

REPORT ON DALLAS COUNTY NORTH LINE

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THE FANNIN-NACOGDOCHES COUNTY LINE WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1841, BY MR. WARREN A. FERRIS, DEPUTY SURVEYOR OF NACOGDOCHES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR AT THAT TIME, A MR. WILSON, "MAKE OUT THE COUNTY MAP". BEARINGWISE, THIS LINE RAN EAST AND WEST ACCORDING TO HIS FIELD NOTES.

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DALLAS COUNTY WAS CREATED BY LAW MARCH 30, 1846 HAVING ITS INITIAL POINT OF BEGINNING IN THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF FANNIN COUNTY THREE MILES EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID COUNTY LINE WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PETERS COLONY RUN BY J.A. PHELPS, AND WAS TO RUN FROM THIS POINT OF BEGINNING, SOUTH 30 MILES, WEST 30 MILES, AND NORTH 30 MILES TO THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE AND EAST BACK TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

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JANUARY 13, 1847, THE COUNTY COURT ORDERED THAT THE LINES OF DALLAS COUNTY BE MORE CLEARLY ASCERTAINED AND PLAINLY MARKED ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING LAWS REGULATING THE SAME. THEY FURTHER STATED THAT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY WOULD BE THE COMMENCING POINT, THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 30 MILES, WEST 30 MILES, NORTH 30 MILES, THENCE EAST 30 MILES TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING AND THE CLERK OF THAT COURT BE AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY COURTS OF ADJOINING COUNTIES IN THE ENTERING OF THAT ORDER.

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IT WAS ALSO ORDERED AT THAT TIME BY THE COURT THAT ALBERT G. WALKER BE APPOINTED TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND CREATE THE LINES OF DALLAS COUNTY ACCORDING TO LAW AND REPORT BACK TO THE COURT UPON THE COMPLETION OF HIS SURVEY.

A FEW MONTHS LATER ON APRIL 18, 1847, THE COURT ORDERED THAT THE PREVIOUS ORDER PASSED IN JANUARY, FOR THE COUNTY LINES TO BE RUN AND MARKED, WOULD BE REPEALED.

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THEN, ONCE AGAIN, THE COURT THEN MET ON APRIL 26, 1847, AND MADE ANOTHER ORDER REPEALING THE LAST ORDER ON APRIL 18, THAT REPEALED THE PREVIOUS ORDER IN JANUARY AND STATED THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEYING THE COUNTY LINES OF DALLAS COUNTY, QUOTE, "STAND IN FULL FORCE AND VIRTUES AND THAT THE LINES BE RUN AND ESTABLISHED AS THOUGH THEY HAD NEVER BEEN REPEALED BY THIS COURT."

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NEVERTHELESS, THIS OPENED THE THRESHOLD FOR THE LINES TO BE SURVEYED AND MARKED BY MR. WALKER. HE COMPLETED THE WORK IN THE MONTH OF MAY, 1847. HE DID, IN FACT, RUN SOUTH 30 MILES, WEST 30 MILES, NORTH 30 MILES, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL ABOUT THE 24TH MILE ON HIS EASTERLY COURSE DID HE DISCOVER ANY MONUMENTATION OF MR. FERRIS' FANNIN AND NACAGODOCHES LINE AND COMMENTED LATER THAT MUCH OF FERRIS' LINE HAD DETERIORATED AND DECAYED AND NOTED HE REPLACED SEVERAL OLD STAKES.

IT WAS NOW APPARENT THAT MR. WALKER'S WEST LINE NEVER REACHED THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE AS ESTABLISHED, AT THAT TIME, BY MR. FERRIS. WE NOW MIGHT BE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT MR. FERRIS' LINE WAS NOT RUNNING TRUE EAST AND WEST.

SO AN ACT FROM THE LEGISLATURE WAS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 28, 18^A39 TO BETTER DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF FANNIN COUNTY AND BY ANOTHER ACT OF DECEMBER 1, 1849 THE STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSIONER TO APPOINT WITHOUT DELAY, SOME COMPETENT AND UNINTERESTED SURVEYOR, "TO RUN, MARK AND FULLY ESTABLISH THE FANNIN/NACOGDOCHES LAND DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ACT OF NOVEMBER 28, 1839. THIS SURVEYOR WAS TO BE WILLIAM A. ORR AND HE WOULD MAKE-OUT A MAP, TOGETHER WITH FIELD NOTES OF HIS WORK AND IF APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER, WOULD BE THE TRUE AND ESTABLISHED LINE THEREOF.

