

vs.

DAVENPORT & CONNER,

Attorneys at Law,

Eastland, Texas, April 30th 1883Capt W C Walsh
Austin Tex

Dear Sir Mr Mayor our
County Surveyor writes you to day on the
subject of the north boundary line of
Eastland County. I have some conversation
with you in regard to the matter and
filed some letters, which explain
themselves. Please give the subject your
early attention, as it seems to be a
matter of considerable interest to our County
officers, and citizens

Yours friend
J H Davenport

Eastland Co Bdry Line 1

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J. M. MORGAN,
 SURVEYOR EASTLAND COUNTY, TEX.

Eastland, Texas April 27, 1883.

Hon. W. C. Walsh, }
 Austin Texas } Dear Sir:

About the first day of March last Mr. M. McConnell, surveyor of Stephens county, L. T. Lockman surveyor of Calahan county and myself, addressed a letter to you stating in short the facts of our disagreement on the location of the S. W. cor. of Stephens county. Your answer states in short that you have in the land office no means of ascertaining where the corner should be. I have written to Mr. McConnell requesting him to send you a short statement of his reasons for disagreeing, and I will ask also the privilege of trespassing on your time long enough to lay before you a few reasons.

^{pat} Two corners have been established as the S. W. cor. of Stephens county, one in 1862 by Newcomb and one in 1880 by McKelley and Huddleson. The latest cor. and the boundary

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line between Stephens and Eastland co. s. run from it is the line that is now recognized by the two counties. I contend for this line and this corner. Mr. Mclean's is desirous of moving the ^{line} corner back to the one established by Mr. Newcomb in 1840.

The corner and line established by Hudson and McNairy gives to Eastland a strip of territory about 2180 sq. miles wide and the length of the North Boundary line. I am in favor of retaining this line for the following reasons.

1st. Eastland county has no natural beginning point, but embraces the territory left by Stephens on the North, and Brown and Comanche on the South, as Revised Sections on County Boundaries; it is therefore highly important to us that we secure all the territory to which we are entitled. From the best estimate I can make the original survey of Stephens county was too large. From the Hudson and McNairy line to the Brown

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county line, according to the maps of Eastland and surrounding counties, is hardly thirty miles. The report of Mr. Henderson, ^{on N.B.L.} shows that by actual measurement Stephens county is also too large from East to West, by some 80000.

2^d The N. B. L. of this county is the only line we now have which is up to the requirements of the law of 1879 on county boundaries - has been established at some expense to the both Stephens and Eastland and I have ^{been} officially informed that Taylor and Jones counties have seen from this corner in establishing the line between the two counties

3^d The county business of the two counties is now transacted and is fully adapted in every particular to this line, and the people living along the line are unanimous in opposing a change

4th The commercial affairs of the county are rapidly shaping themselves to suit the change

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brought about by the railroads running through the county, and to move the boundary lines of several counties nearer the principle line of railroads by arbitrarily moving a corner is in direct opposition to this progressive influence.

5th This corner and line were established by Huddleson and McTaily under orders from the county authorities it was approved by the commissioners court of each county, and the citizens and officers of both counties were satisfied and seemed pleased with the work, and no objection was raised until Wm. McShannell proposed ~~was~~ changing back to the old New-corn corner.

In consideration of these facts I think I am fully justifiable in asking you to recognize the cor. established by Huddleson and McTaily in 1880 as the lawful ~~and~~ S. W. cor. of Stephens co., and that you send a copy of your decision to the surveyor of Stephens co. and one to the surveyor of Callahan co.

Very Respectfully, J. M. Morgan, Co. Sur. E. Co. Tex.