

August 28, 1919.

Hon. Cecil L. Simpson,
County Judge, Dallas Co.,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st ultimo, in reference to the boundaries of Dallas County and particularly the line between Dallas and Denton counties; also a transcript showing copies of field notes of the county boundaries of said Dallas County as run, by A. S. Walker in May, 1847, and by W. A. Ferris in June, 1850; also field notes of the line between Dallas and Farrant by J. M. Strong and J. J. Goodfellow, and field notes of line between Dallas and Ellis counties by J. M. Young, together with reports and various orders of courts pertaining to same, was handed me on the 17th instant by Mr. James B. Belton of your city, who explained in detail the situation and your contention for the strip of territory about one-half mile wide North and South and some five or six miles in length extending eastward from the N.W. corner of Dallas County; in other words, as he explained it, you contend that the North line of Dallas County should be one continuous straight line running West from the N.W. corner, and not with the off set as shown by the Land Office maps.

After a careful search of the records here, I am unable to find any field notes for the boundary between Dallas and Denton counties except those by W. A. Ferris made in 1850, which were filed in this office September 29, 1854. This line has been delineated on all Land Office maps of said Dallas and Denton counties since 1854, and the Land Office has since said line abstracted according to it; hence, this line, as described by these field notes, has been recognized by this office for the past sixty years. In view of this fact, according to the decision of the courts in case of Stephens County v. Palo Pinto County, reported in 155 S.W., page 1006, and Hale County v. Lubbock County, 194 S.W., page 678, it is doubtful if this line can now be disturbed. In the face of these

W. C. L. Simpson.

Decisions it appears to have come for the courts,
and not this office, to determine; therefore, I
have no suggestions or remedy to offer.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Clark, W. C.

CC to: Hon. Ed I. Key,
County Judge,
Denton County,
Denton, Texas.

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