REALIZING THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE OF THIS LINE, I BEGAN SEARCHING THE ARCHIVES OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE FINDING VERY LITTLE ON THIS LINE, RUN BY ORR, IN INDEXES, SO I PROCEEDED TO THE CORRESPONDENCE FILES AND FINALLY WITH THE GENEROUS HELP OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS FILES

LOCATED SEVERAL LETTERS. ORR RESPONDED TO THE INITIAL LETTER OF THE COMMISSIONER APOLOGIZING FOR HIS LATE CORRESPONDENCE NOTING HE HAD BEEN VERY ILL AND STATING HE WAS HONORED TO BE ENTRUSTED FOR SUCH A PROJECT. HE STATED HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING HELP ON THE PROJECT FOR IT HAD BEEN RAINING THERE FOR TWO YEARS. ORR'S RESIDENCE WAS IN THE TOWN CLARKSVILLE, BY THE WAY, IN WEST TEXAS. HE ALSO STATED HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY HELP A PRETTY PENNY BECAUSE IT WAS JUST TOO HARD TO FIND GOOD HELP AT THE MOMENT. HE REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSIONER TELL HIM HOW HE WANTED THE LINE RUN AND WOULD EAGERLY AWAIT HIS ANSWER. THE RETURN LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER COULD NOT BE LOCATED. IT SEEMS FOR SOME REASON, THE CORRESPONDENCE LETTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S CANNOT BE LOCATED FROM THE YEARS 1850 THROUGH ROUGHLY 1906, HENCE, WERE NEVER PUT ON MICROFILM.

AN ELUSIVE MAP OF WILLIAM ORR WAS FOUND BY CLINT SUMRALL LICENSED STATE LAND SURVEYOR, AND REGISTERED PUBLIC SURVEYOR AT THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE AFTER AN ALMOST FRUITLESS SEARCH. OVER THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS, THE NOTES HAVE BEEN MOVED AND REFILED AND UNFORTUNATELY THE INDEX FILES WERE NOT UPDATED AND LOCATION OF VALUABLE FIELD NOTES IN REFERENCE TO THIS RETRACING MAY NEVER BE FOUND. ORR DID SURVEY THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY OF 1850 AND WAS NOTED AS VARYING A GREAT DEAL FROM FERRIS'S ORIGINAL LINE AND MR. WILCOX'S LINE.

ALSO IN THE MONTH OF MAY, 1850, WARREN FERRIS WAS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COURT TO RUN AND REMARK THE LINES OF DALLAS COUNTY AND WAS GIVEN A SCHEDULE TO MEET BY THE COURT. THIS SCHEDULE AND LEGAL NOTICE WERE GIVEN TO ALL ADJOINING COUNTIES INVOLVED. UPON THIS GESTURE, MR. FERRIS BEGAN TO RETRACE THE INTERSECTION OF THE COLONY'S LINE WITH MR. ORR'S FANNIN/NACHOGCOCHES LINE. HE RANDOMLY TRAVERSED FROM THE 55TH MILEPOST ON PHELPS COLONY LINE ARRIVED CLOSE TO A COMPLETED POINT OF INTERSECTION OF ORR'S AND PHELPS' LINES. AFTER ARRIVING AT THAT POINT, AND FINDING NO EVIDENCE OF THE COLONY LINE AFTER EXTENSIVE SEARCHING, HE FINALLY DISCOVERED AN OFFSET FROM A THICK-ET ON PHELPS LINE THAT FINALLY ALLOWED HIM TO MAKE AN INTERSECTION WHICH

AT THAT TIME, MR. FERRIS ACCUSED PHELPS OF HAVING A, QUOTE, "GREATLY DIFFERENT VARIATION THAN THAT OF ORR AND HIMSELF", WHICH WAS 09° 20' EAST AT THAT TIME.

HE ARRIVED THREE MILES EAST OF THE INTERSECTION LINE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER WHICH HE ESTABLISHED ON ORR'S LINE. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE SOUTH TOWARD THE SOUTHEAST CORNER.

THE COUNTY COURT MET THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1850, INDEPENDENCE DAY, TO PROCLAIM THAT MR. FERRIS HAD BEEN PROVIDENTIALY PREVENTED FROM ARRIVING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER ACCORDING TO THE PREVIOUSLY SET SCHEDULE OF THE COURT.

