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ARTHUR A. STILES REPORT
ON
RESURVEY OF BOUNDARIES OF
A.T. MCGEE SURVEY
GREGG AND UPSHUR COUNTIES
MARCH 22 1934

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Letter of Transmittal

To the Honorable J. H. Walker, Commissioner.
State General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:

Agreeably to your letter of November 1st, 1933, and subsequent conferences, requesting me to make the necessary surveys to determine the boundaries of various areas of unsurveyed public school land in Gregg and Upshur Counties, Texas, claimed to exist within the limits of the A. T. McGee grant and adjacent grants, I wish to state that I have made the surveys; and now have the honor to transmit herewith my report and field notes thereon, accompanied by a map made a part of the report.

Respectfully,

Arthur A. Stiles
Arthur A. Stiles, Surveyor.

Austin, Texas.
March 22, 1934.

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J. H. Walker, Commissioner
C. F. Blucher, Ck.

REPORT

Introductory

This report concerns certain areas in Gregg and Upshur Counties claimed to be unsurveyed public school land, upon which applications for oil leases were filed in the names of Isabella Walker, William Biggio, R. J. Randolph, and others. These areas, popularly known as "vacancies" came within the purported confines of the following original grants: A. T. McGee, Sarah Harrell, and David Ferguson. The existence of the areas depended primarily upon the location of the McGee grant, the senior survey. Therefore the purpose of the work was to determine upon the ground the correct position of the McGee grant by retracing the footsteps of the original surveyor, Thos. D. Brooks who located the grant on December 30, 1844; and to locate with reference to the grant the areas claimed as unsurveyed school land.

Accordingly, the boundaries of the McGee grant were determined with certainty and retraced with accuracy upon the ground. The boundaries of the areas claimed as vacancies were also accurately surveyed upon the ground and located with respect to the boundaries of the grant.

The results of the work are given as follows:

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Under instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, I went to Longview, Texas to begin the work at hand. Upon arrival there I met the persons who contended for and against the alleged vacancies. At their suggestion and with the approval of the Commissioner of the Land Office, they acquainted me fully with their various and conflicting views regarding the proper location of the McGee grant and the several areas claimed as unsurveyed school land. One entire day, December 5, 1933 was devoted to this purpose.

On the following two days, December 6 and 7, I went with the persons claiming the vacancies and followed out upon the ground all of the lines and corners held by them to denote the position of the McGee grant and the resulting vacancies which they claimed. On both days the surveyor, Mr. W. D. Elliott of Longview, accompanied me; and with his surveying instrument ran out the lines as they claimed them to be, and pointed out to me other features of the ground that he thought had a bearing on the case.

On the following day, December 8, 1933, I again went upon the ground with Mr. Henry Meyers, the present owner of the land in the McGee grant, accompanied by Mr. W. H. McClelland, surveyor of Gilmer, who had previously surveyed the grant for Mr. Meyers, and with Mr. J. K. Edwards, Mr. Meyer's neighbor, who owns the land adjoining the grant on the east. With them I retraced the boundaries of the grant as they now claim them to be; which, as they represented, in no wise differ from the boundaries as they have existed and have been observed for many years heretofore. They pointed out to me the south-west and the south-east corners of the grant, which are marked; and the approximate positions of the north-west and north-east corners which were

not marked. They also pointed out many old marked line trees along the east, south, and west sides of the grant.

II

With the information obtained in the manner related, I went upon the ground on December 9, 1933 with my own surveying party and began an accurate, transit survey of all of the many and various lines and corners that had been pointed out to me.

Continuing this surveying from day to day, I completed it on December 19, 1933. Whereupon I went to Austin and conferred ^{fully} with the Commissioner of the Land Office, who, after careful consideration, requested me to return to the field and endeavor to find, if reasonably possible, more perfect evidence of the north-east and north-west corners of the McGee grant.

On January 2, 1934 I returned to Longview, and on the next day I began a systematic search for the remains of the original witness trees marked by the surveyor, Brooks, in 1844 and called for in his field notes for the north-east and north-west corners of the grant, all surface indications of these old witness trees having long since disappeared.

On January 6, 1934 I found the stumps of both of the original witness trees called for at the north-east corner of the grant, towit:

Pine 14. S. 20. W. 7.0 vrs.

Pine 20. N. 4. W. 9.4 vrs.

