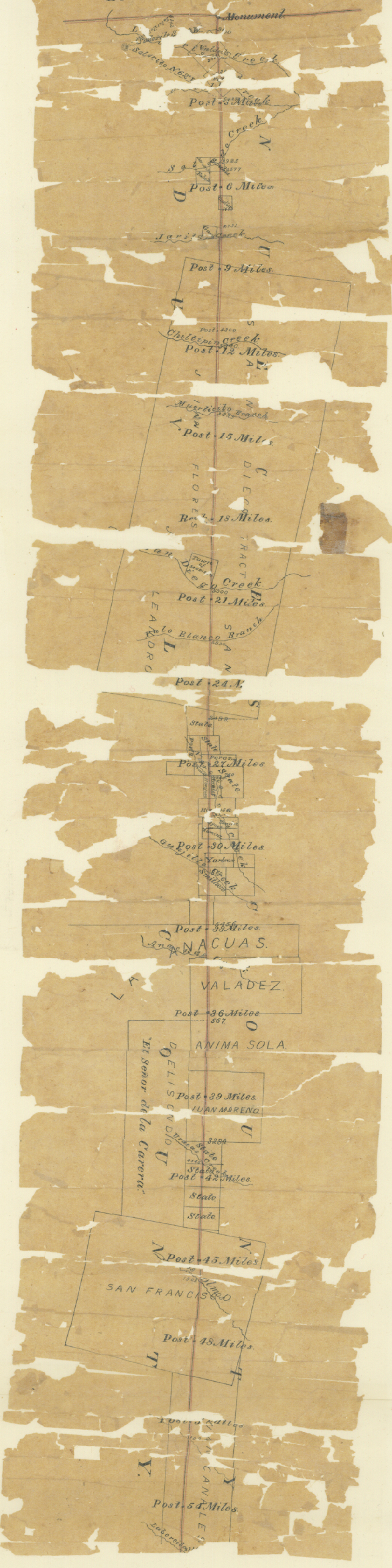


County 1709

EAST  
BOUNDARY LINE  
DUVAL COUNTY

LIVE OAK COUNTY



County 1709

The State of Texas  
County of Tucces

Report of the Survey of the  
West boundary of Tucces County, and East  
boundary of Sinal County made by the  
County Surveyors of said Counties by  
order of the County Commissioners of  
these Counties.

Beginning at a permanent corner  
of Stone and mortar erected by the  
Surveyors of Live Oak, Sinal, and Tucces  
Counties, on the South boundary line of Live  
Oak County, and (6) Six miles East of  
the S. W. corner of Live Oak County whence  
a Mesquite 7 in. in diameter marked  
L bears N. 39° W. 7 varas, and a forked  
Mesquite 5 in. in diameter marked V  
bears S 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° W. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  varas.

X  
Thence South with a variation 9°  
30' E. At 330 varas top of a small  
hill 20 varas East. At 900 varas the  
Palen to bears S. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. At 2464 varas  
the N. bank of Lagarto creek course  
N. 89° E. At 2496 varas the South  
Bank Lagarto. and C. Treviño's field  
fence. At 2714 varas crossed a field,  
at 3686 $\frac{1}{2}$  varas South corner of Valdeck  
bears N. 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° varas. At 4000 varas top  
of divide between Botello Creek, and Lagarto

