varas.

Thence North 45 East 1000 varas E. Corner of J. Thompson survey. Thence North 45 West at 640 m. crossed Crow Creek at 970 varas set a gas pipe 2 in. in diameter at the intersection with a newly hacked line the North West boundary of the Pentecost survey. {Thence N.H.S.E. at 100 m. cross Coon Crk, at 215 m. recross do, at 270 m. recross do at 430 m. recross do, at 580 m. recross do at 1000 m. to N. Cor. Pentecost}

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Being unable to find any boring trees or old hacked lines by which to locate the North corner

of the J. Thompson, I was compelled to locate it from the creek calls along the North West Bdy of J. Penticost and North East boundary of J. Thompson.

The field notes of the J. Penticost call to begin at the North corner of the J Thompson. Thence North 45° East at 100 m cross creek at 300 m recross do at 570 m recross do at 650 m recross do. 1000 m to corner. There is evidently one call for the creek left out in the original notes, for the course of the creek is such that it must of necessity be crossed 5 times within the limit of 500 varas between the extreme crossings by any line (N. E. and S. W.) which would cross it 4 times

The omission of the one call for the crossing of creek and the extremely careless manner in which the Locating Surveyor must have done the work makes it impossible to fit all the calls for the creek crossings. Consequently I found a line which would cross the peculiar bends of the creek five times and set the common corner of the J. Thompson, J. Hughes and J. Penticost, on this line and 100 varas South West from the first creek crossing; and by so placing the corner I found it to agree closely with call for creek on the North East Bdy of Thompson; also it make the creek call on North West boundary of the J. Hughes fit closely, and would fit the peculiar bends of the creek crossing it five times (which no other line more than 20 varas distant will do) on the North West boundary of the J. Penticost, and would make possible the bearing trees called for at the South corner of the J. Thompson. I found that this location also agreed

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with that of the ex County Surveyor Geo. H. Ashley, and was in harmony with the improvements and fields of the owners of the above mentioned 3 surveys, with the exception that a small box house and a portion of a fenced field on the S.E. part of the J. Pentieost extends S.E. of the S. E. Bdy of the said Pentieost about 60 varas and is consequently on the A. J. James Survey.

I found further, that to locate the Thompson from its beginning call, at 1300 varas N.E. from the West corner of A. J. James Survey, would place the South corner of the Thompson in the prairie where it is not probable Trees ever stood, and would make it impossible to fix any one of the calls for Natural Objects in either the Thompson, Pentieost, or Hughes, should they be located course and distance from this beginning call.

For the above plain and obvious reasons, in the location of the Thompson, I have taken in consideration the Field Notes of the Pentieost and Hughes surveys which were made on the same day and by the same surveyor.

P. Fairchild and Others.

Beginning at the well known East corner of the E. Lippincott survey on the South bank of Big Creek (see page 1 of Certificate). Thence South 45 West 1900 varas to an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter and a mound the West corner of P. Fairchild Survey.

Thence South 45 East 4050 varas to the South West corner of P. Fairchild, a mulberry stk 2 feet out of ground. Thence East 3364 varas to a point on South boundary line of P. Fairchild.

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Thence South 1091 varas to the North West corner of K. N. Davis League, an iron pipe 2 in in diameter and mound, whence the head of Long Point timber bro. N. 69° W. and head of Bee Creek timber bro S. 27 1/4° E. and a clump of L. O's at point of timber bro N. 54 3/4° E.

Thence South 1° 27' West 5563 varas crossing head prongs of Bee and Dudley Creeks, set an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter the South West corner of the K. N. Davis League in the North West boundary line of H. N. Cleveland Survey.