At this place the ground has been "filled" from 14 to 16 inches by the washing down upon it of the soil from a field situated to the eastward. I found the tops of the stumps

a little more than two feet under the present surface of the ground, or about one foot under the surface of the ground as it was originally. The stumps were much decayed but they were undisturbed and in perfect form. They were unmistakably of pine and of the equivalent of the respective sizes called for in 1844, the trees obviously having grown somewhat after that date. Specimens of the pine wood and bark taken from the stumps were preserved. The centers of the stumps were obvious. I marked them with 1 1/8 inch automobile axles 30 inches long driven vertically into the ground. The upper end of the axle driven into the center of the stump of the witness tree, P. O. 14, is one foot under the surface of the ground; that in the center of the witness tree, P.O. 20, is two feet under the surface of the ground.

I carefully located the corner from each stump. The two separate positions of the corner differed only eight inches. As the true location of the corner, I adopted the position obtained from the stump of the witness tree,

Pine 14. S. 20. W. 7.0 vrs.,
the center of which was most precise, and nearest to the corner.

As thus located the corner conforms to the general surroundings and agrees perfectly with the old marked line leading southward.

I marked the corner with a piece of railroad iron four feet long furnished by Mr. Henry Meyers and set vertically into the ground. The iron projects six inches above the surface. From it I took the several new bearings given in the following field notes.

After perfecting the location of the corner, I thoroughly covered the stumps with earth packed down around them and slightly mounded over them in order to preserve the stumps in the condition in which I had found them.

On January 8 and 9, 1934 I found the stumps of the original witness trees called for at the north-west corner of the grant, to wit:

Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.

Sweetgum 8. S. 25. W. 4.4 vrs.

This place is in the eastern edge of the overflowed valley or "bottom" of Moody Creek in a corn field. The ground has been "filled" 1.6 feet by the top soil washing down upon it from the north-east from a steep, hill-side field now badly cut by gullies and abandoned. By finding the old lateral root of a pine tree 3 1/2 feet under the ground and following it by means of a ditch of that depth for a distance of about 30 feet, I came upon the stump of the witness tree,

Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.

The top of the stump was 1.7 feet under the present surface of the ground, but only one-tenth foot under the surface of the ground before the "fill" or vertical accretion had taken place. The eastern half of the top of the stump had been burned and was found to be covered with a layer of ashes, charcoal and earth, burned red. Otherwise, all of the stump was intact, and although the outer surfaces were decayed, the stump and the huge lateral roots, being of "fat" or "pitch" pine, were solid and apparently in a state of permanent preservation. A specimen of the solid "fat" pine, chopped from the north side of the stump was preserved.

The center of the stump was obvious. I marked it with a 1 1/4 inch automobile axle, 30 inches long driven vertically into the center of the stump the full length of the axle which is inside a 2 inch iron pipe 3 1/2 feet ^{long} driven over it. The upper end of the pipe is level with the top of the stump, or 1.7 feet under the surface of the corn field.

I carefully located the corner from the stump of the witness tree,

Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.

I then set off the position of the other witness tree,

Sweetgum 8. S. 25. W. 4.4 vrs.

At this point I excavated a pit 8 feet in diameter and 3 1/2 feet deep, to the clay subsoil, Here I found where a tree had once stood as evidenced by the holes of five large lateral roots and a central vertical ~~vertical~~ root about 10 inches in diameter. The wood of the tree was entirely gone through decay and the holes in the clay were filled with humus and discolored soil. The kind and exact size of the tree could not be determined from the evidence that remained, but it is certain that a tree of considerable size once stood ~~here~~, and exactly in the position called for.

From the corner as located from the pine stump above described and as checked by the evidence of the tree found in the position of the sweetgum, I then measured off the call given in the original field notes, towit:

"Thence South;

41.0 vrs. Creek, 4 vrs. wide, course south-east."

This bearing and distance agreed perfectly with the original north bank of the creek, and furnished a most exact and conclusive final proof of the corner. There is no other creek and no other crossing on this creek, course south-east, within the range of this corner that could possibly fit this call except this one crossing only.

A small area of accretion recently formed by the washing of soil from the hill-side field above mentioned now attaches to the old bank at the crossing and forms a new north bank five varas further on, to the southward.

With the perfect agreement of the above three primary marks called for in the field notes and identified upon the ground, I adopted the position obtained from the stump of the original witness tree,

Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.;

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as the true location of the north-west corner of the grant, and marked it.