Doyal Co. Bdry  
Line # 16

Creek, at 4533 crosses the North bank  
of Botello Creek, course N.  $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. At  
4560 crosses the South bank of Botello  
Creek, passed at the lower end of  
a water hole. At 5429 crosses Salento  
bears N.  $62^{\circ}$  W. At 5700 crosses set the  
1<sup>st</sup> league (3<sup>rd</sup> mile) post. At 3480 crosses  
road from Alamo to Menditas. At 3925  
crosses Salt branch or Mendite Creek. At  
4547 crosses the S. W. Corner of J. Sanchez,  
S. E. corner of D. Menditas, and N. E.  
corner of Fabian Fabelas homestead bears  
West 403 varas. At 5220 1<sup>st</sup> road from  
Menditas to Corpus Christi. At 5700 2<sup>d</sup>  
set the 2<sup>d</sup> league (6 mile) post marked  
D on the West side. N on the East and  
II on the North side. At 980 crosses Charles  
de Cuellar At 1225 crosses road from San  
Diego to Oakville via Alamo Rancho.  
At 1649  $\frac{1}{2}$  crosses J. C. Cuellar's S. W. corner  
bears West 212 varas At 2781 crosses  
the N. E. corner of Silomeno Garcia bears  
West 235 varas, At 3105 2<sup>d</sup> a road. At  
3505 2<sup>d</sup> the Jarita. East, At 3910 crosses  
road to the Amargosa, At 3940 2<sup>d</sup> a  
stake, At 5250 crosses the S. W. Corner of  
Ramon Cuellar's homestead, bears East  
498 varas. At 5700 crosses set the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
league (9<sup>th</sup> mile) post marked ND III,

1<sup>st</sup> Lea  
(3 Mi.)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Lea)

3<sup>rd</sup> Lea

At 4300 raras set a forked mesquite  
 post, at 4613 raras the north fence of  
 Edwards G. Flores, at 4803 raras out of  
 the field. At 5340 raras the Chilitipin  
 runs E. At 5400 raras set the 4<sup>th</sup> league  
 (14<sup>th</sup> mile) post marked ND and IV. At  
 2950 raras a stone quarry on hill near  
 C. G. Perez Rancho, at 3350 raras road  
 from San Diego to F. W. Shaffer's and also  
 to the Bullain Rancho. At 3695 raras  
 into Encarnacion G. Perez's field, drove  
 stake and marked posts. At 3925 raras  
 Muerterito branch. At 4200 raras out  
 of field. At 5400 raras set the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 league (15<sup>th</sup> mile) post, marked ND and  
 V. At 430 raras San Diego road S. 10° E.  
 At 5282 raras road by Filipos. At  
 5700 raras set a pillar (large rock) for  
 the 6<sup>th</sup> league (18<sup>th</sup> mile) post marked  
 VIND. At 2740 raras road from Ala-  
 mo. At 3210 raras road from Oak-  
 ville bears S. 50° W. At 3264 raras same  
 road again. At 3620 raras crossed  
 corner of Field. At 3660 raras road  
 from Oakville bears S. 50° W. At 4185  
 raras Amargosa Road. At 4400 raras  
 Corpus Christi Road. At 4658 raras  
 a post at the N. W. corner of Santos  
 Martinez house bears west 31 raras.

57  
 1726  
 21712

4<sup>th</sup> Lea

57  
 322

5<sup>th</sup> Lea

6<sup>th</sup> Lea

#2

Counter 52681

Div. Co. Bdy. Line # 16

(This point is in San Diego) At 5000 varas  
 centre of San Diego creek. At 5060 varas  
 a stake on the south bank of San Diego  
 creek, At 5200 varas the north fence  
 of J. M. G. Treviño's. At 5400 varas set  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> league (21<sup>st</sup> mile) post, marked  
 VII ND. At 4222 varas road from Trinidad  
 to San Diego. At 4890 varas Stramadero  
 Palo Blanco. At 3630 varas south bounda-  
 ry of aforesaid parcel. At 5700 varas  
 set the 8<sup>th</sup> league (24<sup>th</sup> mile) post, mark-  
 ed VIII, ND. At 2489 varas the S. E.  
 corner of San Leandro bears East 32 1/2  
 varas. At 5400 varas set the 9<sup>th</sup> league  
 (27<sup>th</sup> mile) post, marked IX, ND, near  
 "el Rancho de la Capita". At 4400 varas  
 the S. E. corner of Jesus Treviño's home-  
 stead bears East 48 varas. At 840 varas  
 the norciens creek runs S. 35° E., At  
 2217 varas crossed the S. Boundary  
 line of Apolonio Hinojosa's homestead  
 431 varas East of its S. W. corner. At  
 5400 varas set the 10<sup>th</sup> league (30<sup>th</sup> mile)  
 post, marked X ND. A. Mendra's door bears  
 N. 63 1/2° E. J. M. Martinez door bears N. 83°  
 E. Capenio Hinojosa's home bears S. 62 1/4°  
 E. At 920 varas Road. At 1500 varas  
 Confes Christi and Piedras road bears  
 N. 80° W. At 1519 varas the N. E. corner

