

Harrisburg  
Jan'y 30th 1847

Hon<sup>ble</sup> J. S. Rust

Secretary of State,  
Tex.

In pursuance of an act of Congress, entitled "an act requiring the survey of the limits of their respective counties", I send you a statement of the boundaries of Harrisburg County as nearly as I can ascertain them in the absence of the laws creating them.

Beginning at the mouth of Clear Creek on Galveston Bay, running with the meanderings of Clear Creek to its source; thence a right line to the south east corner of the league of land granted to S. Bingham; thence with the southern boundary line of said league of land to the mouth of the river; thence with the meanderings of said river to the north west corner of a league of land granted to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jesse St. Cartwright; thence with the northern boundary line of said league to the north east corner of the same; thence a right line to the source of Spring Creek; thence due east to the middle of the dividing ridge between the waters of San Jacinto and Trinity Rivers; thence down the said ridge to Galveston Bay; thence a right line across said Bay to the beginning of the island; thence across the whole of Galveston Island, lying between Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Galveston Island having been attached to this County by a late act of Congress, throws our County into a very awkward shape, said Island being entirely unconnected with any part of the County. — The County is so situated

vine cenths prairie) that it requires a great extent of  
country to contain a small population.

If the boundary line was run from H.  
B. Ham's south east corner to the source of  
Ch. Mdate Bayou and with the meanderings of  
the Bayou to its mouth, a right line could be  
drawn across the Bayou and over  
Island, and another from the east end of the  
Island to the point which may be supposed the  
dividing ridge between San Jacinto and  
Trinity Rivers. This would throw the County into  
a much more ship shape form, and would  
not interest more than five citizens of Brazoria  
County, who could have no reason for preferring  
one County form the other. - And whenever  
Galveston shall have a population requiring a  
separate administration all that portion  
of this County east of Ch. Mdate Bayou and  
of Clear Creek could be attached to it in order to  
have the Area necessary to form a County without  
inconveniencing any of the inhabitants or weakening  
this County.

With the highest respect and esteem

Your obt. Servt

A. Briscoe

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\* The part is de. prairie

The foregoing is a correct copy of a letter on  
file in this Department

Dept of State

Austin 8th Oct 1841

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(County) Boundaries

Harris County

Report of Chief Justice on  
the boundary line of Harris Co.

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1837.

"Harris & West. Co. line file."

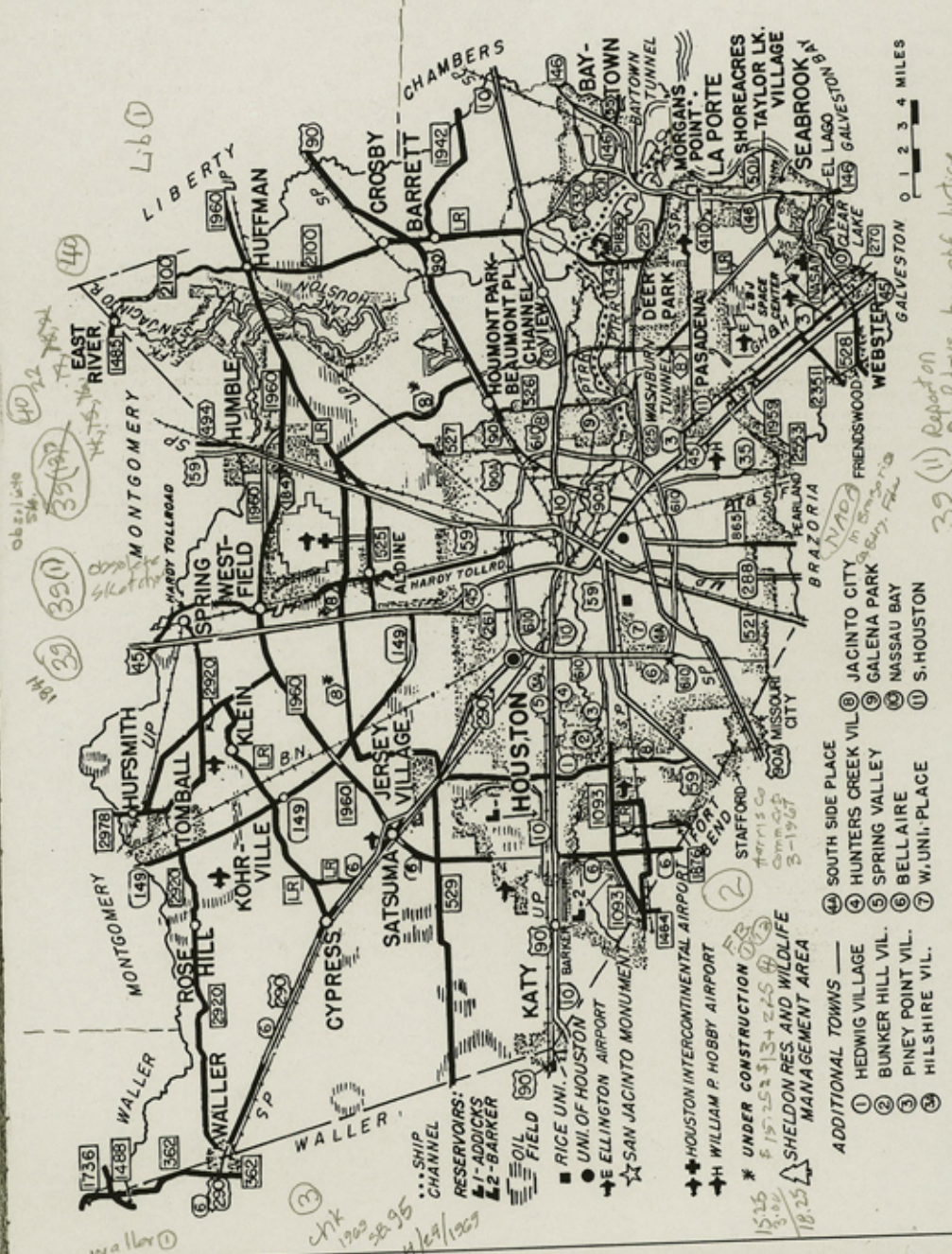
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- ⑦ W. UNI. PLACE
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- ② BUNKER HILL VIL.
- ③ PINEY POINT VIL.
- ③ HILSHIRE VIL.
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