As thus located, the corner conforms to the general surroundings, and agrees perfectly with the old marked line leading southward.

I marked the corner with a piece of railroad iron seven feet long, furnished by Mr. Henry Meyers and set vertically into the ground. The iron projects six inches above the surface of the cornfield in which the corner is situated. From the corner as marked I took the several new bearings given in the field notes.

After completing the location of the corner I carefully covered the old stump of the pine witness tree with earth packed down around it and slightly mounded over it, in the usual manner in order to preserve the stump. I also filled up with earth the pit in which I found the evidence of the sweetgum witness tree, but I did not mark the point.

Having finally located and marked the true north-east and north-west corners of the grant in the manner described, I carefully connected them to the accurate transit survey which I had made; and the final results of the survey are given in the field notes.

III

The west, south, and east lines of the McGee grant are indicated by marked trees. The marks are those ordinarily used by surveyors. They consist of the usual three chops or "hacks" made with the axe about six or eight inches apart in vertical columns on the sides of the trees facing the line that is intended to be marked. Or, they consist of three such hacks, or a "blaze" with one hack above it and one hack below it, made on the "fore and aft" sides of the trees that

stand exactly on the line that is intended to be marked. Some of the marks along the lines are new and for that reason no importance was attached to them, and they were not located. Other marks are apparently from ten to twenty years old; and still others are very old indeed, certainly 40 to 50 years old and possibly older.

The marked trees show that the three lines have been retraced on various occasions in times past; ten or twenty years ago, and very many years ago. It is clear that the early retracements were not made with a transit instrument, but with the old time surveyor's magnetic sight compass. The retraced lines deflect uncertainly to the right and left, and may be said to "wobble" considerably. Nevertheless, all of the old marks follow consistently, although roughly, the lines they purport to designate; and I found that the true lines of the grant when run straight with the transit were in every case very fair averages of those shown by the old marked trees.

I found no marked trees on the north line. It passes thru fields part of the way and thru small timber the rest of the way. However, Mr. Henry Moyers pointed out a place where he claimed an old marked line tree had stood near the north-east corner of the grant. Later, when I found and ran the true north line this position agreed with it.

I accurately located all of the old marked trees that I found and the positions of them with respect to the straight lines of the grant as run with the transit are given in the field notes.

IV

I found the south-west and south-east corners of the McGee grant to be conspicuously and permanently marked. Apparently the marks had been in place for years. The original

witness trees called for at both corners have disappeared. Both of the corners were pointed out to me by the persons claiming the vacancies, but contending that these were not the correct corners of the grant. Both corners were also pointed out to me by Mr. Henry Moyers who has owned the land at the corners for many years, and by his surveyor, Mr. W.H. McClelland, both of whom claimed the corners to be correct, and of long standing.

The south-west corner was also pointed out to me by Mr. W. C. Elms who, as County Surveyor of Upshur County, accepted it as correct when he re-surveyed the David Ferguson grant on May 20, 1911. He explained to me that the original witness trees were gone at the time and that he established the corner by intersection, whereupon he marked an additional bearing, a mulberry tree,

N.42. W. 2.9 vrs.,

as a new witness tree, and drove down a stake for the corner. He pointed out the mulberry tree and the cross-mark that he had chopped upon it on May 20, 1911. The tree is standing, 18 inches in diameter, but dead. The cross-mark is on the south-east side of the tree, and is plain. The corner is now marked with an iron section of a furnace grate set vertically in the ground and projecting four inches above the surface. From this mark I found the mulberry witness tree to bear N. 43 3/4. W. 3.0 vrs., showing that the iron now marking the corner had been placed where Mr. Elms had previously driven his stake for the corner.

As located and marked this corner conforms to the general surroundings and agrees perfectly with the old marked lines of the grant: the west line running northward and the south line running eastward. In addition to this, the corner agrees perfectly with the call given in the original field notes of the grant, towit: "Thence East; 40.0 varas Creek, 4 varas wide, course south-west". I carefully examined this

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creek for some distance above and below the crossing, and I found that the channel had not changed in position. The direction, east; and the distance 40. varas fits the corner exactly. This perfect check upon the location of the corner is most dependable and precise. There is no other creek or crossing on this creek, course south-west, within the scope of this corner that will remotely fit this call save this one crossing only.