To locate the boundaries of the Robertson, K. N. Davis, Thos. Alsbury and H. N. Cleveland I ran the following lines to wit:

I first found the old North boundary line of the E. Robertson which is well marked and well preserved in the large timber through which the line runs almost its entire length. Beginning at the point where this line crosses Big Creek, and which is 1537 varas N. 88 1/4 W. from the bank of the Brazos river, I ran N. 88 1/4 W., using Variation of 8° 30' E. and retracing the old hacked line, at 1017 vs. cross ravine, (Field Notes call this distance 1000) at 2333 vs. in Ash flat at edge of Flag pond (But there being no well defined banks it was impossible to judge just what was the edge of the pond) at 2733 point in "Flag pond" for the North West corner of E. Robertson. Thence S. 1° 15' W. at 800 varas the edge of Flag pond, at 5400 varas made search for the South Boundary line of the E. Robertson but could find no marked line in the timber, at 5581 varas to a point the S. W. corner of the E. Robertson at the inter-

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section of with the well marked and unmistakable blazed & hacked line, the South boundary of E. Robertson League.

Thence S. 88° 33' E. with the said blazed and hacked line, at abt 1400 m leave prairie and enter heavy timber, L.O. & Pin O. principally, at 1907 m cross Hog Bayou 2 m wide running South East at 3160 m cross gully, at 3206 m a creek running South at 3398 m a point on second bank of Brazos river the South East corner of the E. Robertson and the North East corner of Thomas Alsberry survey, whence an ash 24" dia bs S 25° E. 4 varas and the first bank of the Brazos is S. 88° 33' E. 185 m.

The locating surveyor evidently made his corner on the second bank of the river as there are no ash trees between the first and second banks. The land between banks is sandy and only cottonwoods & sycamores grow there.

The ash tree found here, marked X though corresponding course & distance with field note call is not, I think an original bearing tree. as I could find no marks upon it agreeing in age with the original blazes & hacks which I could trace along the line to within a few varas of this tree.

The Robertson as found by me will therefore agree with its field note calls on the North boundary but will be 182 m excessive in its west boundary line and 72 m excessive on its South Bdy line, to reach its well marked lines and corner.

R. N. Davis

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Thence North 88° 33' West, at 939 pass an old L. O. 30" diameter which has been chopped into by some Surveyor and supposed to be the L. O. called for in the field-notes of said K. H. Davis, at 1041 vrs cross Bee Creek, (course S. E.) crossing Turkey Creek and at 2404 pass North West corner Thos. Alsbury Survey at 5008 vrs to an iron pipe 9 in in diameter and mound the South West corner, of said K. H. Davis survey, whence the "Head of Cow Creek timber" bears S 79½ W. (or if Var. 8° 03' E, which is true Variation of this line, be used the "Head of Cow Creek timber will bear S 78° W) and an Oak post set by Durant for South West corner of the K. H. Davis bears S. 53¼ W. 959 vrs.

This corner of the K. H. Davis was established by me, by prolonging the South line of same Westward to a point at which the bearing to "Head of Cow Creek timber" would fit the field note call. The call for a bearing upon an island I was compelled to disregard. The only island in sight is what is now known as Bird's island. This is 2 miles West of the corner and now consists of about 6 or 7 trees standing very much scattered and at least 100 to 150 varas of space without any trees between the Northern trees and those at the South end of this island. We cannot locate the corner with any certainty from a bearing upon the so-called island. For it is not certain that this is the island called for by the Locating Surveyor, and even though it may, it is so changed and so many trees have been destroyed in it that the corner could easily be shifted 100 varas and still

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agree with it as a bearing. To locate the corner by using this island as a bearing would move it about 200 varas S 28° W. of its present position as located by myself. The "Head of Cow Creek timber" is somewhat uncertain. The bearing of the Surveyor who located this corner was evidently taken upon a large island of timber about 1/2 mile long, but which is about 3/4 of a mile North on a prong of Cow Creek from the true "Head of Cow Creek timber". However the true "Head of Cow Creek timber" cannot be seen with a course of S. 28. W. on acct. of the island. The island appears to be a part of and continuous with the timber of main Cow creek when viewed from this corner or from a point 300 varas East of it, and its timber is quite as large & heavy as that upon the main Creek. Consequently it is evident that the locating surveyor took his bearing upon the apparent "Head of Cow Creek timber";

Being of this opinion I have made the bearing from the Head of timber of this island. The North West corner of the N. W. Davis I located by running N. 1° 15' E. from South West corner 5563 vrs. to an intersection with the North Bdy line which is a prolongation of the West marked North Bdy of E. Robertson.

