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Nov. 20, 1933

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have only now completed examination of the field notes and report of your survey of the Cochran-Bailey county line which were received on October 10th, 1933.

Before the field notes may be properly approved, it will be necessary to furnish this department with certain information in order that requirements of the law may be complied with. One such requisite is that proper authority for the survey be shown. Consequently, a certified copy of the court order from both Cochran and Bailey counties directing you to make this survey, together with any instructions given therewith should be submitted. A simple statement of appointment is not sufficient. It is also necessary that this department be furnished a certified copy of the court order from the <u>county</u> court of both Cochran and Bailey counties, accepting and approving your field notes and report.

Some explanation as to the manner of running the line is desired, in order that the record here may show all details of the work for future reference.

If you have run this line on a parallel, I would like to know at which points you turned your deflection angles, as well as the amount of this angle deflection. In other words, I desire the bearing or course of each chord from point to point, if this line was run along the parallel. Please state also what you found the declination to be from your observation on Polaris.

Page 3, mile 11: at the 124.9 varas, notes call for line between labors 5 and 6 at a point 18.5 varas North of their common corner. The sketch indicates, apparently that this point is 14.8 varas South of the county line. Page 4, mile 23: Notes call for line between Leagues 160 and 163 to be in the 23rd mile. The sketch shows it in the 24th mile.

If you can send me the information requested above, I shall be glad to give it my earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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Nov. 20, 1933

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

See letter book 1894 133-37

Dear Sir:

I have just completed examination of your field notes and report on survey of the Hockley-Lamb county line, which were received October 6th, 1933, and I find as follows:

By referring to the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, we find under Chapter 4, Articles 1582 thru 1592, and Chapter 6 Article 1606, the legal requirements concerning county lines; Article 1583 specifies how the line shall be marked; No 1584 provides for description of natural objects crossed and Article 1587 provides for return of field notes to the <u>county</u> court. Before the field notes and report which you have submitted, may be approved, it will be necessary that this department be furnished:

1. A certified copy of the court order, from both Hockley and Lamb counties, directing you to survey this county line, together with any instructions given in connection therewith. A simple statement of appointment is not sufficient.

2. A certified copy of the court order of the county court from both Hockley and Lamb counties, accepting and approving your field notes and report.

In examining the field notes, I find that in a few instances further explanation is desired. Your report states that the line markers were set in the secant tangent, the line being broken at each 6 mile interval. In looking over the field notes, I find that the pipe and concrete markers do not occur at regular mile intervals, but vary considerably. In no instance does such marker occur at the exact mile point. Is this due, possibly, to the fact that the mile points fall in cultivated areas? Concrete monuments are rather far apart, there being only eight in the thirty-mile stretch. There is one interval of approximately eight miles between such markers, but pipe markers are called for at approximate mile intervals. If this is satisto the counties concerned, no objection is offered; but it occurs to me that these pipe corners may not be as permanent as to position, as might be desired. They are too easily moved or disturbed. (See Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, Article 1583). I merely refer to this in view of the expensive litigation which has ensued in connection with other county lines in that section of the State in the past.

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I would like to know if the line was "broken" at regular six mile interval points, or at some other point such as a nearby pipe or concrete marker, and what the deflection angle is at such point. Will you write me your procedure in connection with running the parallel along this county line? I ask for this information in order that it may be made a part of your report for future reference.

From your observation on Polaris, what did you determine the declination to be along this line?

How did you identify the J B Jones Northwest corner of Lubbock county? I find your report to be otherwise correct and very neatly prepared, and when I hear from you in reference to the above, I shall be glad to consider such information as promptly as conditions will permit.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

November 22nd, 1933.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO, Austin, Texas.

Cochran-Bailey County Line.

Dear Sir:-

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Replying to your letter of the 20th, in this matter, wish to report that the certified copies ask for will be forwarded within a few days.

The method I used in following the parallel, on this linewas the same as that used on the Hockley-Lamb line as set out in a letter on that subject of this date. The magnetic declination here on the plains is so variable that it is useless for accurate work, I have all my instruments equipped with compass but seldom use them. The US charts give you some idea of this matter.

Page 3 mile 11, south corner of 5-6 was not found but calculates 18.4 instead of 14.8 figures transposed, kindly change on plat.

Page 4, mile 23; The notes are correct as written, but just caught the error lies in that mile 20 was not properly indicated on the plat- it shows 19 and skips 20, 21 is where 20 should be and on west to the end is in error, Kindly indicate on your plats in red in the circle for mile out, 20 is where I have 21, 22 where 21 should be etc. I will make the change on the county records, as I will likely visit those towns tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This answers your several letters of November 27th replying to my letters to you of November 20th., in which I refer to the field notes of the county lines of Lubbooky Lynn, Lubbock-Nockley, Nockley-Lamb and Cochran-Beiley counties, which you sent to this office and which were received on October 6th, 1935. You submitted them for approval and filing here.

The surveys of the above mentioned county lines were not ordered by the Department, and Were not made under the direction of this Department, and I know mothing whatever about them except what your field notes show, and the court deareas in the believek-Lynn case. Such field notes, to be filed in this office, should be for the observance and guidance of this office and the surveys which they represent should be approved and made final by each of the counties affected before they are sent here for such observance and guidance.

It is true that the court has decreed how cortain of these lines shall be run, but that does not constitute approval of the survey and field notes subsequently made. The only reason I undertook to pass on your work at all was to make such suggestions as, in my judgment, might be helpful to you to be sure that the statutes had been complied with and thus expedite approval by the counties affected. I have no wish or desire to question your work if it is satisfactory to these counties.

In the Atchance of the Lubbock-Lynn and Lubbock-Hockley county lines, the new work is practically a retrace of the prior work by J B Jones, where his corners can be found, and remarking this line as set out in the Lubbock-Lynn boundaries case. As to the Hockley-Lamb line, I find that W N Tilson in 1910, ran out and marked this line. The field notes were filed here September 10, 1910. This office has no knowledge of any irregularities in the procedure in making this survey, and the field notes will therefore, be recognized until they are superceded by others or cancelled by the court. C. H. Gurl, county judge of Lamb county, was written to that effect on February 7, 1914. The authority for this statement is found in Article 1400 page 532, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, which is brought forward in Article 1606 RGS 1925.

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I have been unable to find any field notes on file here of the Cochran-Bailey county line, and shall therefore be glad to have your field notes of this line, if these counties will approve them, as required by law.

In your letter, you ask if a statement from the county judge as to authority for survey, approval of the field notes and statement of record will be sufficient. I believe it will be necessary to have a certified copy of the record of each county court showing your appointment as surveyor, together with any instructions given in connection therewith, and a certified copy of the court record showing return and approval of such field notes from each of the counties affected by the survey. Also, the field notes must be certified to as being a true and correct copy of these field notes with the county clerk of each county.

It occurs to me that the county judge is the proper person to submit these instruments.

As to the mannor of marking the county lines, it is to be regretted that counties do not appreciate the necessity for placing a sufficient number of permanent monuments on their lines to obviate such costly controversies as the recent Lubbock-Lynn case. Unfortunately, this department can do nothing about the matter, except to make suggestions upon request. After careful consideration of your letters and the law applicable to county lines, I have concluded that I should return these county line field notes until such time as the above requested information is presented here. I am therefore, returning them by registered mail today.

In reference to the matter of certified copies of the Lubbook-Lynn court decrees, or final judgment, I will state that it will be necessary to furnish only one such copy, which is required by law.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

January 19th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

See letter book 1814

Replying to your letter of Dec. 15th,-33, page 2 paragraph one, relative to a survey of the true boundary line between Hockley and Lamb Counties, wish to report that I met with the County Judge and Commissioner's Court of Lamb County on the 8th, inst., and both the County Judge and Commissioner's Court refused to approve or to pay for their half of the work, contending that the line as surveyed by me is not the true boundary line in that it does not retrace the line as run by W.N. Tilson in 1910; it seems that you had recently written the County Judge, that in your opinion, the Tilson line was the true line between the counties until superceded or cancelled, or its irregularity known, so they refused to accept the work and line as set by me.

I, on the other hand, claim that the line as I marked it on the ground, and the reports filed with the County Clerks of Hockley and Lamb Counties, is the true boundary line between said counties, and to substantiate that claim set out the following:

(1) Gammels Laws Vol. 8 pp237 "The county of Lamb: Beginning at the northwest corner of Hale county; thence west thirty miles; thence south to a point thirty miles due west of the southwest corner of Hale county; thence east thirty miles to the southwest corner of Hale county; thence north to the place of beginning."

(2) That in 1910 Lamb county employed W.N.Tilson to survey their county lines- Bailey, Cochran and Hockley counties were not organized at that time. Tilsons notes Recorded VI. 1 Commissioner's Court Minutes Lamb County about page 55, sets out a survey made by him beginning at the NW corner of Hale county; thence west 30 miles; thence south, possibly 33 miles plus 1233.6 vs., Then he began"at a galvanized pipe set 1'18" out of the ground, marked SW Hale, about 477 vs. west of the Spade fence, 450 vs. west of 4 old pits, "for the east end of the south line and ran west, checked by me as N89°55'30"W, a distance of 30 miles plus 199.7 vs. presumably closing the survey, my check on the ground tends to show that he continued farther on west to intersect the line he brought down from the north.

Germane 1--Sets out definitely that the south line of Lamb county is to be due east and west exactly 30 miles, stating it twice that there would be no mistake as to the positive wording of the grant, or doubt as to the intent of the act creating the county, nor confusion on the part of officials as under Art. 1589 RCS-25 "adhering as nearly

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as possible to the line designated in the Act creating such county line"

The Act twice definitely states that the SE corner of Lamb courty is also the SW corner of Hale county. The SW corner of Hale County was established in Lubbock VS Hale County, as the corner set by Ira Millington, that corner is well known to me and was marked by me with concrete 1x1 foot at top 2x2 feet at pottom and 6 feet tall, was accepted by Williams as such and approved by the present County Judge of Lamb County, in establishing the Hale-Lamb line during the past few years.

I recently surveyed and marked the Hockley-Lamb boundary line by beginning at the established SW corner of Hale county and then set the common corners of Lamb, ^Bailey, ochran and Hockley at a point exactly 30 miles due west of the SW corner of Hale county, as the statute definitely sets out, and I ask that it be so approved.

Germane 2---I am in position, I think, to prove in any court that Tilson began for the SE corner of Lamb, not the SW corner of Hale then or now, but began at a pipe set by Crews, which I understand was refused by your office as the proper location for any county corner; his SE corner of Lamb county is located on the ground at a point 582.9 vs. west and 10.8 Vs. north of the true and established SW corner of Hale county, and which was used by Tilson as such but is not the proper beginning point for the south line of Lamb county, and should not be so recoganized now.

My field note book shows that at mile 24 plus 595 vs. and 48 vs. N. we found Tilsons marker for mile 23; mile 26 plus 595 vs. and north 53.6 Tilsons marker; at 30 miles plus 600 vs. and north 63 vs. pass another of his markers, his last mile was given as 2199.7 vs. which would then, based on the other markers, place his SW corner of Lamb county at a point approximately 799 vs. west of my distance, however we found a small concrete marker 887 vs. west and 65 vs. north of the county corner as I placed it. I consider that the bearings and description of the beginning, together with the markers found falling nearly in their respective places as measured therefrom, sufficient evidence that Tilson did not begin at the true SW corner of Hale county, and that his survey should be cancelled on the ground of its proven irregularity, as to beginning and as to distance, and that my survey be declared the true boundary line between Lamb and Hockley county, pertinent, thereto:

Tilson did not in law and in fact survey and mark the true south line of Lamb county which is also the north line of Hockley county: (A) he did not begin at a recoganized corner, the SW corner of Hale County as set out in the Statutes and definitely located on the ground and so established by the courts, that (B) he knowingly exceeded the grant set out in the Statutes, that (C) Bailey, Cochran, and Hockley counties were not then organized, and no service was



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had against said counties, insofar as this witness has been able to find as a matter of record, that (D) recently Hale and Lamb Counties have duly ratified a survey of their common boundary line at a location different from the Tilson location of said line, specially the south common corner of said counties, and by so doing have supercended and cancelled the location for the SE corner of Lamb county, the SW corner of Hale county, as marked by both Crews and Tilson, and have accepted and recorded the same corner I used in my survey of the line between Lamb and Hockley counties, therefore; Lamb county has adopted a different corner from the Tilson location, and cannot now legally refuse to adopt the same corner, in the survey of the Lamb-Hockley line, as they have already adopted in the Hale-Lamb line.