The south-east corner of the grant was also pointed out to me by Mr. Elms who likewise accepted it as correct when he re-surveyed the Ferguson grant on May 20, 1911. The corner is marked with a piece of railroad iron set vertically in the ground and projecting four inches above the surface. A Sandstone rock which appears to have once marked the corner found was placed against the railroad iron.

As located and marked this corner conforms to the general surroundings and agrees perfectly with the old marked lines of the grant; the east line running northward, and the south line running westward.

Considering the great quantity and convincing character of the evidence found upon the ground in support of the south-west and south-east corners of the grant as above described, I concluded that further investigation of these corners would serve no practical purpose and would entail unnecessary additional expense. I therefore accepted both corners, marked in the manner stated, and from them I took the new bearings given in the field notes.

V

Having heretofore accurately surveyed the position of the McGee grant as claimed and pointed out by the persons advocating the vacancies, I went upon the ground a second time in a final search for any evidence that might support this

hypothetical position, in which the point claimed as the north-east corner is 89.5 vrs. north of the true north-east corner of the grant; and the point claimed as the north-west corner is 110.1 vrs. north of the true north-west corner of the grant.

The point which the claimants contend is the north-east corner of the grant is marked by a one inch iron draw-bar and a one inch iron pipe recently set by their surveyor, and by him particularly pointed out to me. I accurately set off from this mark the positions of the two original witness trees given in the field notes for the north-east corner of the McGee grant. At the position of each tree I then excavated a pit six feet in diameter and 1 1/2 feet deep down to the clay subsoil; but I did not find any indication of a tree of any kind in either pit. At this point there are no fences, fence posts, marked trees, hedge rows or other marks of any kind indicating that a survey corner ever existed there. On the contrary, the point is in the midst of an open field heretofore cultivated but now occupied by producing oil wells.

The point claimed as the north-west corner of the McGee grant is situated in broken country five varas north of a small drain on the west edge of an old farm road leading northward, up the hill, about 150 varas north of the nearest point on any creek. The point was particularly pointed out to me by the persons claiming the vacancies, and also by their surveyor who had recently located it from a nearby pine stump, and marked it with an iron bolt driven vertically into the ground at the west edge of the old road.

The claimants and their surveyor represented this pine stump to be that of the original witness tree,

Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.,
marked by the original surveyor, Thos. D. Brooks in 1844.
The stump is solid and appears to be that of a pine tree cut down about six years ago. It is now 26 inches in diameter and 14 inches high. Upon careful examination I found that

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this stump is entirely too small to have been 24 inches in diameter in 1844. It is physically impossible for this stump to be that of the original witness tree in question.

From the iron bolt marking this point, I set off the position of the other original witness tree called for at the north-west corner of the McGee grant, a

Sweetgum 8. S. 25. W. 4.4 vrs.

Here I excavated a pit six feet in diameter and 2 1/2 feet deep, down to the clay subsoil, but I found no indications of a tree of any kind. There are no fences, fence posts, marked trees, tree rows, hedge rows, or other marks of any kind indicating that a survey corner ever existed here.

The point claimed as the south-west corner of the grant is marked by a 2 inch iron pipe and is the well known south-east corner of the Phillips property in the Haden H. Edwards grant. Mr. Phillips described to me the south-west corner of the McGee grant as being "a hundred steps or more" south of this corner. The measured distance south to the true south-west corner of the McGee grant is 148.8 varas. As being the south-west corner of the McGee grant, this point is without evidence of any kind and is completely at variance with the surroundings and with common knowledge concerning it. From this point eastward the creek, which is called for in the original field notes at 40 varas is reached at 122 varas, and nowhere within the vicinity of the point will the call, East 40.0 varas, remotely fit the creek.

Beyond this creek the line continues through the middle of a field long in cultivation, across which no survey line was ever known to run.

The point claimed as the south-east corner of the grant is not marked in any way. It is merely a point in the east edge of an open field on the east line of the McGee grant which is well marked and continues beyond the point, south

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155.1 vrs. to the true south-east corner of the grant. This point is completely at variance with the surroundings and is without evidence of any kind to support it as the corner of any survey or subdivision.

In brief, I found that all of the above described corners and lines claimed as those of the McGee grant are without a vestige of evidence to support them as such. They are utterly at variance with the surroundings, and are wholly without foundation in fact.

The survey made of these mythical corners and lines revealed nothing in support of them and the results of the survey were discarded.

