

3 West Boundary Line  
of

5  
Duval County.

Papers pertaining to  
the organization of Duval Co  
as a Land District.

records obtained March  
filed April 30/18,

San Diego June 18<sup>th</sup> 1878

Hon J. J. Gross,  
Commissioner } Sir

By today's mail I have forwarded to you through usual channel all the F. W. sketches and data obtainable as to the now established Bay lines of Duval Co. and although I do not claim infallibility in a dry brushy country yet I believe them to be very accurately & correctly run any ones assertions to the contrary notwithstanding. I have spent the most of a years time & large money as expenses in establishing these lines for the benefit of Duval County, and you will see by data furnished that as to notification of parties interested they cannot plead ignorance as Co. authorities of Starr & Lapata & Nueces & Webb were also notified as early as Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1858, as to running the dividing line between Duval & Duval which also involved the starting point on the Rio Grande in fact as early as July I made a trip to "Cañon de San Andres" met Maj. Blucher & tried to then run the line but a non concurrence on part of Webb Co & disagreement

with Maj Blucher as to distance to S.W. cor of Enci-  
-nal, caused me to return home & again notify all  
parties & hence the work of Jan'y 1878 running the  
line between the 8 Counties, of course some are dis-  
satisfied but on account of their own neglect &  
failure to appear at the time & point specified  
for the work, every exertion was made on my part  
& the part of those who did accompany me to  
make faithful work without regard to interests  
of any one more than others, so that the matter  
would be finally settled, good mesqr posts or stakes  
well marked were placed at every 570<sup>m</sup> on the whole  
line and on the East-side of every principal road  
that we crossed on the line joining the S Bay line  
of Helot, Encinal Duval & Nuees, from the Rio  
Grande River to Alazan Bay, but only reported to  
the mouth of the Alma, and every connection made  
with known corners along the line and I hope  
will prove satisfactory to the L.O. and be recog-  
nized as the Bay line between the Co's

Yours Truly  
John J. Dix Surveyor  
of Duval Co & Com'r on Bay

By the Survey of County lines for this Co  
the N.W. cor of this Co is represented as being West  
7660<sup>00</sup> + South 2<sup>00</sup> from the South Cor of the E.L.  
Garret's League Survey on Nueces river

Baldwell in more recent surveys, or resurveys  
of the Fly, Sykes, + Garrett surveys, finds this  
to be an error. Making the said corner some  
distance further to the N.E. if he is called upon  
he can probably give the exact distances as to  
his measurements. Much discrepancy exists on  
and connected with the river surveys that will  
never be corrected until Surveyors are better paid  
or corners better established. It is safe to assert  
that not more than ten corners on the river  
Nueces can be found between Fort Mimmie and  
Oakville, of the Grammont surveys, and much  
of the Land must have been measured with a  
raw hide rope + in wet weather. please ackage  
receipt of Data sent

Yours Truly  
John Josie Jun &c

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Line Oak - Mc Mullen  
Neeses - Keble

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San Diego April 18 1878

Hon J. J. Gross  
Comr Genl L.O. }  
Austin Texas } Sir

Yours severally of Mch 6<sup>th</sup> +  
Apr 10<sup>th</sup> to hand and in answer to  
same send you enclosed papers as relating to the  
Bays of Duval Co. + adjacent Co's interested therein  
as to starting point on Rio Grande + other data  
1<sup>st</sup> My authority to Notify parties interested + Run line  
Mka (I + II)

2<sup>nd</sup> Notice to County, County of Co's interested (III)

3<sup>rd</sup> Copy of app's as to Starting point on Rio Grande IV

4 Acknowledgements of different parties receiving notice  
marked V, VI, VII, VIII, IX.

5<sup>th</sup> Field notes of Bay line between Encinal + Duval  
Mka. X.

6<sup>th</sup> Sketch of West Bay line of Duval Co

7 Sketch showing how Starting point was obtained relatively  
Hoping this will be satisfactory + perm of source in  
compiling maps accurately for Co's interested I am  
very Respectly + Truly yours

John J. Dix  
Surveyor of Duval Co