Thomas Alsbury.

The Field notes of the Thomas Alsbury call for it to begin at its South East corner on the Bank of the Brazos River, thence an Oak bs S. 61° E 7 vrs and an elm bs N. 8 1/4 W 3 vrs., Thence West 7466 - North 6365, East 6949 to the River bank,

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To locate this survey I ran South from a point on its North Bdy line, which is well marked 6265 varas, thence East to the Bank of the Brazos and made diligent search for the bearing trees and blazed line. But we were unable to find a trace of either. The only marks found was a hacked line, said to have been established 14 yrs. ago by Surveyor Stephens for the North line of Phelps Survey. This line is 300 yrs too far South for the South line of Alsberry, or is 6700 yrs. South from its North Bdy. line. Not being able to find the beginning corner of the Alsberry, I located this survey by beginning at the North East corner, of same, (see certificate of E. Robertson) and reversing the calls run N.88°.33'.W. with S. B. line Robertson and K. N. Davis Leagues, 6949 varas. Thence S.1°27'W. 6265 varas, to its S. W. corner, Thence S.88°.33'.E. to the River.

H. N. Cleveland.

This survey was located by the field-note call 3928 varas West from Alsberry N. B. line.

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Beginning at the South West corner of the K. N. Davis (see page 9) I ran as follows to-wit; N.88°.33'.W. 2471 yrs to an iron pipe 9 in in diameter the North West corner of the H. N. Cleveland survey, whence a bois arc on the head of Cow Creek bears S.18½°.E. and the head of Bee Creek timber bears N.6°.E. Thence South 5 varas to a point Thence West 1185 varas to the South corner 119. Thence West 5374 varas to the South corner of survey No. 108. Thence South 45 West 1090 varas to a point in the

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North East boundary line of Abr. Durst League. Thence North 44° 39' West 199 varas to the North corner Abr. Durst Lea. Thence South 45° 21' West 5150 varas to the West corner of A. Durst in East Bdy line Wm. Pralir survey. Thence North 44° 15' West at 2208 vs. pass North corner Wm. Pralir League at 2886 vs pass West corner Jacob F. Burnig survey, at 6346 vs to a point in S. West Bdy line of Geo. Dedrich survey. Thence South 45° 45' West 1177 vs to the East corner J. R. Scott League. Thence North 44° 15' West at 2051 vs pass South corner Robt Hodges at 2100 cross Cedar Crk at 2751 vs cross Comal, at 3001 vs to the North corner Scott League.

Thence North 45° 45' East 20 vs to East corner B. Miller survey. Thence North 44° 15' West 3560 vs to the North corner of B. Miller League. Thence South 45° 45' West 3511 vs to East corner of the R. D. Wood League at the intersection of an old hacked line. Thence North 44° 30' West with hacked line 5540 vs to the North corner of said Wood League.

To locate the corners of the several Leagues on the Bernard river, it was necessary to begin with League No. 1 or Wood League.

R. D. Wood

Beginning on the Bernard river bank where it is intersected by the well marked and very old North West boundary line of R. D. Wood League, I run N. 20 1/2 E. with the hacked line at 2830 vs leave timber at 5080 varas to an iron pipe one in. in diameter at the intersection with the old hacked North East boundary line of the R. D. Wood League, for the

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north corner this survey, whence a Pin Q. 20" mkd. X brs N 59 W. 117 vrs. and a do X brs N 38° W 112½ varas.