VI

New Field Notes
of the
A. T. McGee Grant

New field notes of a grant of one-hundred and nineteen acres of land originally surveyed by Thos. D. Brooks, Deputy Surveyor, on December 30, 1844 for A. T. McGee by virtue of certificate No. 55 of the Board of Land Commissioners of the County of Harrison in the Republic of Texas, situated on Moody Creek about 4 miles north of the Jonesborough road, being survey No. 184; and located in Gregg and Upshur Counties in the State of Texas.

Beginning at the south-west corner of the A. T. McGee grant No. 184 on the east line of the Haden H. Edwards grant from which the original witness trees,

P.O. 12. S. 86 1/2. E. 7.4 vrs.

R.O. 20. N. 54. E. 12.4 vrs.,

have disappeared, but which is now marked with an iron grate section as herein more particularly described, and from which I took the following

New Bearings:

Pine 14. S. 70 1/2. E. 12.3 vrs. marked X

Elm 10. N. 10 3/4. W. 4.6 " " "

Pine 10. S. 1. W. 37.2 " " "

Birch 22. S. 89. E. 40.4 " " "

(This birch tree is growing just below the crest of the west ((right)) bank of Moody Creek, course south-west.)

Mulberry 18. (dead) N. 43 3/4. W. 3.0 vrs. marked X

(This mulberry tree was pointed out to me by W. C. Elms who marked it as herein more particularly described) .

North (right) bank of Moody Creek, course south-west, bears, along fence and row of big trees, S. 1/2 degree. E. 339.0 vrs.; south (left) bank, 348.0 vrs.

Thence South 89°-42'-12". East.

- 40.0 vrs. West (right) bank of Moody Creek, 4 varas wide, course south-west.
- 52.0 " East (left) bank of Moody Creek.
- 102.6 " White Oak 20. Very old blazes (O) fore and aft, 4/10 vr. south of line.
- 386.0 " White Oak 10. Marked X on north side, 2.2 vrs. south of line.
- 434.0 " Hickory 20. Three very old hacks on north side, 4.0 vrs.

south of line.

477.0 vrs. Center of newly cut channel of small branch in field,
course north-west.

496.0 " Sweet gum 26. Old blazes fore and aft, 6/10 vr. north
of line.

617.8 " South-east corner of the A. T. McGee grant No. 184 from
which the original witness trees,

B.J.10. N. 36. W. 8.2 vrs.

Pine 16. N. 7. E. 14.4 vrs.,

have disappeared but which is now marked with a piece of
railroad iron as herein more particularly described and
from which I took the following

New Bearings:

Pine 10. N. 9 1/2. E. 13.7 vrs. marked $\overline{\overline{X}}$

Pine 14. S. 33 1/2. E. 5.8 " " "

Pine 12. N. 23. E. 3.4.

(This pine 12. has old mark (($\overline{\overline{X}}$)) also a more re-
cent mark ((\underline{X})) facing the corner. I made no new
marks.)

P. O. 5. S. 75 1/2. W. 1.6 vrs.

(This P.O. 5. has old mark (($\overline{\overline{X}}$)) also new mark
(($\overline{\overline{X}}$)) facing the corner. I made no new marks.)

Thence North 0° -45' -02" East.

42.6 vrs. Pine 16. Three old hacks on west side, 6/10 vr. east
of line.

94.6 " Red Oak 26 Dead and fallen) Old blazes ($\overline{\overline{O}}$) fore and
aft, 1.3 vrs. east of line.

148.6 " Hickory 12. Three very old hacks on east side, 2.6
vrs. east of line.

155.1 " Center of small branch, course west.

346.1 " South (left) bank of creek, course west. Flowing
water 5.0 vrs. wide.

362.1 " North (right) bank same creek.