7<sup>th</sup> Lea

8<sup>th</sup> Lea

9<sup>th</sup> Lea

10 Lea

#3

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of Hinzoso's homestead bears West 686 varas.  
 At 1650 varas the Guazillo creek runs  
 S. E. At 4435 varas road by Trinidad  
 and Palito Blanco to Piedras Pintas  
 West. At 5456 varas the North boundary  
 of the Amacuas line. At 5400 varas set  
 the 11<sup>th</sup> league (33<sup>rd</sup> mile) post. marked  
 XIIND in the N. W. side of la Laguna  
 de los Encuenados. At 1958 varas road  
 from Palito Blanco to J. M. Paladez  
 Rancho. At 2040 varas the Amacuas creek.  
 at 5400 varas set the 12<sup>th</sup> league (36<sup>th</sup>  
 mile) post. marked XIIIND. At 5640 varas  
 the S. E. corner of Amacuas and N. E.  
 corner of D. Elisondo better known as  
 "El Peñon de la Carrera" bears West 1159  
 varas. At 5400 varas set the 13<sup>th</sup> league  
 (39<sup>th</sup> mile) post. marked XIII. N. D. At  
 1240 varas road from Corpus to Con-  
 cepcion bears N. E. At 2494 varas  
 old road to Concepcion, At 3284  
 varas the S. W. corner of Jesus Moreno's  
 bears West 1138 varas. At 4546 varas  
 the Amacuas creek runs E. S. E. At 5400  
 varas set the 14<sup>th</sup> league (42<sup>nd</sup> mile) post  
 marked XIV. N. D. At 5400 varas set  
 the 15<sup>th</sup> league (45<sup>th</sup> mile) post.  
 marked XV. N. D. At 106 varas the North  
 line of Grogmans pasture fence. At 602

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line # 16

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to South boundary of fence of said pasture,  
 at 1500 varas Los Olmos Creek runs  
 S. E. At 3500 varas out of timber at  
 West end of Laguna. At 5400 varas  
 set the 16<sup>th</sup> league (48 mile) post mark-  
 ed XVI ND. At post in Prairie for the  
 17<sup>th</sup> league (51<sup>st</sup> mile) post marked 17  
 ND. At 1020 varas the Cibola runs  
 S. E. At 5400 varas set the 18<sup>th</sup>  
 league (54<sup>th</sup> mile) post, marked XVIII  
 ND. At 2920 varas the Arroyo Labor-  
 citas runs S. E. At 3800 varas (56 miles)  
 set a post marked DNH 56. A Mesquite  
 (in Arroyo Laborcitas) bears N. by E.  
 about 600 varas another lone mesquite  
 on extreme right of Matto bears S. 68<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
 E. A lone Mesquite in or near Arroyo  
 bears N. 38<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> W.

Surveyed June 1874

John C. Caldwell } chain  
 Frank L. Smith } Corrier

We Lafayette Caldwell and J. J. Dix  
 Surveyors, respectively of Alces and  
 Duval Counties do hereby certify that  
 the foregoing Survey was made ac-  
 cording to law, and that it is correctly  
 described in the foregoing report.