In the above I have tried to set forth the irregularity of the Tilson location for the SE corner of Lamb, which in part sets out the irregularity of his location for the SW corner of Lamb county, he began at the wrong place, therefore ended at the wrong place.

In Garza VS Lynn, the Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland, set out the argument that when a county was to be surveyed, running the north line first, then the east and west lines south, the south line would be, according to variation, more than 30 miles, but the Supreme court in turn reversed thatargument, so no county can claim, under that ruling, more than the statutory distance of 30 miles, and in this particular the Act itself so states as to the south line of Lamb county, Tilson according to hisnotes violated that ruling and could not be sustained in excess of 30 miles west, even from the erroneous corner from which he began that line, therefore, the Tilson west line and specially the SW corner of said Lamb county should not be adopted as the true boundary line.

You can see that Lamb county was agreeable to abandon the Tilson SE corner of their county and adopt another line further east at the south end, but on the other hand demands that they be allowed to hold even a larger acreage along their west line as set by Tilson, and therefore rejects my work hoping to hold the excess gained in that way if possible.

In view of the fact that I have already surveyed and marked the line between Lamb and Hockley and have a contract with Bailey county to mark their east line, I would be glad to have you definitely instruct me as to how I should survey and mark the Hockley-Lamb boundary line, as well as the line between Lamb and Bailey counties, that we may try to get these matters settled without suits.

Thanking you to give this matter your early attention, and that I may have your instructions at an early date, I am,

Yours very truly,

County, District and Licensed Land Surveyor.

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Hockley - Lamb counter 54846

Jan. 25, 1934

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This answers your letters of January 4th and 19th addressed to this department relative to the field notes and report of several county lines which you made in 1933.

In your letter of January 4th in the first paragraph, you wish to know why this office accepts for filing many papers duly signed by authorized surveyors, as conclusive evidence of the facts set out therein, and will not accept your county line field notes.

It is true that the Supreme Court, in the Lubbock-Lynn line decree, set out the method of locating certain county lines; but I find no reference therein to an order for that survey nor approval of any survey of such lines. Accordingly, it is believed that Article 1582-7 Revised Civil Statutes will apply.

In reply to the second paragraph of that letter I will say that Articles 1585 thru 1588 will answer your question.

In reference to paragraph 5, will say that this department has not questioned your surveying work in the matter of these county lines. This is particularly true in view of the fact that the statutes merely provide in Article 1587 that if certain requirements have been complied with, the field notes of that county line shall be filed in the General Land Office. While the Supreme Court indicated how the county line should be run, the statutes say that the county court shall approve the work of the surveyor in running those lines. I see no conflict of authority here. It would appear to mean in this case that the counties affected, accept your work on the ground as conforming to the instructions in the court decree. As stated in my previous letter, county line field notes should be approved and made final and binding by each of the counties affected, before they are sent here for the observance and quidance of this department. The Lubbock-Lynn and Cochran-Bailey county line field notes and report have been received and filed under date of January 6th this year. They have been turned over to the abstract clerk in order that the abstract records may be corrected in accordance with your report.

I received the list of maps prepared by you, which was attached to your letter. I shall be glad to refer any parties desiring such maps, to you.

In reply to your letter of January 19th you state as follows: In the first paragraph you state that the county Judge and Commissioner's court of Lamb county refused to approve or pay for their half of the work in connection with your survey of Hockley-Lamb county line. This is a matter which, of course, can not be passed upon by the Land Office.

Judge Simon D. Hay, under date of Dec. 4, 1933, wrote this department for information in connection with the Tilson survey of the above mentioned county line. In reply, he was written on Dec. 15th as follows:

"This answers your letter of Dec. 1st which I have been unable to reach for attention until now. You refer to the field notes of survey of the Lamb-Hockley county line which were made by W H Tilson. This survey was made in 1910; the south line, according to the field notes, was surveyed May 13th thru 30th, 1910. I can possibly best answer your letter by giving below the letter which this department wrote to Hon C H Curl, county judge of Lamb county, under date of Feb. 7, 1914, at which time he has written as follows:

"Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the field notes of the boundary lines of Lamb county, beg to advise that there are field notes of the north, west and south lines of said county, made by W H Tilson in 1910 on file in this office, and same have been applied on the official map of Lamb county. This office has no knowledge of any irregularities in the procedure in making this survey; therefore, so far as this office is concerned, these field notes will be recognized until same are superceded by others or cancelled by the courts.

In conclusion, I would refer you to Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, Art. 1400 page 332, "The county boundaries of the counties of this State, as now recognized and established, are adopted as the true boundaries of such county and the Acts creating such

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counties and defining the boundaries are continued in force'. See also 155 SW Reporter, page 1006, Stephens Co VS Palo Pinto county.'

I have written Mr A L Harris, today, returning field notes made by him of this line, which were received by this department on October 6, 1933, that until such time as this department shall receive a certified copy of the order from the county court, showing appointment of Mr Harris as surveyor, together with any instructions given in connection therewith, and the court order showing return and approval of his field notes and sketches; also, it will be necessary to file a certified copy of his field notes showing that they are true and correct copies of those filed with the county clerk. These instruments will be alike from both Lamb and Hockley counties.

In my opinion, this department under the law, could not receive and file county line field notes until they are approved and made final by the counties affected."

There is nothing that this department can do as far as I can see to assist you in this matter. I can only cite you again to the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, which apply to Article 1582 thru 1592 and Article 1606. It appears to me that if the county line has been marked and recognized for a long period of time that it would probably control over the boundaries as called for in the statutory description, should there be any difference. That, however, is a question which must be settled by the counties affected and not by this department.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

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January 29, 1934

Mr A L Harris State Land Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Your fieldnotes and blueprint of the Bailey-Cochran county boundary line filed here January 6,1934, has reached the abstract clerk for abstracting to show the corrected area in each league in each county thru thich the county line runs.

You have given the area in each county in league 163, including the West part,233 acres, and the Young county 317 acres in the Northeast corner of said league - 163. Please furnish this department with the number of acres in each of the other leagues do not consider the labors - in each county North and South of the line run by you.

For your information will say that according to the original and corrected fieldnotes filed here, I am giving you thebrumber of acres in the respective leagues: West part League 163 - 233 acres; central part, 3593.8 acres; Young county, in NE corner, 317 acres, total 4143.8 acres.Bex.1-3059, 3056, 3014. League 160 - 4428 acres.Bex.1-3005. League 144 - 4428 acres. Bex 1-3001. League 141 - 4428 acres. Bex.1-3001. League 124 - 4428 acres. Bex.1-2991. League 121 - 4428 acres. Bex.1-2988. League 106, (corrected fieldnotes filed here Dec. 29,1913; resurveyed by W D Twichell from Jan.25 to April 12.1912) 4466.7 acres. Bex.1-2892. Fractional League 109 - 2063 acres. Bex.1-2904. League 700 - 4526 acres. Bex.1-2950.

From a casual glance at your blueprint of the Lubbock-Lynn boundary line I see you have given the number of acres to each county thru which the line runs.

Please give me the information asked for as soon as convenient, and oblige.

Very respectfully,

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Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

February 17th, 1934.

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Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your letter of Jan. 29th, -33 in which your abstract clerk asks for additonal information on the Cochran-Bailey County line, I am enclosing corrected sketch blue print of the line in which I have divided the total acreage as to abstract to each county:

League 163- corrected total of 4143.8 acres;

League 160 has enclosed 4442. acres, excess 15 vs N-S League 144 is also 15 vs.-N#S 4428. acres, but has 4442 in fact; League 141 same as 144, League 124 has recorded plat Twichell 4339.9 acres, League 121 has recorded plat Twichell 4403.2 acres,

League 106 has 4446 acres

League 109 fractional part plat by Sanders 2085.5 acres,

League 700, has 4526 acres, in this league I have divided the acreage to the counties, the north part between Bailey and Lamb this line would evidently run approximately NO⁰42'W, acreage divided accordingly; the south part, the line south would run approximately S1º17'E, and have divided the acreage accordingly, this line I am to run shortly and can then give the acreage definitely.

I trust that this will be satisfactory, and that I may have a separate letter of full acceptance therefor.

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J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

March 27, 1934

Mr A L Harris State Land Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Your favor of February 17th with second blueprint showing the line between Bailey and Cochran counties, has reached the Abstract desk.

In our letter to you of January 29th last, you were given the acres in each League thru which the boundary line runs, as shown by original and corrected fieldnotes, but I find your second print does not correspond with the area as given you, hence the office is at a loss as to how to make the division in acres between the two counties. In the absence of corrected fieldnotes filed here, the leagues must be abstracted by the acres shown on the files in this department.

As your second print has never been filed, I am inclosing it with notations pertaining to Leagues 160, 124, 121 and 109, where differences in acres occur between your figures and those of this office, and will ask that you please give the area to each county according to the Land Office figures. There is no difference in the other Leagues - 163, 144, 141, 106 and 700.

I note your reference to "recorded plat" of W D Twichell as to area in leagues 124 and 121, but no such plat or fieldnotes are filed here, hence in abstracting this department must be governed by such fieldnotes as are on file.

Your early attention will oblige.

Very respectfully,

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

April 24th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO

Austin, Texas.

Abstract Desk.

Dear Sir:

Just now have time to answer your letter of March 27th, relative to Cochran-Bailey County line.

I am submitting a tentative resume in pencil of the acreage division, which would be glad to have you check and return to me with whatever corrections you have data for, and then I can rework and reprint the map of the line and send you the corrected copy for your files.

I am working on a number of other lines that the acreage division is ready for approval, and I am wondering if your office thinks it would be a good idea to forward a similar pencil data sheet, and let your office check the acreage with what you have and in that way facilitate the completed work? If you think this would be a good way to handle the work or know of a better way, I would greatly appreciate your suggestions.

One of the hardest things that I have to get up is the abstract numbers, should I send you similar sheets could you supply the abstract numbers on both sides of the line, and from that I can divide the acreage as to abstracts which would be available for your office when completed as well as for the county assessors?.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

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April 27, 1934

Mr A L Harris Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Your favor 24th inclosing pencil memo of the division of acres in certain Leagues of land in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley and Lamb counties, has been received, and with the exception of the first mentioned - League 700 - I find the totals as divided to be correct. There are 4526 acres in league 700, while your totals show 4524, leaving a shortage of two acres in one of the counties, which you may correct and return.

The office will be glad to assist you along the line suggested, regarding the division of acres in other surveys, and will give you the total area and abstract numbers as shown by the records here, and I think, as you have suggested, that it will greatly facilitate the work for both yourself and this department.

On receipt of the within sheet as corrected, the abstract volume now being compiled, will conform to the acres as shown on the sheet.

Very respectfully,

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LUBBOCK. TEXAS May 3rd, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO

Austin, Texas.

Abstract Desk.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 27th, of April received, and I am returning sheet showing abstract-acreage of the Cochran-Bailey County line, for your files, the line map will be corrected and copy mailed you shortly.

I am enclosing pencil memo sheets of the Hockley-Terry and of the Terry-Lynn lines and as per your letter, will ask that you check the acreage with your records and supply the abstract numbers so that when the report reaches you it will be found to be correct. There are a few of the sections on the Terry-Lynn line that I am unable to determine the Block in which they are located, kindly check that also.

Would appreaiate an early return on these for the assessors are keen to compile them for this years assessment.

Yours very truly,

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May 9, 1934

Mr A L Harris Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your favor of the 3d with certain inclosures regarding the boundary lines between Lynn and Terry, and Hockley and Terry, and sheet showing the acreage along the boundary line between Cochran and Bailey for abstract purposes.