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- 389.1 vrs. Red Oak 18. Three very old hacks on west side, 4.4 vrs. east of line.
- 423.1 " Pine 16. Three very old hacks on west side, 2.9 vrs. east of line.
- 496.7 " Sweetgum 22. Very old blazes (0) fore and aft, and three very old hacks on west side, 2.9 vrs. east of line.
- 505.1 " Red Oak 20. Three very old hacks on east side, 2.3 vrs. east of line.
- 608.1 " Sweetgum 18. Three old hacks on west side, 3.8 vrs. east of line.
- 621.1 " Gregg-Upshur County Line. Marked with 3" iron pipe stake, 9/10 vrs. east of line.
- 662.2 " Subdivision corner in the David Ferguson grant, marked by two rocks, 3.1 vrs. east of line.
- 662.2 " Pine 26. Witness tree for subdivision corner. Marked X, 5.3 vrs. east of line.
- 719.6 " Red Oak 40. Three very old hacks on east side. Also very old blazes (0) fore and aft, 1.1 vrs. east of line.
- 764.1 " Post Oak 14. Three very old hacks on west side, 1.6 vrs. east of line.
- 767.1 " Post Oak 14. Three very old hacks on east side, 7/10 vr. east of line.
- 776.1 " Hickory 8. Three old hacks on east side. The tree is on the line.
- 824.1 " Red Oak 22. Three very old hacks on west side, 1.7 vrs. east of line.
- 905.1 " Pine stump 36 inches in diam. and three feet high pointed out by Henry Moyers, who stated that he cut the tree down about 5 years ago and found 3 old hacks 3 inches inside of the tree. Upon counting the age of the stump, I found that the marks were made 40 or 45 years

- ago. The stump is 2.1 vrs. east of line.
- 909.1 vrs. Pine 18. Old blazes (0) fore and aft, 2.0 vrs. east of line.
- 925.4 " Pine 12. Old blazes (0) fore and aft, 1.9 vrs. east of line.
- 974.6 " Post Oak 14. Three very old hacks on west side, 2.9 vrs. east of line.
- 975.6 " Post Oak 16. Three very old hacks on east side, 2.6 vrs. east of line.
- 1021.1 " Pine 14. Witness tree for subdivision corner. Marked (X) on west side, 10.7 vrs. east of line.
- 1024.1 " Sweetgum 22. Witness tree for subdivision corner. Marked (X) on west side, 8.9 vrs. east of line.
- 1054.0 " Center of small branch, course north-west.
- 1108.1 " Sweetgum 14. Three old hacks on east side, 7/10 vr. east of line.
- 1112.6 " Sweetgum 18. Three very old hacks on west side, 1.6 vrs. east of line.
- 1137.1 " Pine 12. Three old hacks on west side, 2.6 east of line.
- 1139.1 " Sweetgum 16. Old blazes (0) fore and aft, 1.4 vrs. east of line.
- 1147.5 " Sweetgum 26. Three old hacks on west side, 3.4 vrs. east of line.
- 1197.1 " Black Walnut 8. Three old hacks on east side, 3.7 vrs. east of line.
- 1204.6 " Pine 16. Three old hacks on west side, 3.2 vrs. east of line.

- 1368.0 vrs. Original south bank of creek, course south-west. Flowing water 3.0 vrs. wide.
- 1375.1 " Original north bank of same creek.
- 1378.1 " Stump of mulberry 14. Pointed out by Henry Moyers as that of witness tree for subdivision corner in the David Ferguson vid Ferguson grant. Stump is on the line.
- 1383.5 " Sweetgum 12. Pointed out by Henry Moyers as the other witness tree for this subdivision corner. Old mark (X) on south-west side, 6.0 vrs. east of line.
- 1390.6 " Sweetgum 16. Two sets of three hacks one above the other on the west side: Lower set old; upper set very old, 4.7 vrs. east of line.
- 1417.1 " Sassafrass 8. Three old hacks on east side, 2.0 vrs. east of line.
- 1824.1 " South edge of main public road.
- 1845.1 " North edge of same road.
- 1853.9 " South-east corner, subdivision in McGee grant, marked with 1" iron draw-bar set vertically in the ground, 2.3 vrs. west of line.
South end of old tree-row 3.4 vrs. east of line.
- 2097.4 " North end of above mentioned old tree row, 2.3 vrs. east of line.
- 2101.3 " North-east corner of the A. T. McGee grant No. 184 from which the original witness trees,
Pine 14. S. 20. W. 7.0 vrs.
Pine 20. N. 4. W. 4.4 vrs.,
have disappeared, but the stumps of which I found and accurately located the corner from them as herein more particularly described. From the piece of railroad iron marking the corner, I took the following

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New Bearings:

Pine 8. N. 44 1/2. E. 19.4 vrs. marked X
Hackberry 14. S. 8 1/2. E. 8.3 Vrs. " "

Oil Wells.