(Signed) Lafayette Caldwell

Surveyor Alces Land District

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(Signed) John J. Dix  
Surveyor DeWitt County

Office of Surveyor Meigs Land District  
Corpus Christi September 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

I hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact  
copy of the Report of the Commissioners  
and Surveyors for the Counties of Meigs  
and DeWitt from the records of this office  
as per the account  
Surveyor Meigs Land District



Duval Co. Bdry. (167)  
Fieldnotes  
of.

Eastline of Duval Co.

Westline of Suwanee Co.

Filed Septemb. 27<sup>th</sup> 77.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

See also Map K-7-39

Signed by Keith Darnley

Abstract corrected

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1895 G. N. Beaumont

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County 52686

## JIM WELLS COUNTY—CREATION OF.

H. B. No. 119.]

CHAPTER 140.

An Act to create and establish the county of Jim Wells, taken from the existing territory of Nueces county, prescribing its area and boundaries, appointing commissioners to organize said county, and prescribing their duties; providing for a division of said county into commissioners and justices precincts; providing for holding county and precinct elections for the election of county and precinct officers, and the location of the county seat of said county; providing for the attachment of said county to judicial, representative, senatorial and congressional districts and supreme judicial districts; providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and for the defraying the expenses of organizing said county, and for the new county to pay its pro rata share of the debt of the county from which it is taken; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That a new county to be called the county of Jim Wells is hereby created, containing a superficial area of about eight hundred and sixty-five square miles, taken from the territory of the existing county of Nueces, and beginning at a point in the south line of Live Oak county, the N. E. corner of Duval county and the N. W. corner of Nueces county for the N. W. corner of this county; thence south with the east line of Duval county and west line of Nueces county about fifty-five (55) miles to the S. E. corner of Duval county and S. W. corner of Nueces county for the southwest corner of this county; thence easterly with the south line of Nueces county and north line of Starr county at about nine and six-tenths (9.6) miles past northeast corner Starr county and northwest corner Hidalgo county at about ten and six-tenths (10.6) miles to a point where the east line of the Houghten pasture produced would intersect this line for a corner of this county; thence northerly with the east line of the Houghten pasture produced about twenty-six (26) miles to a point in the north line of Mrs. H. M. King's pasture and south line of lands of Luciano Garcia and others for a corner of this county; thence easterly with said south line of Luciano Garcia and others and north line Mrs. H. M. King's pasture at about four and three-tenths (4.3) miles pass a corner said lands, continuing on same course at about seven and two-tenths (7.2) miles to a point where the center line of the road along the east line of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and the west line of Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the subdivision of the Benton pasture produced would intersect this line for a corner of this county; thence north easterly with said center line of road along the east line of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and the west line of Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the subdivision of the Benton pasture about nine and eight-tenths (9.8) miles to a point in north line "Las Sauces" grant and south line of the "Agua Dulca" grant, being the northeast corner of Section 13 and the northwest corner of Section 14 of the subdivision of the Benton pasture; thence easterly with said south line of the "Agua Dulca" grant and north line "Las Sauces" grant to the southwest corner of the lands of Richard King and the southeast corner of lot B of

the R. King farm lots for a corner of this county; thence northerly with the east line lots B, 17, 18, 19 and 20 and west line of the lands of R. King at about five (5) miles pass northeast corner said lot 20, R. King farm lots, continuing on same course at about seven and five-tenths (7.5) miles to a point where this line will intersect the southeast line of the lands of John H. Gallagher and northwest line of Shares 10 and 1 of the Bluntzer partition produced for a corner of this county; thence, northeasterly with said southeast line John H. Gallagher and northwest line of shares 10 and 1 of the Bluntzer partition produced about eleven and five-tenths (11.5) miles to a point in the center of the main channel of the Nueces river for a corner of this county; thence up the center of the main channel of the Nueces river, with its meanders to a point a common corner of Live Oak and Nueces counties for a corner of this county; thence westerly with the south line of Live Oak county and north line of Nueces county about twenty-one and five-tenths (21.5) miles to place of beginning, containing about 865 square miles.