The Terry-Lynn county line sheet has been filled in with File numbers, acreage as shown by the files here, and abstract numbers in each of the counties thru which the boundary line runs, for your information in dividing the area between these two counties, and am inclosing it herewith. The other sheets (Hockley-Terry line) will be made up soon and sent you.

Very respectfully,

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Commissioner

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May 12, 1934

Mr A L Harris State Land Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find the Hockley-Terry county line sheet showing the acreage and abstract numbers of the various tracts of land thru which the boundary line runs, as shown by the files and records in this office, as per your favor of the 3d instant.

So far the office has not received the line map - as corrected - of Bailey and Cochran; the sheet showing the acreage in each county has been received. When the map reaches here, proper corrections will be made in the current volume of abstracts for assessment purposes.

Very respectfully,

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

May 23rd, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

Hockley-Terry County Line

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Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is my report on the survey of the Hockley-Terry County Boundary line, which has been approved by the County Judges of each county and certified to by the clerks of said courts.

Your department has heretofore furnished the File and Abstract numbers which are shown with the acreage division. Some of the sections have corrected field notes to balance the acreage as shown in the report, and copies of the field notes are attached that the acreage may be so corrected.

I will greatly appreciate it if you would file these reports at once and write me duplicate letters to that effect, so that the counties will issue me some long time warrants to settle my charges and the labor and material expenses that I have paid out in cash.

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Yours very truly,

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Hockley-Terry County Line

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Mr. A. L. Harris, Surveyor Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

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This refers to your report of the Lynn-Garza and Hockley-Terry county lines.

The Lynn-Garza county line report was filed in this office June 20, 1934; inspection of same seems to indicate that it is considerably out of scale as to the positions of some of the survey lines when compared with the distances to them given in the texts. I merely mention this for any comment that you have to make. I do notice, however, in the field notes of the 9th mile, the text calls for the South line of #1252 at 938 varas, while the sketch shows it about 800 varas. In mile 11, referring to the text, the county line is 286.2 varas East of the SW corner of #1420 while the sketch shows this to be 282.6 varas. This is no doubt, due simply to an interchange of figures; kindly advise which is correct.

In the Hockley-Terry line report, referring to mile 12: the call at 1165 varas for common line between sections 6 and 7 appears to be incorrect for the section numbers and the sketch scales about 1425 varas for the distance. Should not the distance South to the section corner be 567 varas, as shown on the sketch, instead of 657 varas?

I note that mile 14 calls to begin at mile 12 and mile 29 calls for the NE corner of the block on the sketch are difference from those in the text. Mile 30: the connection to the SW corner of section 1 blk X in the text is 3 157 varas and West 147 varas. The blue print gives this as 157 varas South and West 143 varas.

With these Hockley-Terry county line field notes, you send field notes corrected for section 8 blk 0, and surveys 1 and 2 Blk CO. In your letter you state that some of the sections have corrected field notes to balance the sketch as shown in the report, and copies of the field notes are attached in order that the acreage may be so corrected.

Before I file these field notes for future use, in connection with the sections they embrace, it would be well to send me a statement or letter if you can do this, to show if the owners of these sections desire the field notes filed.

The field notes do not show that they have been recorded in the surveyor's records of each of the counties in which part of the section lies; accordingly, I am returning them to you for attention in this respect.

I believe I have already advised you that the Hockley-Terry Lounty line report was filed on May 25, 1934.

Yours very truly,

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Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

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My Dear Sir:-

See Letter Boak 1894 133-137

Referring to our previous correspondence regarding a survey of the Hockley-Lamb boundary line during last year, I note that paragraph one, page two of your letter to me dated Dec. 15th, -33 you, I think erroneously, held to the survey made by Tilson, as the legal line as between the counties named, and your letter to the County Judge of Lamb County in which you practically adopted the Tilson survey as the legal line, was to my hurt, for the said Judge would not approve my work then, nor would the Commissioner's Courts of either Lamb or Hockley pay me for my work or for the money I was out for labor, material etc.

Tilson began his survey of that line at an iron pipe set by Crews which is some 585 varas west of the corner as marked by Millington, and which has since been adopted as the common corner of Lubbock-Hale-Hockley and Lamb Counties by two Supreme Court decisions, while I began my survey at the Millington corner and ran 30 miles true west as was set out in double calls by the Act creating Lamb County. Tilson began west of the true corner and of course ended west of the true west corner.

The Tilson line of course looks good⁷⁶ the Lamb court for by its location west of the true distance they gain approximately 5,000 acres of land that under the proper and legal construction would belong in BaileynCounty. With that in mind and with your letter to help them they refuse to concede to the legal and just division of the lands.

As it stands it looks like these counties are going to get into a costly boundary line suit. The Supreme Court of Texas says (1626-6136) "The RULE is well settled that counties may settle their boundary disputes, in fact, it is the public policy of this State to look with favor upon peaceable boundary agreements between interested counties".

Some of my legal reasons for asking that the Tilson line be declared void is: The Act set forth a valid description and the county of Lamb through the act of Organization validated the grant as described, and so must be respected regardless as to whether or not it detracts or adds to its holdings, for all calls in a grant, if possible, must stand. The courts can not include in the grant lands which the calls fairly construed do not include. The place of beginning is of particular importance and surveys are found to be impossible because of the wring beginning point. A call clearly erroneous must yield to one in keeping with the intention of the grant. The SW corner of Hale county was made an adjoiner in the grant. The first line run from known, established and recoganized corner is the original survey and when it follows the true course and distance it thereby bocomes the true line. A monument not called for in the grant obviously must yield to those established and recoganized by the Courts.



J.H.Walker 5-23-34

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Error is latent until revealed by actual survey, so that until now when my survey reveals the error of the Tilson place of beginning your office is put on notice of the error and so ask to correct it by abandoning the Tilson survey entirely. Grantee takes nothing from the Grantor which Grantor did not intend to give, so Lamb Countygets only 30 miles east-west.

I also contend that the statutory provisions for holding to lines even under the largest degree of liberalty would not sanction gross error.

You stated that your office had no knowledge of any irregularities in the procedure in making this survey (filsons): Is it not a fact that prior to the time Tilson made his survey that

Is it not a fact that prior to the time "ilson made his survey that your office had refused to accept a survey by Crews locating the common corner of Hale-Lubbock-Hockley and Lamb at a point some 585 varas west of the Millington corner, if that is true, then why hold to the Tilson line that began at the corner set by Grews that you refused to approve? Also how can you consistently hold the Tilson line when it did not begin at the corner set by Millington and so recoganized by the courts? Should you not abandon one and hold to the other ("Ye cannot serve two masters")

It is greatly desired by myself, concurred in by Hockley, Bailey and Cochran Counties that the Tilson lines by abandoned, to prevent suits and to settle the dispute peaceably. I sincerely believe that the greatest obstacle in the way at present is the approval you have given the Tilson work.

I could possibly furnish affidavits by myself and some of the men who were with "ilson when he made the survey to substantiate my statment that he began at the wrong corner. Would that be sufficient evidence to have you recend the approval of the "ilson survey?

If this goes on to suit, I will necessarily have to be brought in it, and I would of necessity have to get you also into it.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would look into this matter very thoroughly, even presenting it to the Attorney Generals Department, and let me have your final decision in the matter as soon as possible.

I tried for some 13 years to prevent the Lynn-Garza suit, but some designing surveyors brought them into it and finally I had the pleasure to write the Judgment upon the identical points insisted upon by me at the beginning, and then the County Commissioner's courts, when they found out what had been handed them, sent me contracts to do all their work in locating the lines upon the ground. These reports are coming in to your office now.

If there is any legal way to "just rub out the slate" and begin over just as the ^Act directs, this can be worked out, but with the Tilson survey as an excuse for Lamb County to try to hold excess lands, a suit is very evident.

> Yours very truly, 9. Dan

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

June 8th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

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I am enclosing herewith the corrected map of the Cochran-Bailey county line, and I am also having the ones filed with the counties likewise changed.

On May 23rd, I mailed your office report on the Hockley-Terry line survey with an urgent request that you file and notify me by return mail, this request was made for the reason that these counties do not make settlement with me until I receive word that the report has been filed in your office, in that they put all the burden on me. If you had acknowledged receipt immediately then settlement could havebeen made by the Commissioner's courts which convene Monday the 11th, and without that file receipt it will be carried over another month, and I will in consequence loose the interest on the work and money spent for all costs for the month, not much of course but it is not good business to spend time and labor-material bills and stand such losses when it is no fault of mine.

Can you not hereafter issue a filing receipt IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of these reports?

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Yours very truly,

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Sept. 11th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO

Austin, Texas. Attention R.B.Newcomb, Abstract Desk.

Dear Sir :-

Some time back I sent you pencil memorandum of the Yoakum-Cochran line and of the Yoakum-Terry line, and I regret that they have not as yet reached me with the notations from you office thereon. Those courts are about to take my ears off because I have not turned in the reports, and would therefore greatly appreciate it if you could return them pronto.

I have been employed to survey the line between Dickens and Crosby counties and am enclosing pencil memo of the sections that will likely be crossed placing the information thereon as shown by the latest State map of Dickens (1915) I tried in Crosby County to get field notes for the lands crossed but the surveyor is away and no one else had a key, the sections checked with red are those that I need field notes for; I noticed that on section 11 Block R-M J.H.Airheart, SF4266 note says see sketch G, if that sketch covers those SF sections I could probably use it to advantage in checking in the lands, instead of the separate field notes. I have the phots copies sent me on the Stagner and adjoining section to thenorth, by Harkey.

I have also been employed by Garza County to survey their East line, and enclose pencil memo of the sections that the line will likely cross. The latest map I have is Garza 1903, and I notice that there is some conflicts between Block 2 T&NO and Block 5 H&GN about where the line wiould fall; also between Block 7 H&GN and Block 2 T&NO; I would like to have your latesttdata on whatever corrections have been made. This willbe enclosed with report of the Crosby-Garza line and you can see about how the line will go true south through the sections. Do you have any data as the the Scurry line crossing sections 62 or 63 Block 5, want to intersect that line if known.

An immediate return of the Yoakum-Cochran-Terry sheets, and a return of these as soon as possible, would be greatly appreciated. Yours very truly,

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS September 18th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner,

Austin. Texas.

Abstract Desk.

Dear Sir:-

About a dozen years past I was jointly employed by Crosby and Lubbock Counties to survey and remark the J.B.Jones linebetween said counties and made and filed my report with both county clerks, and I think filed one in your office.

I would like to know if that was filed and approved by your office and the abstracts changed accordingly; this question has been ask me by both County Judges.

Surveyor W.J.Williams made and filed a report of a retract of the Millington line between Lubbock and Hale about the time of the Lubbock-Hale boundary line suit, was that report ever filed for approval and record in your office and if so were the abstracts changed accordingly?

Has there ever been a report made and filed and approved of a retract of the Millington line between Crosby and Floyd counties?

Was there ever a report made, duly approved, filed and abstracts adjusted accordingly, of the south line of Lynn county, the line between Gaines and Dawson, and the south line of Dawson by W.R. Standefer.

Do you have an approved survey of the north line of Bailey County?

Yours very truly, 9-18-34, A.L. Damo

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October 22nd, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner G.L.O.

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 18th, in reference to the Cochran-Bailey County line survey report came as a surprise to me, for this report first was received by your office Oct. 10th, 1933, and you then ask for certain approvals, certified copies, etc, which I then furnished you. In making out the report I used the acreage as I knew it to exist on the graind but your abstract clerk Mr. R.B. Newcomb, ask that I change the report to conform to the acreage as your office had it, which I then did; on June 11th, you wrote "This map has been turned over to the Abstract department for attention."

In your letter of June 25th, you wrote "This is particularly true in view of the fact that the statutes merely provide in Art. 1587 that if certain requirements have been complied with, the field notes of that county line shall be field in the General Land Office. Has this statute been complied with?.