Humble Oil & Refining Company,
J.K. Edwards No. 4. S. 46 3/4. E. 172.3 vrs.
California Petroleum Corporation,
Isabella Walker No. 3. N. 18 1/2. W. 125.3 vrs.
Elm Oil Company,
Walker No. 1. S. 46 1/2. W. 172.7 vrs.

Thence South 88° -17' -43". West

- 314.7 vrs. East edge of marsh, still water, 3" deep.
- 331.7 " West edge of same marsh
- 369.7 " East (left) bank of branch, 2 vrs. wide, course south-west.
- 374.7 " West bank of same branch.
- 640.3 " North-west corner of the A. T. McGee grant No. 184 from which the original witness trees,
Pine 24. S. 50 1/2. E. 8.6 vrs.
Sweetgum 8. S. 25. W. 4.4 vrs.,
have disappeared but the stumps of which I found and accurately located the corner from them as herein more particularly described. From the piece of railroad iron marking the corner, I took the following

New Bearings:

Pine 8. N. 41 1/2. E. 53.9 vrs. marked X
Pine 18. S. 88 1/4. E. 44.3 vrs. " "
Water Oak 16. S. 31 1/2. E. 41.4 vrs. " "
Pine 8. S. 5 1/4. W. 30.0 vrs " "

Oil Wells.

Elm Oil Company,
Walker No. 2. S. 49 1/2. E. 167.4 vrs.
California Petroleum Corporation,

Isabella Walker No. 4. S. 44 1/2. W. 158.2 vrs.

Thence South $0^{\circ}-09'-27''$ West

with the Sarah Harrell and Haden H. Edwards grants.

- 41.0 vrs. Original north (left) bank of Moody Creek, course south-east.
- 46.0 vrs. New north (left) bank of Moody Creek, formed by accretion, course south-east. Flowing water 3.0 vrs. wide.
- 57.6 " South (right) bank of Moody Creek, course south-east.
- 76.3 " North (right) bank of Moody Creek, course, turning south and east. Line falls in creek channel.
- 119.3 " South (right) bank of Moody Creek, running water 3.0 vrs. wide, course east.
- 209.5 " Fence on north side of public road.
- 231.7 " Fence on south side of ~~psane~~ road.
- 232.2 " Black Walnut 16. Witness tree for subdivision corner in the McGee grant. Marked (X) on west side, 12.9 vrs. east of line.
- 232.2 " South-west corner, subdivision in McGee grant, marked with 2" iron pipe over which is piece of 7" well casing in fence, 10.0 vrs. east of line.
- 305.4 " Mulberry 12. Three very old hacks on east side, 5.9 vrs. west of line.
- 305.9 " White Oak Stump 30. Pointed out by Henry Moyers who stated that he cut it down about 25 years ago and found 3 hacks about 3 inches inside the tree. Counting the age of the stump where possible I found that the marks were made about 55 years ago. The stump is 2.5 vrs. west of line.
- 312.4 " North (right) bank of Moody Creek, course west, Flow-
ing water 5.0 vrs. wide.

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- 331.1 vrs. South (left) bank of Moody Creek, course west.
- 497.1 " North (left) bank of Moody Creek, course turning south and east, line falls in creek channel. Flowing water 6.0 vrs. wide.
- 515.4 " White Oak 30.(dead). Three very old hacks on west side, 9.1 vrs. east of line.
- 544.9 " South (right) bank of Moody Creek, corresponding to north bank at 497.1 vrs. above.
- 852.2 " Blackgum 30. Three very old hacks on west side, 8.2 vrs. east of line.
- 927.4 " Black Walnut 18. Three very old hacks on east side, 7.2 vrs. east of line.
- 1187.7 " Sweetgum 20. Three very old hacks on east side, 5.5 vrs. east of line.
- 1385.9 " Elm 24. Very old blazes (0) fore and aft, 2.9 vrs. east of line.
- 1392.2 " Sweetgum 20. Three old hacks on west side, 3.9 vrs. east of line.
- 1394.4 " Sweetgum 16. Three old hacks on east side, 2.4 vrs. east of line.
- 1399.9 " Sweetgum 24. Three old hacks on west side, 3.4 vrs. east of line.
- 1713.7 " Gregg-Upshur County Line, marked by 3" iron pipe stake at fence, 4.5 vrs. west of line.
- 1904.9 " Sweetgum 24. Three rather old hacks on east side; and four old hacks on west side, 2/10 vr. east of line.
- 1928.7 " South-east corner Phillips property in Haden H. Edwards grant, marked by 2" iron pipe stake. On line.