SEC. 2. That William Adams, W. T. Wright, W. W. West, Charles Premant and James F. Scott are hereby appointed commissioners to organize said county, and before entering upon their duties herein prescribed shall take an oath before some officer qualified to administer oaths faithfully and carefully to discharge the same.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business, to employ a competent surveyor to run the lines of said county, make field notes thereof and establish its corners and boundaries and lay off and divide said new county into four convenient precincts for the election of county commissioners, and not less than four convenient precincts for the election of justices of the peace and constables, particularly defining the boundaries of such precincts, and also to designate convenient places in said new county where elections shall be held, and appoint a presiding officer for each place designated in such new county for holding elections. Said commissioners shall keep or cause to be kept a record of all their proceedings, and cause the original thereof to be filed with the county clerk as an archive of said new county.

SEC. 4. The commissioners appointed under this Act to organize the new county shall meet in the town of Alice within ten days from the taking effect of this Act, or as early thereafter as practicable; that William Adams is hereby designated as the presiding officer and chairman of said commissioners, whose duties shall be to call the commissioners together at such times and place as may be necessary for the performance of the duties prescribed for them in this Act, and for the purpose of organizing the county. For the purpose of perfecting the organization of said new county, said commissioners and the presiding officer thereof, as above provided, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties prescribed by Chapter 2, Title 23, of the Revised Statutes, 1895, conferred on the commissioners court and county judge, respectively, except as herein otherwise provided. An election shall be ordered in said county as early as practicable for all county and precinct officers allowed or permitted by law to be elected, and also for the location of the county seat of

said new county, giving at least twenty days' notice of the time and place of election by printed hand bills posted in one or more public places in each precinct of said new county, and by publication thereof in a weekly newspaper published in said new county, which order shall state the names of the precinct officers for each place designated in such new county for holding elections, and shall give the boundaries of the election precincts and name the officers to be elected. All notices provided for herein shall be signed by the presiding officer or chairman of said commissioners. The said election shall be conducted and governed by the general laws on the subject of general elections, and the returns of said election shall be made to the commissioners hereinbefore appointed, who shall open the election returns, canvass same, and declare the result, and shall issue to the candidate or candidates who have received the greatest number of votes a certificate of election, stating therein the office to which such candidates have been elected, the number of votes polled for him, and the day on which said election was held, and shall sign the same and shall approve the official bonds of the officers elected. The officers elect may take the oath of office before any notary public of Nueces county or any notary public whose office is within the territory of the new county and originally appointed as a notary public of Nueces county, and said officers shall hold office until the next general election for county officers, and until their successors are qualified.

SEC. 5. Until said officers are elected and qualified, all the territory in said new county shall belong, for all purposes, to the county from which the same is taken, and when said new county has been fully organized, as herein provided for, and its officers elected and qualified the same is hereby made a part of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and the said county of Jim Wells is hereby attached to the Twenty-third Senatorial District, and the Ninety-fourth Representative District and the Fifteenth Congressional District and the Fourth Supreme Judicial District.

SEC. 6. The said new county shall defray all expenses incurred in perfecting its organization, and shall also pay its pro rata of the liabilities now existing of the county from which its territory is taken in the manner, proportion and extent as fixed and provided for by the general laws of the State.

SEC. 7. The assessor of Nueces county, out of which said new county is created, shall assess the State, county and district taxes, if any there be, on all property subject to taxation in said new county for the year 1911, and for prior years, in the same manner as if no new county had been created by this Act. The tax collector of Nueces county may collect the taxes for the year 1911 and prior years assessed against the property situated in said new county until said new county shall have been duly organized by the election and qualification of its officers, and pay the same to the county treasurer of Nueces county, less his lawful commissions. When said new county shall have been organized, it shall be the duty of the tax collector of Nueces county to make a written monthly report of all taxes collected by him on property situated in said new county to the commissioners court of Nueces county, a certified copy

of which shall be transmitted by the county clerk of Nueces county to the county clerk of the new county, and it shall be the duty of the county treasurer of Nueces county to pay to the county treasurer of the new county all county and district taxes, if any, so collected for the year 1911 upon a warrant therefor duly issued by the county clerk of Nueces county based on the order of the commissioners court of Nueces county. It shall be the duty of the commissioners court of the new county to cause to be made as early as practicable a transcript of the rolls of Nueces county of all the property situated in the new county appearing from said rolls, which transcript shall be made in triplicate, one of which shall be for the use of the county collector of the new county, and one shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of said new county, and the third to be filed with the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