As I see it, when such documents are properly authenticated as the statutes provide for, your office merely becomes a file office and you are to so observe and be guided thereby.

April 27th, Mr. Newcomb wrote " On receipt of the within sheet (Cochran-Bailey Line) as corrected, the abstract volume now being compiled, will conform to the acres as shown on the sheet", and on May 12th, he wrote " When the map (Cochran-Bailey) reaches here, proper corrections will be made on the current volume of abstracts for assessment purposes".

Am I correct in the assumption that this work came to you in due form and that you filed same with your approval and turned it over to the abstract clerk, andthen some objections were received and you forthwith withdrew the report?.

Kindly furnish me with a photostatic copy of these objectons, that I may know just what is being offered.

I had valid contracts for that work and as a matter of defense I affirm that the county corner as set by me is not on land ever claimed by Lamb County and hence is clearly out of their jurisdiction, and for them to attempt to defeat the legal actions of the other counties is unjust, and I trust that you will not become a party to such subversion.



LUBBOCK, TEXAS 10-22-34

JHW #2

I have repeatedly explained to your office that Tilson began a survey of the south line of Lamb County at the Grews corner, previously rejected by your office, which is some 585 varas West of the Millington SW Hale; this gross error caused him to extend the line west of the legal SW corner of Lamb County; I did the work from the Millington going 30 miles due west as double called in the Statutes, for the Hockley and Lamb Courts, and when the report showed that Tilson made a bust, the Lamb Court just "blew up" and wanted me to put the corner on further west of the 30 miles to the Tilson location, and when I would not consent to such construction they became hostile in the extreme.

This is a simple question of either accepting gross error made by Tilson, or the positive double call of the statutes; and I have adopted the statutes in preference to the gross error as the proper location.

I notice in your letter of June 11th, quoting letter to Tilson, that "they are practically of no use", and any approval you might have given the work done by him was also error, for previously you had refused Crews corner which Tilson used, instead of the Millington corner. I wonder why your office did not ask Tilson whose corner he started from? If you had then this whole controversy would have been averted. The blame for this gross error lies at the door of the Court of Lamb County and with the General Land Office. It seems strange that your office would refuse a corner by Crews and then attempt to valadate a line run from the same corner marker by Tilson.

It looks to me like that your office and the Lamb Court and Tilson together has "pulled a boner" and from your recent letter quote" and until this matter is settled this office does not feel warranted in taking further action on the Cochran Bailey line", that the innocent counties and myself are practically forced to resort to the courts to correct the matter. Cannot us official family settle these matters without calling on brother tax payer to spend his money curing our bone heads? This is the very thing that I have tried beforeto get before youso that you would withdraw your approval of the Tilson work which in turn would probably satisfy Lamb County as well as be a blessing to the other counties.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at an early date with any suggestions you may have to offer looking towards a peaceful settlement of this matter. I am sure that both Cochran and Bailey counties are going to demand, in the courts of forced to do so, that their legal actions be duly approved, filed and applied by your office. Yours very truly,

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Nov. 10th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

Garza-Kent Boundary Line.

Dear Sir:

I have just surveyed and marked the Garza-Kent boundary line beginning at the common corners of Garza-Crosby,-Kickens and Kent and projected the line due south therefrom a distance of 29 miles plus 950 vs to a point that is 368 varas East of a stone marked SW Kent.

In this connection I would be glad to have you write me by return mail as to whether or not the north line of Scurry County has ever been established, marked or recoganized, so that I may intersect it with this line.

Your Garza map 1903 by scale would place this corner approximately 1100 vs. south and 200 vs. East of the NW corner section 62, my located point as above mentioned is approximately 613 vs south and 114 east of the NW corner said 62.

W.J.Williams in his report in Garza VS Lynn states that this cormer is 1059.3 vs. north of the SE corner of Kent county as marked, and that the SW corner of Garza was 695.8 vs. south of this corner; soit would seem that the North line of Scurry should be located farther south, and give this line its full 30 miles. I would be glad to have your suggestions on such a construction.

I learned from Mr. Beggs, that when he purchased these lands, R.A. Fox, A.J.Holloway, Henry Collins, that corrected surveys were made but I was unable to find them of record, I would be glad to have the latest notes and plats you have on them, to check the work I have done there.

I would also would like to have your latest notes on sections 52 to 62 inclusive; you perhaps have corrected notes, for I found a number of pipe corners marked, but the country is very rough and tho we taped and checked by triangulation, our measurement does not check the sections as miles.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am, Yours very truly,

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Nov. 10, 1934

Mr. A. L. Harris, Surveyor, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of October 22nd in which you inquire about action by this department on your field notes and report of the Cochran-Bailey county line. Let me refer you to my letter written you on June 11th this year in which I went into the matter fully in reference to the Tillson survey of 1910 and the field notes returned to this department at that time.

Your field notes of the Cochran-Bailgy county line were received and filed in this office on June 6, 1934, but have not been approved; they were turned over to the abstract clerk, and while he made his computations in reference to the acreages of surveys along the county line falling in each county, the results of these computations were not put in the new volume of State abstracts for the reason that it would seem there was some uncertainty as to the position of the Southwest corner of Lamb county as shown by you, and as claimed by Lamb county.

Your report and field notes were filed here in accordance with the statute applying to county lines. When there is uncertainty, however, as to agreement between the counties affected; or, if the department believes there is insufficient information relative to the connections along the county line or survey corners; or, if there is any doubt about any feature of the county line, then the General Land Office can not properly go ahead with the correction of the abstract. Nor, under the above circumstances, can the county line be properly shown on the county maps. Under these conditions, this office can not proceed with the correction of the abstract until the uncertainty has been cleared up. It has not been shown to this department that Lamb county has accepted the position which you give to the SW corner of that county.

It appears to me that the line between Hockley and Cochran counties, according to the Lynn County VS Garza county decree, should be a straight line, extending South and North, having for its Southern end the common corner of Hockley-Cochran-Yoakum and Terry counties, running due North on the meridian.

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As stated to you in my letter of June 11th., it would appear that the South line of Lamb county is a well established line upon the ground, and has been recognized as an established line for many years. It is my opinion that in this instance course will control over calls for the SW corner of Lamb county. As I have stated several times in the past, however, the matter of determining the positions of county lines is entirely a matter for the counties affected to determine.

The various reports and field notes of county lines recently run by you, have been filed in this department upon receipt of certified copies of the court orders of the various county courts approving work done by you in connection with running out these lines and accepting your reports and field notes. It was believed that this approval indicated that the counties affected were satisfied as to the position of the line as run.

If you have occasion to make any more reports or field notes of county lines to be returned to the General Land Office, I am of the opinion that it should be shown clearly to this department that the statutes affecting the running of such lines have been complied with insofar as actual appointment as surveyor to mun the lines is concerned, as well as the making of bond, as required by law, receipt and approval by the county court of your work upon its completion.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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Nov. 13, 1934

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

In your letter of November 10th you asked for information in connection with the Garza-Kent boundary line. The first request inquires as to whether the North line of Scurry county has ever been established, marked or recognized.

The only field notes for this North line on file here show to have been made by H J Camp the dates of survey being September 17th to October 15th, 1885. They indicate that they are recorded in the records of said county in Volume 1 page 207 to 222. These field notes do not mention any connection to corners of nearby surveys; consequently, it could not be used to correct the abstract. There is nothing to show that the field notes were approved by this department. I shall give you the description given in these field notes for the NW corner of the county; I shall begin at the end of Mile 29.

"Thence West down a hill and still on in the Big Valley or flat or Double Mountain River bottom at 1 mile, stone monument marked NW cor SC for the NW corner of said Scurry county, from which Twin Red Hills bears North 72° West 2100 varas, they being in the direction of a point of the Blue Mountains, where they angle off South and West, said point of mountain bears N 74 W. The mouth of a cavern in bluff at top of a point of mountain bears 73½ W and mouth of canyon or dry creek where it emerges from the mountains, bears S 56 W supposed to be about 1 mile distant, Blue Mountains on the South and Bouble Mountain River 3 or 4 miles North; this corner is 600 varas North of the foot of Blue Mountains; thence South at 600 varas, foot of mountain at 1130 varas, stone mound on top of Blue Mountain marked WLSC," etc."

The field notes of the North line of Borden county as run by W S McClung in 1908 give a number of bearings, as well as distance to mounds at the NE corner of Borden county, which may be of assistance to you if you intend ggoing to that corner, and I shall be glad to give them to you upon request. However, these field notes for the North line of Borden county tie to land surveys at only one point; that is the 18th mile corner. I merely state this for your information.

"Base line and county boundary between the counties of Hall and Subbook Cos. "This plat accompanied the field notes of the" South boundary line of Hale county The original tracing of which this is a blue smit was filed in the g. L.O. Nov. 16, 1891. Baammed, approved and applied Dec. 2, 1891 abstrat corrected accordingly May 13, 1893. Dee copy of order Commissioners Court of Hale County adapting the Base line as rem by State Surreger Ina Millington as the South line of Hale Boundy. Which was also recognized and addated as the north boundary live of Lubbook County. E. von Posenberg Austin Tesas Augst 29, 1913 - Chief Draftmean counter 5489.3

Referring to the map of 1921, the SW corner of Kent county, by scale will be approximately 750 varas South and 130 varas West of the NW corner of section 62 blk 65. I have looked thru the field notes of surveys crossed by the North line of Scurry county, and find that these field notes of 62 and 63 blk 5 do not mention connections to the county line. Corrected field notes for these surveys in blk 5 were made by F. M. German in 1895, the survey dates being January 9, and 10, 1895 for sur-veys 52 thru 62. They appear in the surveyor's records of Kent county in Book 4 pages 125 thru 136. I note that they call for

What Art John Field notes of survey 41 corrected by German in 1895 have a call from their beginning point (NE corner of this survey and SW corner of survey 40 blk 5) to run "thence S at 368 varas the 20th mile stone of Scurry county north line as run in (1895), bears W 128 varas, at 1610 varas cross drain, 1900 4/5 vrs to an iron pipe 3feet by 12" marked 41-BS in center of a rock mound and 2 pits, from which the South end of small McKenzie Moun-tain bears N 61° 36' E, North end of Flat top Mt bears N 81° 38' W, South end of same N 86° 27 W the SE corner of this survey, " etc.

> This survey 41 was patented in 1874 on original field notes, but the connections given as above may be of some assistance to you.

Field notes of section 688 blk 97 H&TC Ry Co as made by George Spiller in 1887 have a call for the North line of Scurry county; these field notes are one of many which were made by Spiller and are probably in a bound book. They begin at the SE corner of 687 from which a mesquite 3" in dia bears S 50 E 16 varas and a ditto 3" bears S 710 E 11 varas; thence they run North at 1378 varas, pass 221 varas West of the NW corner of Scurry county, 1900 varas to a stone mound, the NW corner from which a mesquite 3" in dia bears S 64° W 262 varas, ditto 3" bears N 542 W 14.4 varas. The subsequent corrected field notes by German of this same section are on file and endorsed correct, but they do not indicate any connection to the county line.

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Section 697 blk 97 was patented on Spiller's corrected field notes of 1887 and have a call or connection with the county line. They call to begin at the NW corner of survey 696; thence South 1900 varas to stone mound with bearings; thence East with calls for branches 1900 varas to stone mound with bearings; thence North at 725, 1490 and 1650 varas cross branches 1900 varas to a stone mound, the NE corner, from which a mesquite 3" in dia bears N 26° W 18 varas and a ditto 4" in dia bears N 7½° E 27 varas and the 19th mile corner on the North line of Scurry county bears S 30²⁰ E 348 varas. The field notes by F M German for this section 697 do not indicate any connection to the county line.

The information which I give you above is about all that I have been able to find, which would be of assistance to you in locating the North line of Scurry county. If you desire copies of any of the field notes referring to above, or any other information which may be on file here, I shall be glad to send it to you uponreequest; the statutory fee for copies of field notes is \$1.00 for each set of field notes.

with

Your letter in pencil memorandum, sent to this office on July 30th in connection with the Yoakum-Cochran and Terry-Yoakum county line surveys, has been turned over to Mr Newcome, the abstract clerk for his attention.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Nov. 22nd, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

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Your letter of Nov. 10th, relative to the report made by me of the Cochran-Bailey County line, has been received.