- 2017.9 vrs. Center of slough, not continuous, 10.vrs. wide. Water not flowing, 2. feet deep.
- 2044.9 " Sweetgum 26. Three very old hacks on east side, 2.0 vrs. west of line.
- 2077.5 " The point of beginning.

Containing 232.73 acres

Aden E. Stiles,	Transitman
Charles Rado Ward on)	
Wilson E. Allen)	: Chainmen

Surveyed December 9th to 19th, 1933, and January 3d to 11th, 1934.

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 Surveyor.

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Certificate.

I, Arthur A. Stiles, a surveyor of Austin, Travis County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing field notes and accompanying plat of the A. T. McGee grant No. 184 in Gregg and Upshur Counties, Texas were made by me and under my immediate supervision from an accurate transit survey which I made upon the ground on the dates above given; and that all corners, lines, bearings and distances, marks, and other data given in the field notes and shown upon the plat are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and ability as a surveyor to determine such facts.

Arthur A. Stiles
Arthur A. Stiles

Austin, Texas
January 20, 1934.

VII

My conclusions are that by this survey the footsteps of the original surveyor, Thos. D. Brooks, made on December 30, 1844, when he located the A. T. McGee grant have been successfully followed out upon the ground as closely as it is physically possible to do so now; that the true corners and lines of the grant are as described in the foregoing new field notes; and that the several areas applied for as unsurveyed public school land do not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Stiles

Arthur A. Stiles,

Surveyor.

Austin, Texas.

March 22, 1934.

N.W. cor. M^{rs} Gee. Original witness trees, Pine 55° E. 8¹/₂ vs and S.G. 8° S25W 4¹/₂ vs. are gone, but stumps found. Corner now mkd. by railroad iron from which:

- Pine 8° N41¹/₂ E. 53³/₈ vs.
 - Pine 18° S88¹/₂ E. 44³/₈ "
 - Wa. 0.16° S31¹/₂ E. 41¹/₂ "
 - Pine 8° S5¹/₂ W. 30²/₈ "
- New Oil Wells
Walker N^o 2 S49¹/₂ E. 167¹/₂ vs.
Walker N^o 4 S44¹/₂ W. 158¹/₂ vs.

N.E. cor. M^{rs} Gee. Original witness trees, Pine 14° S20W 7 vs. and Pine 20° N4W 9¹/₂ vs. are gone, but stumps found. Corner now mkd. by railroad iron from which:

- Pine 8° N44¹/₂ E. 19³/₈ vs.
 - Hkby. 14° S8¹/₂ E. 8¹/₂ "
- New Oil Wells
Edwards N^o 4 S46¹/₂ E. 172³/₈ vs.
Walker N^o 3 N18¹/₂ W. 125³/₈ vs.
Walker N^o 1 S46¹/₂ W. 172³/₈ vs.

A. T. M^{rs} Gee Grant.
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Containing 232⁷³ Acres.

Scale:
1. Inch = 100 Yards.
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Beginning S.W. cor. M^{rs} Gee, on E. line Edwards. Original witness trees, P.O. 12° S86¹/₂ E. 7¹/₂ vs. and R.O. 20° N54E 12¹/₂ vs. are gone. Cor. now mkd. by iron grate bar from which:

- Pine 14° S70¹/₂ E. 12³/₈ vs.
- Elm 10° N10¹/₂ W. 4¹/₂ "
- Pine 10° S1 W. 37¹/₂ "
- Birch 22° S89 E. 40¹/₂ "
- Mlby. 18° (dead) N43¹/₂ W. 3¹/₂ vs.
- N. bank Moody Creek, course S.W., S¹/₂ E. 339¹/₂ vs.; S. bank, 348¹/₂ vs.

S.E. cor. M^{rs} Gee. Original wit. trees B.U. 10° N36 W 8¹/₂ and Pine 16° N7E. 14¹/₂ vs. are gone. Cor. mkd. by railroad iron from which:

- Pine 10° N9¹/₂ E. 13¹/₂ vs.
- Pine 14° S33¹/₂ E. 5¹/₂ "
- Pine 12° N23 E. 3¹/₂ "
- P.O. 5° S75¹/₂ W. 1¹/₂ "

Arthur A. Stiles
Surveyor.

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