SEC. 8. That all laws and parts of laws of this State with respect to the creation and organization of new counties, in so far as the same are in conflict with the provisions of this Act, shall have no application in the creation, establishment and organization of the county herein provided for.

SEC. 9. The great inconvenience to which the people are subjected, living in the territory from which said new county is created by being compelled to travel extraordinary distances to attend to their private and public business at the county seat of the county in which they now reside, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days should be, and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Approved March 25, 1911.  
Became a law on March 11, 1911.

## Boundaries, Names, and Marginalia

*Original boundary surveys executed by the appropriate organization provide the definitive evidence for settling boundary questions, so the source documents, not the Survey's topographic maps, have primary legal significance with respect to land ownership or jurisdictional limits.*

### Civil Boundaries

Civil boundaries are the limiting lines of jurisdictional authority for the various levels of government. These boundaries are shown on topographic quadrangle maps of the Geological Survey, but they are invariably derived from another source. The Survey does not make original boundary surveys, and the boundaries shown on the maps are not intended as conclusive evidence of land ownership or jurisdictional limits. Original boundary surveys executed by the appropriate organization provide the definitive evidence for settling boundary questions. Nevertheless, the boundaries shown on Survey quadrangle maps are often regarded by the general public and local authorities as representing authoritative locations. For this reason, boundaries are delineated on these maps as carefully as possible from available source documents; but the fact remains that the source documents, not the topographic maps, have primary legal significance with respect to boundaries. A notable exception is that the State of West Virginia has enacted legislation which establishes the boundaries of the State and its counties to be those shown on USGS topographic quadrangle maps.

#### *Boundary Classification and Selection*

The international boundaries of the United States were established through treaties made by the nations concerned (Van Zandt, 1976). The land portions of such boundaries have been surveyed and monumented, and are recoverable as well-defined lines. Those portions following water features are fixed by reference monuments.

State boundaries have been defined by Congress and can be changed only by agreement of the legisla-

tures of the concerned States with the consent of Congress (Van Zandt, 1976). (As a possible exception, there is a body of opinion holding that, under the terms of the Congressional resolution consenting to the erection of Texas into a State, Texas can unilaterally divide into as many as five States.) Most of the land portions of State boundaries have been surveyed and monumented. Where the monuments exist, the boundaries are recoverable as well-defined lines; however, durable monument material was not always used, and in some localities the monuments may have partially or wholly disintegrated and disappeared over considerable lengths of the boundary.

Boundaries of civil subdivisions within a State are usually fixed by legislative action, but in some cases authority may be delegated to counties for local determination of their respective subdivisions. The boundaries of counties (including parishes in Louisiana and municipios in Puerto Rico) are reasonably stable but locations may not always be readily identifiable on the ground.

In the 50 States, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, counties or equivalent units are divided into minor civil subdivisions for governmental, administrative, educational, and other public purposes. The stability of these subdivision boundaries and the accuracy with which they have been described or marked may vary from State to State. Boundaries that are unstable or were not precisely established are difficult to recover and plot on the map. Therefore, quadrangle maps show only those minor civil subdivision boundaries that have been reasonably stable.

Records showing locations and changes of boundaries of incorporated places are kept by local or county offices, or both, and are examined before locating such boundaries on the map. Incorporated places include cities, towns, villages, and special-purpose tracts of land. These incorporated places may be subdivisions of the

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