You again refer me to your letter of June 11th,-34 regarding the survey made in 1910 by Tilson, and turning to it I notice, page 4 last paragraph " he (Tilson) identified by then the west line of Lamb County". Will you kindly state as to whether or not Tilsons field notes of the south line also identified it?

I was pleased to note in your last letter opening paragraph 3-"Your report and field notes were filed here in accordance with the statute applying to county lines." That taken with your statment to Tilson in your letter of Oct. 28th, 1910, copied in yours of June 11th, -34 page 4 paragraph two line 14- "Whatever lines the County Court of a county shall cause to be legally established will be observed and followed by this department," I then hope that you will give the said Cochran-Bailey line field notes approval and that you will write me by return mail to that effect, for as representing two said Counties we want a definite answer at once for the present Courts go out of office in a short time and they expect some action before them.

You may think me cantankerous, but I want to know the facts and law, for I have a heavy financial interest in this matter and it must be solved some way, or else the courts will have to be invoked.

You seem to think that the actual course laid down by Tilson will control, but I think that "course and distance must yiled to the superior call for visible monuments", Tilson called for they then and now true corner of Hale-Lubb ck and Lamb Counties in his field notes as a bearing ONLY, which is evidence that he did not use it as his beginning, and would seem more fraud than error in judgment; the most unfortunate thing tho was the letter from your department of Feb. 7th, 1914 to Judge Curl which to them is your validating the irregularity of the Beginning, which in all effects forces the counties to appeal to the courts to settle the matter, which should have been checked and found and changed then, as was done with the Crews work. Does the tax payers have to go to court to right someones mis takes? or, can this be adjusted otherwise?

May I have your reply at an early date.

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Nov. 27, 1934

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Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

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This acknowledges receipt of your letter of Nov. 22nd referring to your field notes and report of survey of the Cochran-Bailey county line. You asked whether the Tilson field notes of 1910 for this line identify the SW corner of Lamb county.

Tilson returned field notes for the North, West and South lines of Lamb county, and his field notes of connections to survey corners along the west boundary line running South, in part, read as follows:---"Mile 27 plus 1332 waras is North line of Crosby county school league #111 and its NE corner is 1445 waras 3 89-29 E. Mile 30 plus 629 waras is South line of Crosby county school league #111 and its SE corner is 1437 waras S 89° 30' E, and the pile of white rocks, the NE corner of Capitol league #681 bears S 89° 29' E 12365 waras. No other of the Capitol league corners between here and and the above mentioned pile of white rocks at NE of 681."

Tilson describes the SW corner of Lamb county as being "A large rock 17"x13"x11" marked WHT on top side, and L on end to NE with other small rocks in center of circular trench 8" in diameter and on West side of rocky slope; said rock is about 170 varas East of drain, course⁵45^o W to draw about one mile away."

The description at the SW corner quoted first above is not repeated in the connections given to surveys along the South line of Lamb county.

Your field notes of this Cochran-Beiley county line were received and filed Janury 6, 1934, but have not been approved. Judge Simon D. Hay of Lamb county, acting for the county court, wrote this department under date of August 27th this year, protesting against the recognition of any line but that of Tilson for the South line of Lamb county. Under these circumstances, I do not believe this department could approve your field notes at this time. This is particularly true if the Tilson line is the one referred to by Judge Sharp in his Findings of Facts #12 in the trial court in the case of Garza County VS Lynn county. Also, under that judgment the court decreed that the SW corner of Hockley county was 30 miles West of the Jones SW corner of Lubbock county, and that the Hockley-Cochran county line is a straight line, extending due North and South and having for its South end the common corner of Hockley-Cochran, Yoakum and Terry counties, and from said point, extending due North on the meridian to the SW corner of Lamb county and the SE corner of Bailey county. From this, I conclude that the Hockley-Cochran line should be on a meridian running thru a point 30 miles West of the Jones SW corner of Lubbock county.

According to your field notes of the Cochran-Bailey line, you place the NW corner of Hockley county 30 miles West of the Jones NW corner of Lubbock county. As your field notes of the Lubbock-Hockley line call for a general course of S 1° 2° E, it would appear that your NW corner of Hockley county is not due North on the meridian of a point 30 miles West of Lubbock county's SW corner, but is to the Westward thereof.

What I have stated above is merely what the records here would seem to indicate. This letter is not of course, in the nature of instructions to you as to how the county lines should be run, since such instructions should originate in the countycourts.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Dec. 13th, 1934.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith enclose my report of the Cochran-Yoakum boundary line survey which has been approved by both counties, and certificates are attached as required by law.

There is a conflict between the north line of Block D as constructed by Twichell and the south line of the blocks joining on the north as constructed by Ragsdale; they seem to be in harmony at the east line of section 22 Block D but in going westward Twichell turns slightly north of true west and Ragsdale turns slightly south of true west. The plat of the line takes into consideration fences as constructed by owners along their south lines of the school blocks, who no doubt will hold to them by limitation, and where there is no fence lines to hold to, the plat gives credit to the senior Block D, the acreage division is shown from the county line to the south line of the sections crossed, under the above construction. The distances in vs. shown on the section lines in the school blocks are those shown of record, and do not take into consideration the conflict as stated.

Yours very truly, a. L. Don

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

January 8, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

Your Cochran-Yoakum county line field notes and report were received and filed in this office on December 15, 1934. They appear to be correct in all respects, and I have turned this matter over to the abstract department for attention.

For information in the future, I would like to ask this question: Did you connect with all survey corners along the line that you could find? Such corners, I know, are difficult of location, but I wish to have the record clear in order that reference to this report in the future will show that you did connect to such corners as could be found.

I note that mile points are marked by iron pipes with bronze tablets as a cap. I question the advisability of using such markers, as they are not of the permanence desired in the class of surveying used in Martin county lines. This department, of course, can do nothing about it; but it is hoped that the counties having their lines surveyed, can see their way clear to place permanent concrete markers at least every 3 miles.

An iron market is very easily disturbed or removed. I do not know whether it is too late now to get any action from the counties affected in this instance; but it is my honest opinion that it would be money well spent for the extra expenses incurred.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO,

Austin. Texas.

My Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 8th, relative to the Cochran-Yoakum county line report recently sent to your department, wish to report that as it is practically impossible to haul either concrete markers or the material for same to the location along that line, I with the knowledge and consent of the courts used the iron pipe markers, most of them being over 4 feet long 2 inch galvanized pipe filled with half sand/cement.

This entire line, with the exception of about one mile, is bad sand-hill shinnery land, and it is necessary to use a specially equipped car and an experienced driver to go through it, and then sometimes they cannot get through at all unless the land is wet. There are no farms and few ranch shacks in sight along the line, just rough pasture land which can never be farmed due to its blow-sand nature.

I had Ragsdales field notes of the lands while doing this work, but the only identified markings found were the 4 inch well casing set to mark the south common corners of sections 8 and 9 block G, and perhaps the pile of soft stones near a fence corner were his markings for the south common corner of sections 5 and 6 Block G. Knowing the lands as I do and Ragsdales work, I doubt if he made any other markings along the south line of those sections until he reached the southwest corner of section 17 block P the S corner of 9 Block w, fence lines there indicate that he marked them for the owners who then fenced on his lines; corrected field notes by me of section 17 made for Judge Pierson makes the ties to the north line as marked by Ragsdale.

I am very strong for durable concrete markers, and took the trouble to copyright the ones I use and I insist on using them whenever the courts will stand for the costs. In this case it was almost impossible without greatccost, to so mark the line, and so I used the next best markers and even they were very had to haul to location.

Yours very truly, A.L. Nomi

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

January 24th 1935

Mr & L Harris State Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

For your information I am inclosing photostatic copy of the "Acreage Division" sheets of the Hockley-Terry County boundary line which shows a few minor changes from the original sheets made by you, and filed in this office May 25,1934, as the same willappear in State Abstracts, Volume 57, when completed..

> Very respectfully, Commissioner

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

January 24th 1935

Mr A L Harris State Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

For your information I am inclosing photostatic copy of the "Acreage Division" sheets of the Hockley-Terry County boundary line which shows a few minor changes from the original sheets made by you, and filed in this office May 25,1934, as the same willappear in State Abstracts, Volume 57, when completed..

Very respectfully, alker mmissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

January 28th, 1935.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO

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Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :-

Enclosed herewith is my report of the survey of the Terry-Yoakum county boundary line, which was duly approved some time back but I have delayed sending in waiting for Gaines County to make up their minds as to locating their north line; on the 25th, inst, I met their court and by agreement I am to begin their line at a definite place on the State line and bring the line due East. The calculations for the last section on the enclosed report had best not be fully abstracted until I can survey the north line of Gaines, at which time that location can either be verified or changed to meet the agreement, and the final adjustment made of acreage division.

There is a matter of construction in regard to the north 28 sections of Block K, that I would like to know in advance your opinion as to making a corrected construction and field notes therefor.

So far as I can find or learn from owners, Ragsdale must not have located and marked permanently a single corner south of the north line of Block K, and in consequence subsequent surveys in the south part were taken from Block D Yoakum county survey corers, the North part of Block D has north-south excess and so that leaves the Block K sections in the north with allowable excess north-south. I would like to interest the present owners to come in and have that part corrected with the excess prorated to each section; the south part of Block K is fairly well settled, but the north part is heavy sm d and only a few resident owners, lines are non-existant as to actual surveys.

Would corrected field notes prorating the excess in the North part of Block K be acceptable to your office?

Yours very truly,

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February 1, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of January 28th referring to your field notes and report of survey of the Terry-Yoakum county line, which you submitted with your letter. Your report of survey has been examined and in general, is correct; there are a few details about which I would like to inquire.

I believe it well to indicate the variation at which the line is run; that is, I think your report should properly indicate what you found the magnetic variation to be along the line, at least at a few points, which information may be of value in future years. I believe it is required under the law in connection with the matter of all field notes as covered in the statutes of 1925. If you have this information, I shall request that you submit it.

I note certain difference in the text matter and sketch for distances from the county line to survey and fence lines or corners. This would seem to be true at the following points:

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I do not believe these differences should show in the text and the sketch, as confusion results therefrom. In making future reports, may I request that the text and sketch show same distances and connections?

At mile 30 plus 453.9 varas, you call for a Ford rear axle under South fence line of land, at 82 varas, West of center of line, the South common corner of sections 79 blk D, etc. It appears from the sketch and a distance of 82 indicated along the South line of said section 79 that the line referred to is to the West of the county line. Will you please check this and advise me as to any necessary corrections? I would like to know if you are contemplating the running of the county line between Ganes on the South, and Yoakum and Terry on the North? If not, may I request you to use some statement as to how you computed the position of the North line of Gaines from W R Standefer's NW corner of Dawson county.

I am enclosing copy of a letter this day sent to Judge Arthur Cotten at Plains, Texas for your information. In view of the fact that the Gaines line has not been run apparently, that is, I assume it has not been run, I believe it well to give Judge Cotten this information, in order that he can have your position for this corner verified by running the Gaines county North line, if he thinks it necessary or desirable.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

February 4th, 1935.

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Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :-

Replying to your letter of the lst, regarding the Yoakum-Terry line report, as to the magnetic variation, as I wrote you Jan. 31st, in the matter of Garza-Kent line, the magnetic variation in this territory is so unreliable that I seldom use it for any purpose other than to spot back flags, and sometimes I find it so erratic that a flat will not come in the instrument. My best guess is that on an average the magnetic variation along that line would approximate $11^{\circ}E$.

As to the calls along the line, Mile 2 plus 139, check this against the call on the Yoakum-Cochran line for passing the NW corner of section 1 Block K, and you will find it OK. Mile 3 plus 350 old ranch wire fence lines, no corners found; 4 plus 138 concrete marker, Ok. 5 plus 351 wire fence line calls no marker found; 6 plus 433.8 fence line east-west (general direction) no intersecting fences in sight; 7 plus 302 calls on wire fences no markers found; 8 plus 278 center line east-west traveled road, fanced on the north side only, farm road and not maintained by county.