ANOTHER DATE WAS SET FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH DALLAS COUNTY LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID COUNTY.

THE PROVIDENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR MR. FERRIS WERE HEAVY RAINS, AND VERY THICK UNDERBRUSH.

MIRACULOUSLY, HE DID REACH THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY BY THE 2ND DEADLINE PROVIDED BY THE COURTS, BUT THERE WAS NO ONE FROM DENTON COUNTY, PARTICULARLY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR, THERE TO MEET HIM. THEY REMAINED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER TWO DAYS FOR THE DENTON COUNTY SURVEYOR AND THEN TURNED HIS COURSE EASTWARD. THEN, UPON ARRIVING AT THE EAST BANK OF THE ELM FORK, STRANGELY, TURNED HIS COURSE TO THE NORTH ^{2105 ft} 31.9 CHAINS INTERSECTING ORR'S LINE. THEN PROCEEDED EASTERLY ON ORR'S LINE CITING VARIOUS ERRORS OF ORR AND ARRIVING AT HIS OWN POINT OF COMMENCEMENT ON THE COLONY LINE. THEN PROCEEDED BACK TO MILE POST 15 AND MOVING IT 17.48 CHAINS WESTERLY ON ORR'S LINE, AND PROCEEDED TO RUN TO THE CENTER OF DALLAS COUNTY. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION A POSSIBLE SERIOUS ERROR BY MR. FERRIS. BY TURNING HIS COURSE EASTWARD AT THE END OF 30 MILES ON THE WEST DALLAS COUNTY LINE, HE HAS IGNORED A CALL FOR ADJOINER TO THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE. MR. FERRIS HAD A MEANS OF ESTABLISHING THE CORRECT CORNER BY PROJECTING MR. ORR'S LINE

WESTERLY, AS IT STOPPED AT THE ELM FORK, TO AN INTERSECTION OF HIS WEST LINE OF DALLAS COUNTY. AN ADJOINER TO THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE WAS CALLED FOR IN THE ACT OF LAW THAT CREATED DALLAS COUNTY IN 1846.

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SEVERAL MORE YEARS PASSED AND THE COUNTY COURTS OF DALLAS AND COLLIN NEEDED THE COUNTY LINE AGAIN MARKED AND DEFINED. SO IN JUNE, 1882, J.M. STRONG, COUNTY SURVEYOR OF DALLAS WHO WAS TO RE-SURVEY ORR'S LINE AGAIN WITH J.J. GOODFELLOW IN 1890, AND THOMAS B. WILSON, COUNTY SURVEYOR OF COLLIN COUNTY, BEGAN AT A BOIS D'ARC POST SET BY J.M. STRONG ON THE LINE AS RUN BY ORR, AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROCKWALL COUNTY AND PROCEEDED WESTERLY ON ORR'S LINE LOCATING NATURAL MONUMENTS AND EXISTING PATENTS IN RELATION TO THAT LINE. AND UPON ARRIVAL AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF COLLIN COUNTY THEY FOUND ANOTHER AMBIGUITY. THE POST SET BY STRONG AND WILSON WAS 1.5 CHAINS NORTH OF A CORNER POST SET BY MR. WILSON, SAID COUNTY SURVEYOR OF COLLIN COUNTY, AND MR. BIGGERSTAFF, COUNTY SURVEYOR OF DENTON COUNTY, FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DENTON COUNTY AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COLLIN COUNTY. AND SO THE DISCREPANCIES CONTINUE TO MOUNT ON THE LINE'S TRUE LOCATION.

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TARRANT COUNTY WAS CREATED BY LAW DECEMBER 20, 1849, AND CONSTRUCTED UPON THE WEST LINE OF DALLAS COUNTY COMMENCING AT DALLAS COUNTY'S SOUTHWEST CORNER WITH NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CORNERS OF DALLAS COUNTY BEING THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST CORNERS OF TARRANT COUNTY. THEREFORE, THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CORNERS OF DALLAS COUNTY MUST FIRST BE ESTABLISHED AND THE LINE CONNECTING THESE TWO CORNERS WOULD BE THE CORRECT AND LEGAL BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN TARRANT AND DALLAS COUNTIES.