At 117 varas North 70° West from this old hacked N. W. Bdy of the Wood, and running parallel with it I found a new hacked line made 2 yrs ago by Surveyors Hoxie and S. M. Parr.- They were running the Bdries of the Huff League when they marked this line, and simply made a new line by course and distance from Huff North West boundary and without regard to the old line which is very plain. Thence South 44° 30' East with the hacked line at 505 enter timber at 1234 vrs cross Quake Crk at 1490 vrs enter prairie at 1945 enter timber at 2825 vrs enter prairie at 4990 vrs enter timber at 5540 to intersection with the well marked S.E. boundary line this League, a point for a corner whence an elm 10" X brs N 78° W. 1 vara. and a do. brs N. 62½ E 2 vrs.

Thence North 45° 45' East at 506 vrs cross creek at 3511 vrs to an iron pipe and mound the North corner of J. Miller League. This line of the S. Miller I have made excessive 81 varas in order that a line run from the North corner of the Miller at a right angle with its North West boundary will hit the East corner of the Miller. The East corner of the Miller I located 20 vrs North East from the North corner of the J.R. Scott, since the North corner of the Scott was located by calls for the creek on the North East boundary of said Scott and is more definite and certain than course & distance from the North corner of the Miller. The North East Bdy of the Miller I found to be excessive 60 vrs, between its well marked N. W. and S. E. Boundaries.

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J. R. Scott.

The North West boundary of the Scott was easily identified by old hacks and blazes and its N. E. Bdy line by its calls for the creek, both of which I found to agree with the field notes.

At the intersection of these two lines thus identified I placed the North corner of the Scott, a small cedar stake whence a large iron wheel, Parr's corner of the Scott bs N.81 W. 48 varas. and the root of an Old Pine O. on both bank of creek bs N.24 E. 71 varas. Thence I ran S.44°15' E. at 250 m cross creek at 900 m recross same, (both agreeing with F. N. call) at 960 m, placed an iron pipe 1 in in diameter and mound the South corner of R. Hodge whence a pin O. 16" dia bs N.55 W. 8 m and a do. 24 in dia ⅞ bs S.60 W. 18 m., at 3001 varas intersected the well marked South East bdy of Scott and placed an iron pipe one in. in diameter beside an iron stk found already in position for the East corner of Scott.

Thence South 45° 45' West with the hacked line at 1655 m cross creek, (F. N. Call 1700.) at 2923 m intersected with North East boundary of Leg. No. 4 which was easily identified both by old hacks and by creek crossings, all of which agree with F. N. call except the first which is about 100 m excessive.

Thence South 44¼ East with hacked line, at 1848 m cross cedar creek, at 2668 m recross same at 3190 m cross another creek, at 4138 m intersect with North West boundary of the Mc Prairie, which I identified by very old hacks

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and by creek crossings, a point for East corner of J. Beard Lea. No. 6 whence an elm 20" dia. mkd X bs S. 23° E. 7 varas and an L. O. 60" in dia bs. N. 19° E. 31 vs.

Wm Prater.

Beginning at East corner Lea. No 4 as above Thence N. 45° 45' E. with hacked line at 1205 vs cross cedar crk (F. N. call 1180 vs) at 4100 vs placed an iron pipe the North corner Wm Prater whence an elm 20" dia bs S 44 3/4 E. 725 vs, and a dble elm 18" mkd X bs S. 44 1/4 E 746 vs, and Bernard river bank is S. 45° 45' W. 8208 vs.

Thence South 44° 15' East at 730 vs enter timber at 865 vs leave timber at 2208 vs an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter the West corner Abr. Durst League, whence a Pin O. 20" dia mkd X bs S 2 1/2 W. 30 1/2 vs: and a Pin O. 30" dia mkd X bs S. 16° W. 28 1/2 vs, and an elm 12" dia mkd X bs. S 4 1/2 W. 54 varas, at 2997 vs to an iron pipe the East corner Wm Prater Survey, at the intersection with its South East boundary, which was identified both by its old hacks along the line and by one of the old bog trees still standing on the River bank and by calls for 2 gullies on the South East line which are crossed at the field note distance, measuring from the river ~~Eastward~~ North East on this line.