All these calls are correct, and ify will take into consideration that I found the NW c rner of section 1 Bk K by Ragsdale, the SW corner of same being the Rhodes-Fisher corner, then I found that by constructing the north-south Block K section line nearest to the county line, it would balance by using the NW corner section 1, this iron strap located in mile 8, and the measured distance along the state highway in mile 15, and from those findings computed the location for said section line and the distances shown on the map for passing calls are those so computed, which seems the best method for acreage division. I find no error in those calls.

In mile 30 a better reading would be; 82 varas West along center of lane the south common corners etc-

As to the line between Gaines and Terry-Yoakum counties, as stated in my letter of the 31st of January, the counties reabhed an agreement for me to survey and mark that line succinctly 30 miles north of and paralled to the south line of Gaines as marked by Estes, and as soon as I am notified that the orders and contracts are duly passed and recorded I will begin that survey, and so stated that the south section should not be abstracted final until that work is done, the computed location might need to vary slightly to conform to the agreement as to location.

Yours very truly,

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

Febry.13, 1935

Mr A L Harris State Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find photostatic copy of your acreage-division sheet of the Cochran and Yoakum boundary line, filed here December 15, 1934. As abstracted, the acreage will show as corrected on these two sheets.

While this line was filed in the General Land Office after the fiscal year, which ended August 31st last, it is being abstraced in Volume 57 so it will reach the Assessors for the 1935 assessment rolls; these two sheets reflecting the area in the two counties affected, in the Abstract Volume which will not be printed and ready for distribution to the Assessors before early summer.

By this mail we are sending similar photostatic copies to the Cochran and Yoakum county assessors.

Very respectfully, Walker

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Commissioner

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February 13, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of February 4th replying to mine addressed to you under date of February 1st asking for information in connection with your recent report on survey of the Terry-Yoakum county line, which report was filed here on January 30th this year.

Explanation is given in your letter, conforming to the text matter in your report. What I am particularly concerned about however, is the distances given on the blue print sketch from the county line to the points shown as section corners on that sketch. For instance, in mt.2 on the sketch you show 79 varas as the distance from the county line to the NE corner of section 5, 76.5 varas to the NE corner of section 6, 73.5 varas to the NE corner of section 10, etc. I wish to know whether these are the actual distances to the county line, or whether they are computed distances. From what you have said in your letter, I can pretty well conclude that these are only computed distances, in the absence of the existence of so may survey corners, along the county line; but a statement from you is desired to file with your report, in order that the matter may be clear.

As stated in previous letters to you, I do not believe it is a good practice to have your sketch different from the report; it is likely to cause mistakes or confusion in the future. May I therefore, request a statement from you in connection with this matter? And I shall further request that if you have occasion to file reports in the future, that you will let the sketch accompanying them correspond to your reports, so that there will be agreement.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

February 16th, 1935.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 13th, inst, asking for additional statment regarding the survey of the Yoakum-Terry County line, received.

In the third paragraph of my letter to you of the 4th, I tried to make it clear, but probably did not make it plain, that I find no conflict whatsoever in the text and the sketch of this work; that there were no adjacent corners to be identified, and therefore for computation purposes by construction adopted a north-south section line as between the two west tiers of sections in Block K, at a point a mile east of and parallel to the identified east line of Block D as marked by Twichell the plat shows the distances thus assumed for calculating acreage, these distances do not show in the text for the north part of Block K, for the reason no identified corners were adjacent thereto.

The distances shown on the plat for the north 15 miles are so assumed by construction as above stated, and were placed on the plat to show how the acreage division was calculated; this side-calculation was not incorporated in the text which was duly explained therein.

It seems imperative to me that adjacent corners be found and noted, but if not found, then some record should show how acreage divison was computed for assessment purposes, for should the abstracts be changed in the future such information would be necessary to properly prorate the acreage.

I try to let the field note text show all the passing calls for visible objects, and to show corners where found but in the absence of marked and identified corners I am not swearing that there were on any pretext, and in this light please do not construe passing calls on random fences as being in conflict with the true location of section lines.

Yours very truly,

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Mr A L Harris State Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find photostatic copy of your Terry-Yoakum boundary line division sheet, with a few minor corrections, as same will appear in in Volume 57, State Abstracts.

By this mail similar copies are being sent to the Assessors of Terry and Yoakum counties, which will save you the trouble of making trips to these counties.

The Crosby-Dickens and Garza-Kent lines will also be abstracted in Volume 57 - copies of your acreage division sheets will be mailed you when reached.

Very respectfully alker Commissioner

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

Febry.27, 1935

Mr A L Harris State Surveyor Iubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

In mailing the list of lands to the Assessors of Terry and Yoakum counties a few days since, the NE¹ of Section 17, Block C3⁴, Public School, 160 acres, as shown on your division line as being partly in Gaines, Terry and Yoakum, was shown on the sheet mailed out thru error, as you had asked that this tract of land be held up until an agreement could be reached between the counties.

By this mail all Assessors will be notified to disregard that particular tract of land on the sheets sent them.

Very respectfully,

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

March 17th, 1935.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO,

Austin, Texas.

Yoakum-Terry Line. Abstract Desk.

Dear Sir :-

Regarding the location of the south end of this line, wish to report that after several conferences between the Courts of Yoakum, Terry and Gaines Counties, at a final meeting in Brownfield Texas, on March 11th, it was mutually agreed and orders duly passed that the north line of Gaines, the south line of Yoakum and that part of Terry adjacent to Gaines county, shall hereafter be the south line of those long east-west sections, which at this intersection is the line as surveyed between Terry-Yoakum counties and the south line of section 19 Block C-34.

At the same time I was duly employed to survey and mark and make returns of this line which will be done shortly, but not in time to incorporate in Abstract vol. 57.

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Er. A. L. Horrig, Lubbook, Toxas

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I have your letter of March 17th referring to the matter of the county lines between Yookum & Terry counties on the North, and Gaines county on the South.

You state that at a final mosting in Brownfield, Youns on March 11th it was mutually agreed, and orders duly passed, that the North line of Gaines county, the South line of Youkum and that part of Yorry adjacent to Gaines county, shall hereofter be the South line of these East-Sect sections, which at this intersection, is the line as marvoyed between Yorry-Youkum counties, and the South line of section 10 blg C-34.

You also state that at the same time you were duly onployed to survey and mark, and make returns of this line, which will be done shortly, but not in time to be incorporated in abstreet volume \$07.

As I have frequently stated in the past, the matter of adjustment and determination of county lines in this State is one which must be settled by the counties affected, unless such counties are unable to agree and they refer the matter to the land Office to be determined.

Thile I am not femilier in this instance with the ciroumstances and facts leading up to the conclusions contioned in your letter. I an concorned in knowing whether they are to be final or subject to change upon survey of the North line of Gaines county, insemuch as it may develop that a continuous, straight line (m) the ME corner of Gaines county might not fit the position mentioned in ME corner of Gaines county might not fit the position mentioned in your letter. Is it the plan of the counties to introduce a deflection if necessary, in the North line? If those 3 counties desire the abstract changed in accordance with the statements and in your letter, then copies of court orders from the county court of each of those counties must be submitted to this department, together with a statement from the corveyor showing positions of curvey corners relative to the county line. These derners must be so identified that in the foture their positions relative to the county corner can not be mistoken.

This information may be submitted to this department, but I am disposed to conclude that the ebstract could not be corrected for the new volume to come out spon.

I am sending cerbon copies of this letter to the following for their information:

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

March 17th, 1935.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO.,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :-

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For your further information regarding our various correspondence about the Lamb-Hockley county boundary line, the Bailey-Cochran, and the proposed Hockley-Cochran county lines, wish to say that during last December I filed a suit styled A.L.Harris VS Hockley County et al, and Numbered 6286 in the 99th, District Court, Lubbock Texas,

" The main purpose of this suit is to invoke the Judgment of the Court to locate and define the North and West lines of Hockley County, and to establish the common corner of Lamb, Hockley, Cochran and Bailey counties."

Due to the Court docket being burdened, this case will likely not be heard for some months yet.

Yours very truly,

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April 8, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

On April 6th I received from you a statement supplementing your county line report for the line between Yoakum and Terry counties, affecting the 30th mile thereof.

Inasmuch as this involves agreement between the different counties as to where the South common corner of Terry and Yoakum county is situated, as well as the North line of Gaines, it will be necessary that the counties affected submit to this office certified copies of the record of the county court in each of those counties approving such aggeement.

On March 23rd of this year, I wrote you and sent a carbon copy of the letter to the county judges of the above mentioned 3 counties, and advised that such procedure would be necessary. To date I have not heard from any of them; accordingly, I return your statement received on April 6th.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

May 10, 1935

Mr & L Harris State Surveyor Lubbock - Texas

Dear Sir:

On January 24,1935 this office sent you a photostatic copy of the acreage division of the boundary line between Hockley and Terry counties, stating that the line as corrected would be abstracted in Volume 57, then being compiled.

Since then we have received a protest against abstracting this line, hence same will not appear in the next printed volume of State Abstracts.

Very respectfully.

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

July 17th, 1935.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner, Austin, Texas. REFERRED TO MAP

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Dear Sir:-

I was just talking to Mr. Jack Randall of the Law Firm of Wilson, Randall and Kilpatrick of this city, who are handling my suit against Hockley County et al, and inasmuch as an amicable settlement is being attempted, we would appreciate an early reply from your office answering specifically the following paragraphs by number as follows:

From a recheck of all the records and statments available to your department to this date, No.l Q. Is it your conclusion that W.H.Tilson in beginning the survey of the south line of Lamb County actually began at the Ira Millington SW corner of Hale County, or did he in fact begin at a false corner previously marked by Crews and which had previously been rejected by The Commissioner of the General Land Office as the true SW corner of Hale County?

No.2 Q. Is it your opinion that the south line of Lamb County by said Tilson, from all the evidence before you, was established upon the ground in the strict manner provided by the statutes and Act creating said Lamb County to the extent that your Department now validates the Tilson work as fully complying with the Statutes for such work and now approves said work as in all respects legal?.

No. 3 Q. Did the Legislature in defining the lines of Lamb County directly or indirectly give Tilson authority to begin at any obther than the true SW corner of Hale County, or to extend the SW corner of Lamb County further than thirty miles west of the SW corner of Hale.?

No. 4 . Has your department ever been furnished authenticated report of the said south line of Lamb county by Tilson, so that your abstract clerk can definitely divide the abstracts thereon?

No. 5 Q. If the County Courts of Hockley and Lamb Counties would approve of the survey-report made by me, which began at the Millington corner and extended thirty miles due west, and which was checked by your department, would your department approve and file said report as the true line between said counties?

For your convenience I am enclosing the Hale-Lubbock boundary line report made by W.J.Williams in 1914, being a retract of the said Millington line and a blue print sketch of the location; kindly return both with your reply.



LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

JHW #2

In checking the report by Tilson I find that he calls to begin at"an iron pipe set one foot eight inches out of ground marked SWHale, about 477 vs west of Spade fence, 450 vs. west of four old pitts" Millington crossed same fence 1810 on his 30th, mile, or 90.8 vs. East of his SW Hale; Williams measured the same to be 89.5 vs. in his report. From a careful recheck of the Tilson line I found several iron pipe evidently placed by him that are spaced at mile intervals west of the iron pipe that I term (Crews), this pipe to my knowledge stood about 12 feet out of the ground, while the one placed by Millington was nearly level with the ground; the Crews pipe was on ground around 8 feet higher than the Millington, both in open prairie land and in sight of eachother the Crews pipe is now gone as it is farm, the depression around it is yet plainly marked on the ground. It is plain that Tilson found both the Millington corner and the fence to the east, East line Spade Pasture, and then just guessed at the distance to them. These things prove conclusively to me that Tilson did not beign at the Millington true corner, and in that lies the whole difficulty that we now find ourselves in.