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SO IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1890, IN PERSUANCE OF THIS THEORY, MR. J.M. STRONG, COUNTY SURVEY DALLAS COUNTY AND MR. J.J. GOODFELLOW, COUNTY SURVEYOR TARRANT COUNTY, BEGAN INITIALLY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY, AS MARKED BY WARREN FERRIS IN THE YEAR 1850 ON ORR'S LINE, AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN DALLAS COUNTY, WHICH STRONG CONSIDERED THE BEST AND MOST RELIABLE DATA FOR THE MOST ACCURATE LOCATION OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY. FROM

THAT POINT THEY RAN NORTH 89° 11' WEST ALONG THE OLD FANNIN COUNTY LINE AS MARKED AND DEFINED BY MR. ORR, THE SPECIAL SURVEYOR OF UNDER THE ACT OF DECEMBER 1, 1849. AND AT THE END OF 56,702 VARAS OR 29.83 MILES; THEY PLANTED A BOIS D'ARC POST 8 INCHES SQUARED THREE FEET IN THE GROUND AND FOUR FEET ABOVE THE GROUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY, THIS AREA HAS, SINCE BEEN ROUGHED AROUND DUE TO A GRAVEL QUARRY THAT HAS CEASED OPERATIONS.

FROM THAT POINT, THEY RAN SOUTHERLY 57,825.5 VARAS TO A POINT THAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A POINT THIRTY MILES SOUTH AND THIRTY MILES WEST FROM THEIR BEGINNING POINT OR THE SO-CALLED NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY, THEREFORE ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TARRANT COUNTY. THEY PLANTED IN THE GROUND A BOIS D'ARC POST 8" SQUARED TO DESIGNATE THAT CORNER AND MARKED ON ITS EAST SIDE SWCDC (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY) AND ON THE WEST SIDE SECTC (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TARRANT COUNTY).

FROM THIS CORNER THEY RAN ALMOST NORTH, BACK TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY. THIS LINE WAS DESCRIBED BY RETRACEABLE FIELD NOTES WHICH, ALLOWED LICHLITER/JAMESON TO RECONSTRUCT THIS PORTION OF THE WEST LINE OF DALLAS COUNTY, ESPECIALLY PAST THE DFW AIRPORT WHERE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN AT A MINIMUM. I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS LINE WAS AGREED UPON BY DALLAS AND TARRANT COUNTIES AS THEIR COMMON LINE AT THAT POINT IN TIME AND MR. ORR WAS AT THE COURT TO GIVE THIS LINE HIS BLESSING.

THEN IN 1918, JUDGE SIMPSON OF THE COURTS OF DALLAS COUNTY, AFTER THE FACT, APPROACHED THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND STATED DALLAS COUNTY'S CASE. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF DALLAS COUNTY SHOULD BE A STRAIGHT LINE AND NOT A BROKEN ONE AS IN MR. FERRIS' NOTES, REFERRING TO THE 1/2 BY 5 TO 6 MILE STRIP LOCATED ALONG THE NBL AT DALLAS COUNTY'S WEST END. THIS WAS THE COMMISSIONER'S REPLY:

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— DEAR SIR:

YOUR LETTER OF THE 31ST ULTIME, 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.G. WALKER IN MAY, 1847, AND BY W.A. FERRIS IN JUNE, 1850; ALSO FIELD NOTES OF THE LINE BETWEEN DALLAS AND TARRANT BY J.M. STRONG AND J.J. GOODFELLOW, AND FIELD NOTES OF LINE BETWEEN DALLAS AND ELLIS COUNTIES BY J.M. YOUNG, TOGETHER WITH THESE REPORTS AND VARIOUS ORDERS OF COURTS PERTAINING TO THE SAME, WAS HANDED ME ON THE 13TH INSTANT BY MR. JAMES E. BOLTON 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 NORTHWEST 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.E. 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 25, 1854. THIS LINE HAS BEEN DELINEATED ON ALL LAND OFFICE MAPS OF SAID DALLAS AND DENTON COUNTIES SINCE ITS FILING, AND THE LAND SURVEYS ALONG SAID LINE ABSTRACTED ACCORDINGLY; 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 DECISIONS OF THE COURTS IN THE CASE OF STEPHENS COUNTY VS PALO PINTO COUNTY, REPORTED 155 S.W.R. PAGE 1006, AND HALE COUNTY VS LUBBOCK COUNTY, 194 S.W.R. PAGE 678, IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THIS LINE CAN NOW BE DISTURBED. IN THE FACE OF THESE DECISIONS, IT APPEARS TO BE A CASE FOR THE COURTS, AND NOT THIS OFFICE, TO DETERMINE; THEREFORE, I HAVE NO