Thence I ran South 45° 45' West with hacked line, and through heavy thickets, at 3585 vs cross Cedar Creek at 7410 vs cross deep gully, at 7617 vs a point on bank of gully 20 vs from its mouth into the river whence an L. O. 30" dia bs N 87 E 9 vs. - (orig bg tree)

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P. D. McNeil.

This survey I located by creek and timber calls on South East and North East b'dries.

The South East boundary is easily identified by old hacks and by an old road cut along the League line from prairie to river.

At the East corner of the McNeil I found the stump of an old cedar stk on its hacked South East line and 24.30 m North East from the crossing of mound creek and 1310 m N.E. from edge of timber. This I accepted for the true East corner of McNeil.

Thence I ran N.44½ W. at 833 m enter timber of an island at 1083 m leave timber (both calls agreeing with F. N.) at 2100 m cross Md creek (F. N. Call 2133) at 3401 m to an intersection of the North West boundary of McNeil, (identified as in certificate of Prator line)

No bearing trees could be found here; however I set an iron pipe at this point for North Cor. McNeil, whence a Pin Q. 2 ft diameter mkd X bs S 29¾ W. 4 m, and a do 2 ft. diameter mkd X bs N 8½ E. 9 m. and an elm 12 in. dia. X bs N.46½ E. 13. and the East corner Wm Prator as above established bs S 45° 45' W. 326 m.

From the P. D. McNeil East corner I ran S.45° 21' W. with the line 146 m found an old cedar stk in ground the North corner Roberts League No. 7. Thence South 44° 39' E. 807 m to an iron plug set by the side of an old cedar stk which has been accepted as the corner for 21 years, and as the improvements of the settlers

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mer all in harmony with this corner, I accepted it though it was 7 varas too far S.E.

From this corner I located the Abraham Durst following the calls of the field notes and using the variation of the South East bdy of Mc Neil in its location which is 9°. 09'. E.

To Locate the Robt Hodge.

I began at its South corner 910 no S.E. from Scott North corner and followed the field note calls except that the N.E. bdy line had to be made 60 no excessive to reach to the intersection with the North West boundary which is marked in a point of heavy timber, and the North West boundary had to be lengthened 81 varas to reach the North E. Bdy of the R. D. Wood Legan.

Peter Conrad, Robt Newton and Bert Hodges. —

The Robt Newton field notes as filed in the G.L.O. fail to balance, and its corner at the end of the fifth course the West corner of survey No. 17, would not be in the same position by reversing the field note calls and locating it backwards as it would by following the calls consecutively.

Such being the case we must follow the field note calls consecutively and let the error of balance or closure fall in the last 2 courses.

The Peter Conrad notes will not balance, - Its S. E. bdy should be 3094

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varas as called in the R. Newton note instead of 2403 varas as called in its own notes; also its N. W. Bdy has to be made 2629 varas instead of 2600 ms to make the survey close. Consequently I located the Conrad by beginning at the North corner of the R. D. Wood League Thence South 44° 30' East 2900 ms to the South Cor. Conrad, Thence North 20° 30' East 3024 varas, Thence N. 69° 30'. W. 2629 ms. to corner, Thence South 20° 30' West 1798 ms to beginning.

The Robt Newton I located by beginning at the West corner of R. Hodge League,

Thence N 44° 30' West 1890 ms. to Conrad South corner, Thence N 20° 30' E. 3024 ms to East cor. Conrad; Thence N 69½° West 2320 ms. to a corner, Thence N. 20° 30' E. 1740 ms to an iron pipe the West corner Bob Hodges labor, whence a post set in grd the North Cor. L. P. Scott survey established by Ashley bs. South 10° East 143 varas. Thence S. 69½ E. at 800 ms cross Snake creek at 1000 ms an iron pipe 2 in diameter and mound the South corner of the Bob Hodges. Whence the East point Snake Creek timber bs. bs N. 16¼ E. and chimney of L. P. Scotts house bs. S 85½ W. at 2328 ms to an iron pipe 2 in dia the N. E corner of the Newton and West corner 17. Thence S. 27½ E. to intersection of North West boundary of Hodges - Thence S. 45° 45'. W. to beginning.