If your department had previously rejected the Crews location and then allowed the Tilson report to get by with the same location as rejected, then it seems to me that you should bend every effort to right the error by plainly admitting the error and asking that it be righted, your good offices in this matter can quickly clear the matter for Lamb County is attempting to stand behind whatever approval you have made of the Tilson work, and should you become convinced of the failure of your department to check the evident error in Tilsons place of beginning and void his work on that grounds, then they would be ready to clear the matter and stop a lot of unnecessary litigation using the tax payers money needlessly.

The best case in point is that of Texas-Oklahoma 100th, meridian Supreme Court Decision- the basic law of the land is to follow the original grant, any other construction is wrong. So kindly read the Act creating Lamb County, together with the other information you have and then kindly advise me as soon as possible.

yours very truly,

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General Land Office

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J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER

August 15, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris, Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of July 17th which has only now been reached for attention.

You propound five questions in reference to the Hockley-Lamb County line as surveyed by W. H. Tilson.

I find as follows:

Question 1. Is it your conclusion that W. H. Tilson in beginning the survey of the south line of Lamb County actually began at the Ira Millington SW corner of Hale County, or did he in fact begin at a false corner previously marked by Crews and which had previously been rejected by the Commissioner of the General Land Office as the true SW corner of Hale County?

Answer. It would seem that Tilson began his work at the forst corner set by Crews instead of at the Ira Millington SW corner of Hale County and later corrected his field notes of the Hale-Lamb County line. According to our records, I cannot be absolutely positive of this, but such would seem to be the case.

Question 2. Is it your opinion that the south line of Lamb County by said Tilson, from all of the evidence before you, was established upon the ground in the strict manner provided by the statutes and Act creating said Lamd County to the extent that your Department now validates the Tilson work as fully complying with the statutes for such work and now approves gaid work as in all respects legal⁴

Answer. In answer to this question I shall refer you **fe** a letter from this department written to you under date of June 11, 1934, See Page 2, paragraph No. 4 et seq. This reference is a letter quoted to you as being one written to Judge C. H. Curl under date of Feb. 7, 1914. This department will therefore stand upon its past action in this matter; that is the Tilson notes will be accepted as correct and recognized until they are superceded by others or cancelled by the court.



J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER 5. 5. SAVENS, CHIEF CLERK J. W. HAWKINS

General Land Office

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Question 3. Did the Legislature in defining the lines of Lamb County directly or indirectly give Tilson authority to begin at any other than the true SW corner of Hale County, or to extend to the SW corner of Lamb County further than 30 miles west of the SW corner of Hale?

Answer. Referring to the statutory description defining the boundaries of Lamo County, I find that this description calls for same to begin at the NW corner of Hale County and go west 30 miles.

Question 4. Has your department ever been furnished authenticated report of the said south line of Lamb County by Tilson, so that your abstract clerk can definitely divide the abstracts thereon?

Answer. Yes.

Question 5. If the County courts of Hockley and Lamb Counties would approve of the survey-report made by me, which began at the Millington corner and extended thirty miles due west, and which was checked by your department, would your department approve and file said report as the true line between said counties?

Answer. Under the statutes, the matter of determining county boundary lines is one which must be determined by the counties affected, unless they are unable to agree. In this instance Hale and Lubbock have their corners settled and it therefore remains for not only Lamb abd Hockley counties, but Bailey and Cochran counties as well to agree on the Lamb-Hockley county line, since their boundaries will be affected to some extent. The approval of the field notes of a county line must be made by the county court of each of the counties affected.

With your letter you enclosed the copies of the Hale-Lubbock county line, report as made by W. J. Williams, same being surveyed March 23, to 28, 1914. As requested in your letter, I am herewith returning this county line report.

Yours very truly

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

April 17th, 1936.

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Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO, Austin, Texas.

Subject

Dear Sir:-

SE corner Bailey County, NE corner Cochran County.

After having duly established this comer for the above named counties and conformation of filing "Your report and field notes were filed here in accordance with the statutes applying to county lines."(your letter Nov.10-34, this division as so reported was published in Vol. 57 State Abstract book.

As previously reported to you I filed suit in the 99th, District Court to make this corner further established by the due process of law. Due to the fact that three of the interested counties have been making overtures for settlement out of court, the case has not yet been tried but doubtless will soon be tried; unless Lamb County can procure some more consolation from your department.

You will recall that my statment of the matter is, that I surveyed the Lamb-Hockley line under contract with both counties, beginning at the Millington Corner and going 30 miles due West, and also surveyed the Cochran-Bailey line by beginning at last named location extending same due west to the State Line, the contract for said work was on record in Hockley-Bailey and Cochran. The same day that the Bailey contract was made and recorded, a duplicate of the proposal-contract was presented in person to the Lamb Courts and accepted as to the south line, but not the west line of Lamb County, the Bailey contract was for their south and east lines but Lamb would not agree for their west line but did for their south line and we discussed the details for at least an hour and was in perfect agreement. This contract was talked of in a meeting of the Lamb-Hockley-Bailey and Cochran Counties in a joint session at Littlefield and was further verified there by all courts, Lamb county never denieddsaid contract until after I had made the survey and turned in the report to the court. They found that I had not extended the line as far west as they supposed Tilson had gone and then they claimed I had no contract for the work; just their way of getting out of accepting the location made by me; the same court however approved the Hale-Lamb line survey by Williams starting from the Millington corner which I had remarked in accordance with the agreement with Lamb County when we discussed the matter.

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JHW #2 4.17-36

In regard to the Tilson work, you will recall that I have filed with your department an affidavit by Tilson that he did in fact begin at the Crews first corner for the SW corner of Hale, rather than the true or Millington corner.

Both Bailey and Cochran Counties duly ratified the survey establishing for the first time their true boundary line, and said certified reports were filed with your department and abstracted, which they contend is sufficient in law to be fully recoganized.

Due solely to the fact that Lamb County wanted to keep some 5,000 acres of land that would rightly be assessed in Baile y County, under the Original Survey made by me from the true corner of Hale County--well I did not have a contract according to them. They at once solicited Hockley county to throw in with them and try for the additional distance, but of course I could not reform my report and cut that acreage from Cochran-Bailey counties and therefore neither, county to clear the matter.

My attorney has visited the Lamb Court and they are very hostile and very personal in their denunciations, they had some attorneys from Plainview to set in with them for they feared to face the trial without such help.

On yesterday my attorney spend several hours with the Hockley court, and it is now our guess that the County Judges of Hockley and Lamb are planning to come to your office soon hoping to get some official or legal support to help them "steal" some land from their sister counties on the west.

One contention of Hockley county is that I did not set their NW corner 30 miles west of their Millington NE corner, and in this connection I would greatly appreciate it if you would turn to the records and from the recorded location of the Millington corner by me and Williams, calcuate the field note distances of lands along the line and then reduce your findings to a statment of facts, showing how my actual measurements on the ground with 100 varas Cheago steel tape would check with the field notes as to location in Capitol league 700, for such statment I will gladly pay your charges, and would appreciate same as soon as possible. I think that my continuous straight line measurement would be a better check even that the field notes of the lands, but want your computation also.

It is my passing thought that since a suit is pending on this matter, that under Art. 1592-25 your office probably would not take an active stand for or against the Lamb County set-up, othe than you might see fit to advise with them that unless they can settle this matter that other suits might likely be filed for them to

fight over.

JHW #3 4-17-36

I do not know what Lamb county has spent for legal services, but Hockley county has paid their attorney \$100. for legal advice in their attempt to obtain excess assessments over their 30 miles square in conjunction with the efforts of Lamb County, and now it appears that both Judges expect soon to spend some more money furnished by John Taxpayer by coming to you for support.

In my haste I too agree with the Psalmist 116-11, but the the courts have been appealed to and Iam going to stand on the law and evidence induced, and so earnestly solicit your Honorale support to that end.

Yours very truly,

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

April 21st, 1936.

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO.,

Abstract Desk. Aus tin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate an early reply as to whether or not the following county boundary lines surveyed by me have been abstracted and in which abstract book they will appear;

Terry-Heckley line; Yoakum-Cochran; Terry-Yoakum; ----> Terry-Gaines-Yoakum. - Vol. 58 .

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April 27, 1936

Mr. A. L. Harris, Licensed land surveyor, Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of April 17th and your two of April 21st.

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In your letter of April 17th you refer to the controversy over the Hockley-Lamb, Cochran-Bailey county lines. In connection with this matter I shall say that under the law, questions and matters concerning changes of county boundaries are left to the counties affected unless referred by them to this department for arbitration. This has always been, and still is, the policy of the Land Office, as I believe I have stated in previous letters to you.

If such boundaries should be in dispute, even tho field notes had been sent to this department, they could not be used for the purpose of correcting the State abstract until such dispute is settled. This department can not take any part in such controversies; they must be settled by the affected counties themselves.

You request a certificate of facts indicating the result of computations made in this office from field notes of all surveys along the Hockley-Lamb county line, beginning at the Midlington NE county corner, and running Westward to indicate the relative position for the NW county corner and a corner of league #700. I find that according to law I can not give you a certificate of facts as to this information, as it would be only a conclusion by computation made by this office. Furthermore, it could not be introduced as evidence in court.

I can send you a certified copy of field notes of surveys along this line and of any other instruments on file, which might be of assistance, and from this data you could make the computations desired. I shall be glad to do this, upon request. It has been more than a year since Judge Hay or Judge Allison have been in this office.

When of your letters of April 21st asks whether abstracts have been made following the receipt of field notes by you of the following county lines: Terry-Hockley, Yoakum-Cochran, Terry-Yoakum, and Terry-Gaines-Yoakum. Surveys along the last mentioned county line have been abstracted in Volume 58. Abstracting of surveys along the other three lines is held up, pending the settlement of the dispute or controversy referred to above.

Your other letter of April 21st asks for information desired by you for the resurvey of section 415 cert 1 D&SE Ry Co blk 1 in Lynn county. From the intestigations made, it would seem that all the surveys between the one above mentioned and the long connecting line run by Standifer in connection with the Post case, from the East to Guthrie Lake and thence to Double Lake, are constructed on a course and distance basis. I find that theording to Standifer's connections the distance East and West between Double and Guthrie's Lakes is 1929.6 varas for each section. I do not have any late work in this area to which you refer.

I trust that this may be of some assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

May 20th, 1936.

Hon. J.W.Hawkins,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have a letter from the General Land Office dated April 27th, written by Mr. Blucher and signed officially by you, relative to some county boundary line matters.

As probably the incoming Commissioner, I would like at this time to get this matter fully before you, and I trust that you will give it your undivided attention for a short time, and write me your views on the matters involved.

I will attempt to give you a concise statments of facts relative thereto: I had the pleasure or writing the trial court judgment in the suit Garza VS Lynn et al, and after the Supreme Court ratified same in all respects, I was employed by the several counties to so mark their lines.

Among others I surveyed the Lubbock-Hockley line and they Enterthe Hully ratiried and paid therefor; I surveyed the Hockley-Terry line and both contracting counties duly ratified and have paid me in full therefor; I surveyed the Cochran-Yoakum line and both counties duly approved and as I agreed to take long time warrants which are not yet due, I am holding warrants for payment; I surveyed the Terry-Yoakum line and both counties approved and Terry paid in full but warrants are not yet due from Yoakum, I hold the warrants but not due yet. I also surveyed the Bailey-Cochran line and both counties approved, Bailey paid in cash, Cochran warrants not due yet, but will be soon.

On May 11th, 1931 I presented a written proposal-contract to Bailey county for surveying their East and South lines which they accepted and recorded for both; on the same day I presented the same proposal-contract to Lamb County and they accepted for their South line but not for their West line. Shortly thereafter at a joint meeting for discussing the county lines was held in Littlefield attended by the Courts of Hockley-Cochran and Lamd Counties at which time the matter was discussed at length, and they had ask me to be present and I was there and they had me stand before them and outline by chart exactly how I was going to make the Lamb-Hockley line survey, where I was going to begin and the direction and how west I was going to run the line west from the Millington corner; and I fully explained that I would run the line due west for 30 miles and place the corner for Lamb-Hockley-Cochran and Bailey counties.