SUGGESTIONS OR REMEDY TO OFFER.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

J. ROBISON
COMMISSIONER

AS CURRENTLY RECONSTRUCTED ON COMPUTER, IT MIGHT BE NOTED, THAT A PROJECTION FROM INITIAL POINT OF BEGINNING OR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY AND THE RECONSTRUCTED CORNER SET BY MR. STRONG AND MR. GOODFELLOW, IF PROJECTED WESTERLY WILL ONLY MISS THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TARRANT COUNTY BY A MATTER OF ROUGHLY THIRTY FEET AS IT EXISTS CURRENTLY ON THE GROUND SET BY OTHERS. HENCE, IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE NORTH LINE OF TARRANT COUNTY WAS MEANT TO BE AN EXTENSION OF DALLAS COUNTY'S NORTH LINE WHICH IN FACT WAS AGREED UPON BY BOTH TARRANT AND DALLAS COUNTIES.

BUT MAY IT BE NOTED THAT MR. WALKER'S AND FERRIS' LINES ALONG DENTON COUNTY ARE THE ONLY FIELD NOTES FILED AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE. MR. WALKER'S LINE WAS INVALID BECAUSE HE USED MR. FERRIS' VERSION OF THE FANNIN/NACOGDOCHES WHICH WAS TO BE LATER CHANGED BY LAW AND SURVEYED BY WILLIAM A. ORR. INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE TOLD MR. ORR TO STOP HIS LINE AT THE ELM FORK OF THE TRINITY RIVER. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ENDING POINT WAS NOT THE TERMINATION OF THE SOUTHERN FANNIN COUNTY LINE. THE SOUTHWEST CORNER WAS, BY LAW, IN WEST TEXAS AT THE HEAD OF UPPER WASHITA RIVER.

IN CONCLUSION, IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF, AS WELL AS MR. STRONG'S AND MR. GOODFELLOW'S, THAT MR. FERRIS ERRED BY TURNING EAST ON THE WEST LINE OF DALLAS COUNTY IN 1850 AT THE 30 MILE MARK. BY DOING THIS, HE HAS IGNORED A CALL FOR AND ADJOINER TO THE FANNIN COUNTY LINE AS CALLED FOR IN THE ACT CREATING DALLAS COUNTY BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN 1846. MR. FERRIS,

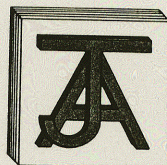
INDEED, DID HAVE A MEANS OF ESTABLISHING THE CORRECT NORTHWEST CORNER OF DALLAS COUNTY BY EXTENDING THE TERMINATION OF MR. ORR'S LINE WESTERLY TO AN INTERSECTION OF DALLAS COUNTY'S WEST BOUNDARY LINE. THIS INTERSECTION SATISFIES THE CALL FOR ADJOINER THAT IS CALLED FOR IN THE ACT CREATING DALLAS COUNTY IN 1846. THIS WAS AN OBVIOUS ERROR AND LATER RECTIFIED BY MR. STRONG AND MR. GOODFELLOW WHEN THEY RE-ESTABLISHED THE COMMON BOUNDARY LINE OF TARRANT AND DALLAS COUNTY IN 1890. MAY IT ALSO BE KNOWN THAT WHEN THE FIELD NOTES WERE SUBMITTED LATER THAT YEAR IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES, MR. ORR, PROBABLY IN HIS SEVENTIES, WAS THERE TO GIVE HIS BLESSINGS ON THEIR DECISIONS. MR. ORR ALSO KNEW OF MR. FERRIS' MISTAKE. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS VERY LITTLE EVIDENCE ANYWHERE SHOWING A JOG IN THE NORTH DALLAS COUNTY LINE AS IN MR. FERRIS' FIELD NOTES. IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT CURRENT DALLAS, COLLIN, DENTON COUNTY LINE ESTABLISHED BY MR. JACKSON AND L/JA IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF MR. J.M. STRONG'S AND MR. J.J. GOODFELLOW'S AS ESTABLISHED IN 1890 AND IS IN FACT THE PROPER BOUNDARY AS CREATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 1846.

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