

1 State of Texas
 2 County of Travis } My name is Jacob Kuechler
 3 I reside in Austin Texas and am 68 years
 4 of age. I was Commissioner of the Gen-
 5 eral Land Office of Texas from 1870 to 1874.
 6 I knew Albert J. Fountain who was
 7 Texas State Senator in 1871 from
 8 El Paso County. He drafted and
 9 passed through the Texas Legislature
 10 the laws defining the boundary
 11 lines of El Paso, Presidio & Pecos Counties.
 12 He was a man very familiar
 13 with that country. None knew
 14 the location of San Martin Spring
 15 in the Apache Mountains any
 16 better than he did. The Spring
 17 there and river known as San
 18 Martin Spring in the Apache
 19 Mountains is situated about
 20 six miles northward from Gony
 21 Peak, at the northern end of the
 22 Apache Mountain foot hills.
 23 The Apache Mountains are all
 24 south of the Texas & Pacific Rail-
 25 road. There are no Apache Moun-
 26 tains north of the Rail road.
 27 I know of Mr. Pussler's map know
 28 as the old map. That map is not
 29 correct. Mr. Fountain knew that
 30 Mr. Pussler's map was incorrect
 31 when he passed the bill. The
 32 Legislature did not follow the
 33 Pussler map in defining and
 34 locating the County boundary

lines establishing the corner of
the counties named at San
Martino Spring in the Apache
mountains, as the map showed
the spring as well as the Apache
mountains too high up the
County - My predecessor Mr
Hamilton's knowledge of the
County. As Mr Hamilton
located it where El Paso County
now claims it to be - there
is now some Peak - Mr
Pursh's map was formed
from very imperfect infor-
mation, which located the San
Martino Spring in the
Apache mountains, to be
some distance above where
it really is situated and
Mr Hamilton when he found
opened the laws, creating these
counties discovered that the
Pursh's map was erroneous
and as Hamilton testified
called my attention to that
mistake, and I know that
it was made toward the 1871
when the law making San
Martino Spring the corner
of the three counties, that
the spring referred to in the
laws of that date, was not the
spring according to Pursh's
map but the Spring known

and defined by Mr. Hountains
as being at the upper edge
of the foot-hills of the Apache moun-
tains and about six miles
from Gony Peak.

The Apache mountains and
San Martin's Spring in the
Apache mountains are all
south of the Int & Pac Rail Road
and cannot be mistaken
for any other Spring north
of the rail road track.

I know the Salado or Salt-
Spring claimed by Jeff Davis
County to be the County
Common Salt Spring is a
salt-spring, and was never
known as San Martin
Spring. The Legislature
in creating these counties
was not misled by any
map in the land office - they
knew the map was incorrect
and located the corner
according to Mr. Hountains
actual knowledge of the County
and placed it at San Martin's
Spring in the Apache mountains
about 6 miles north from
Gony Peak, which spring
is now south of the I & P Railroad
and at that point it was so
regarded while I was Commissioner
of the Land Office. The

1 are no Apache mountains observed
2 on within 25 miles of Salt Spring
3 After leaving San Mountain
4 Spring in the Apache mountains
5 which I have located to be about
6 6 miles north of Soney Peak -
7 one travelling in the direction
8 of Salt Spring or Socratic Spring
9 finds an entirely different
10 formation, red mountains
11 limestone hills - so that
12 the Apache mountains are a different
13 formation entirely distinct, and
14 cannot be mistaken for any of these
15 limestone hills around Socratic
16 Spring. These limestone hills are
17 north of the Railroad and the Apache
18 mountains are all of the Porphyry formation
19 and are south of the railroad -
20 Mr Hamilton knew that country
21 thoroughly, I have read his affidavit
22 and he states the facts truthfully
23 accurately and correctly - He
24 locates the corner of these counties
25 at the San Mountain Spring south
26 of the Railroad, and that is the
27 proper place. That Spring I know
28 well, have been there often, it is
29 a good spring of clear pure water,
30 an old camping place for Indians &
31 soldiers and is the true corner of Clark
32 Jeff Davis & Reeves counties - I have
33 surveyed over this country in 1879 &
34 found my former knowledge of the County
35 correct. I have no intention
36 in this boundary line question.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, June 10th 1891.
Paul Kuebler
Frank Brown, Clerk County Court Travis County, Texas.
By Jeff Brown, Deputy Clerk
county 53234

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Count 53235

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