The Bob Hodges Labor I made to join the North corner of the Newton as all

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the sketches show it and as it is called for by the Newton field notes, though its own field notes called for an abandoned survey, the notes of which I have been unable to find.

E. Powell.

At the West corner of the E. Powell I found a blazed line, said to have been marked 15 yrs. ago for the North West boundary of the E. Powell - No other marks could be found in the timber.

Put beginning at the bank of the river on said hacked line I ran with the line N. 60 1/2° E. at 4980 rs cross Turkey Creek (F. N. call 4884) and at 1100 rs more, found an iron stk placed beside an old Mulberry stk the North Corner of E. Powell Survey, where a clump of Trees on Snake Creek bs N. 46° E. and from this corner I found an old hacked line the North East boundary of the Mc Gary Leagues, to run N 64 1/2 W. and crossed Turkey Creek at 1994 rs. There are a great many small fields and improvements along these lines as now established and lands patented around the old surveys, calling for this Iron stk and Mulberry post.

Its distance from the river is excessive 118 rs, but its distance from the crk is excessive only 22 varas.. The Mulberry post was established by Geo. H. Ochley Co. Surveyor, 20 yrs ago, and as the corner has been recognized so long by surveyors and

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settlers alike I think it best to accept it as 20.
it stands. From this corner I ran S. 29½ E.
at 549 m an iron stk, at 967 m an iron stk
at 1211 m the West corner of Survey No. 89, at
a point 1640 m South West from its North
Corner, at 1271 m, pass an iron stk the
South Corner P. D. Everett Survey (thus
showing a conflict of 59 m between S. E. bdy
of Everett and N. W. Bdy of 89) at 2402 m,
pass iron Gun barrel, at 4321 m to an
iron pipe the East Corner Powell as
established by Sehley. Thence S. 61° W 4316
m to a cy press post set by Surveyor
Warren Damon many yrs ago, for the South
corner of the Powell. Thence I ran S. 20° 30' W.
with a very old hacked line, at 1685 m pass
a common corner of the Gay and Hargrove Surveys
(P. N. Calls 1680) at 2590 m, cross Brazos
river, at 95 m more or less same at 40 m
more or less same, at 470 m more to the
common corner of the Huff & Gay. The
three crossings for the river fit very closely
the P. N. Calls, and from thence the cypress post
set by Damon for South corner of Powell
is also correct.

Henry Scott -

The Henry Scott South West corner.
is also one which I was unable to
determine from its own field notes or
those of surrounding surveys. Both the
East and West lines of the Scott are
entirely in the prairie and its bearing

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Mas can be found at either its N.E. or North West corner. Therefore I was obliged to accept the South West corner as County Surveyor Geo. H. Schley established it many years ago. and which has been recognized by all surveyors since he established it.

Beginning at this corner, an iron stk beside a tall cedar post, I ran N.½E. at 552 m pass an iron pipe 2 in. in diameter a corner of section 12, 1081 varas South East from its North corner, at 2721 m cross S.P. R.R. track at 4280 m cross Santa Fe R.R. track at 6897 m, pass an old rock in the ground said by the old negro settlers to have been there about 30 or 40 yrs and recognized as the South East corner of Labor No. 1. at 8017 m to the bank of river, showing this line to be short 233 m, No. bearing Mas to be found - No timber on this bank of river here.

Returning to and beginning at the South West corner of the Henry Scott I ran South 89½ East at 561 m pass an iron pipe and a cedar post in N.E. Bdy line of 12, at 5087 m a point for a corner.

Thence North ½ East with fence lines of pastures, 4124 m to a stob on the bank of the river - No Mas close to this point for bearing Mas. - This line is 320 m excess

These are the recognized lines and corners at present and as there is no certain means of retracing the Locator I see naught



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else to do save accept what I have found - -

I James F. Reed State Surveyor hereby certify that the connections herein contained were made on the ground and that the statements herein are true and correct -

James F. Reed
State Surveyor.

Certificate of a portion of the Fort Bend County Line; from North Cor Durst Leas to "Head of the South Prong of Cow Creek.

The findouts of the County line of Ft Bend Co. call (after reaching the West corner of the Abs Durst League) to run North East with the North West boundary line of the Abs Durst Leas to his North Corner.

Thence in a direct line to the "Head of South Prong of Cow Creek"; Thence down Cow Creek with its meanders.

To determine what is "Head of the South prong of Cow Creek" is difficult. There are three prongs of Cow Creek; the largest and main one is the South prong, and the other two are now known as Bee Creek and Turkey Creek which flow South East emptying into main Cow Creek. The "Head of the South" prong of Cow Creek" is, in my opinion, formed by the confluence of two small branches, carrying about equal volumes of water, the one running South East, and the other North East, and having their confluence at the Head of the timber of the Main, or "South prong of Cow Creek". The Northern one of these two branches heads in a large marsh or swamp about 500 varas North West of its mouth or confluence with the other branch. The Southern one of the two branches is the Larger, and heads somewhere close to the South East boundary line of the Abs Durst Leas, and flows thence in a North Easterly course. This however is merely a prairie

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branch, running sometimes without a well defined channel through low swampy prairie, and can hardly be considered the "South prong of Cow Creek." I therefore called the confluence of the two above mentioned branches the "Head of South prong of Cow Creek", and beginning at this point ran North 67° 58' West 9720 varas to the North Corner of the Abs. Durst League.

I, James E. Reed, State Surveyor, hereby certify that the statements herein contained are true and correct.

James E. Reed
State Surveyor

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Copy.

Mr. J. F. Weed,

State Surveyor, % H & T. C. Land Dept.
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter without date recently received, asking instructions as to re-survey of certain H & T. C. lands in Fort Bend County, upon which subject several telegrams have also been received from Mr. Westcott, has been neglected on account of my absence from home, and my inability from sickness to attend to business. You are now respectfully advised as follows; to-wit: The Backlines of leagues Nos. 4,5,6 ets., should not be stablished by distance from the river. According to field book of original surveys, the North corner of No. 4 begins 2893 varas S. 45 W. from the east corner of No. 3,- the North corner of No. 5 begins 4100 varas N. 45 E. from the east corner of No. 4, and the North Corner of No. 6, 214 varas N. 45 E. from the east corner of No. 5. In regard to the lines between McNeel and Prater the surveyor says the line has not been measuered and about 4000 varas of the line have not been blazed, therefore Prater's East Corner should be placed 214 varas from Mc Neel's corner. The field notes of Jesse Vance do not call for a pecan tree, his east corner is in the prarie 302 varas from the timber and 382 varas from the bayou but his south corner is witnessed. Abraham Durst's league conflicts with Prater by 500 varas. The original field notes have the following remarks attached by Borden, the surveyor; The line marked 714 should be 214 and consequently the N. W. ~~xxxxxx~~ line should be 5153 varasand the S.E.line 5085 varas but this correction is not in the title, hence the conflict. The sketch of Burney's field notes shows Durst's survey to run only 214 varas with Mc Neel's line therefore said survey, though called to begin at Durst's corner is not in conflict with Prater's survey. See sketch. sections Nos. 23 & 24 should be divided in two 1/2 sections each, Nos. 23, 24 and 23 1/2 and 24 1/2.

Very respectfully,
(signed) R. M. Hall,
Commissioner.

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Copy of letter of instructions to State Surveyor in regard to resurveying of H & T. C. R.R. Co Block in Fort Bend Co.

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Rolled Sketch 16. By J.E. Weed

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