5-20-36 #2 J.W.H. Austin.

As no objections whatever were raised to that proceedure, I later so ran the line and sent the work the Land Office and when approved as to details I presented to Lamb County for approval and then the trouble began.

In the meantime they had found out that back in about 1910 before Bailey-Cochran or Hockley were organized, they had employed Mr. Tilson to survey the lines for Lamb County, and set up the claim that I had not surveyed the south line of Lamb County attempting to use letters from the Land Office validating the Tilson survey. I then checked up on all the information possible about the Tilson work and had a conference with Mr. Tilson and ascertained the fact that he began the south line of Lamb at a false corner set by T.L. Crews for the SW corner of Hale, but your department promptly rejected that location and instructed Crews to come to the Millington corner. Tilson knew about the two corners and I understand that the Lamb Court ask him to first use the westerly of the two; he did that and before tieing to any land corners sent in a draft of his work to see if he could get by with it, fo r the county desired to get all they could on their west side; unfortunately the department did not detect the error and direct him to go back to the Millington corner, and so follow the double direct calls in the field notes of Lamb County as set out in the Legislative act creating the county. At about that time Lamb County deserted the beginning point by Tilson and in a survey of the Hale-Lamb line by Mr. Williams approved the corner used by me and nameing me as having so marked the corner they used.

When I would not adopt the Tilson SW corner of Lamb County as the common county corner; well I did not have a contract of record? in LambCounty but did in each of the other counties.

Then after a get-to-gether meeting Hockley county also refused to approve the line or pay for it, altho the Hockley County Judge inspected the line in person and said it was: alright, and his son helped to do the work; it would seem that they agreed with Lamb to force the line on west to the Tilson location.

I promptly filed suit against Hockley County and the suit is pending in the 99th, Court Here in Lubbock. Hockley county paid one of their local attorneys \$100. for defending them, but they do not want to go to trial on the merits of the case.

Your letter states that three lines ie; Terry-Yoakum, Terry-Hockley and Yoakum-Cochran are being held up. The suit I filed does not affect in any way the above named lines.

During the past few days I have visited the Courts of Terry, Yoakum and Cochran Counties and they are giving it to me hot and heavy becasuse I had told them these lines were approved and would be in Vo. 57 State Abstract book, and according to your letter they are not in that book.

I am enclosing photo copies of letterf from your department stating they would be in the said volume, and both they and myself want to know why this was not done as promised? 5-20-36 #3 J.W.H. Austin.

It is generally known that shortly after I filed the suit some of the Hockley Court visited your department, and the other courts are surmising that political scare or misrepresentation was responsible for the Holding-up process.

I am writing this long letter to you personally so that you can see how this delay has placed me in a bad light, and it seems to me that the department can get me in the clear, without having to have each of the courts write a protest to you to do the thing your enclosed letters state you would do.

I would be glad to hear from you direct about this matter at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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LUBBOCK COUNTY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

June 25th, 1936.

Hon. J.W. Hawkins, Austin, Texas.

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Dear Sir:-

I wrote you a personal letter on May 20th, relative to some County boundary line matters and regret that I have not as yet received your answer thereto.

I was just about to make up my mind to use my influence-if any- and vote against you when one of your circulars came to hand.

It so happened that about fifty years ago the Stork left me at Moulton, Lavaca County, Texas, and when I read that I began to scratch my head wondering if for any reason I could vote against a Lavaca County man.

If and when you are properly seated, I hope to visit you and talk over the old swimming holes etc., and meet some of your office force so they won't be hard boiled hereafter.

Yours very truly,

a.S. Alan

Court House

Jamary 5, 1938

Mr. A. L. Harris Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

We would like to have some further information in connection with your survey of the Terry-Hockley County line and particularly about the blue print you sent of this survey. On this blue print from Midway between Miles 24 and 25 on to midway between Miles 28 and 29 you show two lines south of the county line. The lengths of the east and west lines of the surveys in this area would indicate that you intended using the outside of these said two lines. The areas given south of the county line would indicate that you intended using the inside of these said two lines.

We are of the opinion that the inside line should not be there at al, that the outside line should be continued past the southwest corner of Section No. 3 and that the areas morth and south of the county line should be revised.

We would like to have a sketch to scale showing this county line across Block X from survey 1 through 8, said sketch to give the distances from the county line both to the north lines and south lines of surveys 1 through 8.

We are in the middle of abstracting this area and our work will be hadd up until this is straightened out.

Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

Commissioner

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A. L. HARRIS

SURVEYING, BLUEPRINTING, PHOTOCOPYING AND MAPS PHONES: OFFICE 1303, RESIDENCE 130

COURT HOUSE, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

January 8th, 1938.

Hon. Wm. H. McDonald, Commissioner. Austin, Texas.

Subject (Delayed) Terry-Hockley Co.Line.

Dear Sir :-

I was almost dumfoundered just now upon reading your letter of the 5th, inst. on the above matter.

"We are in the middle of abstracting this area and our work will be held up until this is straightened out."

"Held up" Gosh O'mighty- durn!

I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a letter dated January 24th, 1935 from your department written by Mr. Newcomb in which he sets out that this matter has come to his desk, through the other departments I presume, and that this same report you have Will be appear in State Abstracts, Vol. 57, when completed.

Now you will understand why the above outburst.

Now while I am on the subject, of this and similar matters. I want to unbosom myself a wee bit further so that my positon will be most definitely understood.

Lubbock-Crosby line;

Back in 1921 I made a resurvey of this line jointly for Lubbock and Crosby counties and sent my return to the Land Office for correcting abstracts: the Department filed and approved same and gave me a letter on it- now the Assessor-Collectors tell me the abstracts were not corrected then or since, although this line was adjudicated in Garza VS Lynn et al, the judgment for which I wrote, and was duly approved by the State Supreme Court. Can you tell me when this line will be abstracted or is it being just plain "Held up".

Codhran-Bailey line.

In 1933 I surveyed this line and it was duly approved accordening to law and same actually appeared in Vol. 57 I believe, then as we checked shortly after a source n would be politician visited Austin some one must have gone in to a political tail spin and later the abstracting was cancelled by your letter May 18th,1935. Cochran-Yoakum and Terry- Yoakum lines.

Altho the counties duly approved these lines as surveyed by me and your department gave me letters that they would be abstracted, the last time I was in your office they too were being "Held up"

Wm.H.McD, Commissioner.

even tho I had decided that if political reversals were in order we would try some of that also, and so I took the County Judges of Terry, Cochran and Bailey Counties to Austin¹My car and we had a conference about this matter and as I see it that also "Helled up" things.

Cochran-Hockley line.

I had a valid contract with both these counties to survey and mark this line under the Supreme Court mandate but war broke out about the north end of said line. Your department ruled that it should go true north 30 miles from the common corner of Cochran-Terry-Yoakum-Hockley, and the official color changed and the present Officials ruled it otherwise, so that too is "Helled up" and ids headed for District Court trial, (using the tax payers money) and in my humble opinion due to politics or something else that equals "bone headism".

Hockley-Lamb line.

Prior to 1910 Surveyor Crews attempted to survey the Hale-Lamb line and when his report came to the department they directed him to change the south end and observe the Ira Millington corner. In 1910 Surveyor Tilson began at the rejected Crews corner that is some 585 varas west of the Millington corner, and extended his line west some 30miles plus some 300 varas for the SW corner of Lamb County, your department evidently pulled a boner and since has attempted to validate the erroneous beginning and false line as laid down by Tilson. In 1933 I was duly employed to survey and mark this line and I think made the ORIGINAL and only legal survey of this line by beginning at the Millington corner, approved in Hale VS Lubbock and Lynn VS Garza, and as directed by statute limited the line to 30 miles and when my report was made Lamb and Hockley County appealed to your department for validation on the Tilson line so they could attempt to hold the extra distance on the west while at the same time acquiring the extra distance on the East. I promptly filed suit in District Court for pay and validation of my contract to laig the line down as set out in BOUBLE CALLS in the act creating Lamb County, this suit is still in court.

Having writeen the Lynn VS Garza trial court Judgment, and having complied with the provisions in the Acts creating both Hockley and Lamb Counties for their East-West distances, in the matter of extablishing the Hockley-Cochran line it was my opinion that the same souldbe 30 miles west of and parallel to the East line of Hockley County thereby giving Hockley County its calls for 30 miles each way; Hockley county then again ran to your Department for solace (the County Judge was then President of the West Texas Judges "ssociation? and your Department again favored the False beginning over-distance Tilson line and directed that the line for Hockley-Cochran be laid down to the Tilson location; so they "Monkey" is now on the back of Lamb and Cochran counties to take the matter to District Court- more waste of John Taxpayers money.

Last but not least isyour request for my going out there at my expense, as the Counties have already paid me for surveying the

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Hockley-Terry line and furnish you with the complete survey of Block X, for that reason alone I could not do it.

A further season is that there is with your department some vacency files adjacent to Block X and several others have been filed with me which will reach you in due time so that information given you on this request at this time would probably serve interests that I am now at all in sympathy with and which interests I have never served and probably never will.

These are a few of the extempos, so that I trust you will promptly abstract such legally approved and filed matters to save us further unpleasentries.

Yours very truly,

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January 13, 1938

Mr. A. L. Harris Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

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Relative to your letter of the Sth inst., we are enclosing a photostat copy of a letter addressed to you dated May 10th, 1935, which you failed to mention in your letter, and which explains why the abstracting of the Hockley-Terry County Boundary line was delayed.

We also send you a copy of Judge Alvin G. Allison's letter of December 22nd received in this office on December 28th, 1937, withdrawing his protest and advising this office to proceed with the correction of the abstracts along this line.

This we have done from the Terry-Lynn County lint to the West line of Tract No. 8 between Mile Post 24 and 25. From this point to the Yoakum-Terry County line you show on your blue print two lines South of the County line, which is somewhat confusing and our courteous letter of January 5th was a request for information to enlighten us as to how to further proceed.

We presume that in making this survey you surveyed both parts of each section that you passed through and to clarify matters, what we want is the distance from the county line to the Southeast and Southwest corners of tracts No. 1 to tract No. 7 inclusive, Block 10, Public School Land.

You can either send this information in on a sketch, or a letter, giving this information, will suffice. You will note from this letter, that thespresent administration has not in any way delayed this matter, but instead has attempted to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion and allay what friction there might have been between the two counties, as to the location of their boundary line.

The balance of your letter relating to disputes over other county lines which you were engaged and surveyed

Page 2, Mr. A. L. Harris, January 13, 1938

in years gone by is interesting, but these matters, this administration will consider, if and when requested by the proper authorities.

Please let the information requested above, come forward at your very earliest convenience.

Yours very truly

Commissioner

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A. L. HARRIS SURVEYING, BLUEPRINTING, PHOTOCOPYING AND MAPS PHONES: OFFICE 1303, RESIDENCE 130

COURT HOUSE, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

January 24th, 1938.

Hon. Wm. H.McDonald, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas. In re; Hockley-Terry County Line; "ttention Mr. Shirriffs

Dear Sir:-

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of January 13th, asking for additonal information relative to the above matter.

In making these County Line surveys the Counties were not in favor of making any expensive construction surveys, so that I used such local evidence as to lines in the way of fence lines etc, rather than for legal construction.

In surveying this line from the East westward, I used the fences as marking the south line of the School Blocks, and when I got too the south common corner of sections 7 and 8 in Block X found an iron pipe at the west end of fence line, from there on west to sections 2-3 there was no fence to the south, but found another fence extending west from the south common corners of sections 2-3 as evidenced only by fence, from there on west I constructed another straight line as a base for the south line of the School B ocks, and made two lines to show what was done on the acreage calculation.

To abstract the line as approved by the then County Judges, use the northerly line, and discard the other one to the south.

Yours very truly, a. L. g. Jamai

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A. L. HARRIS County Surveyor LUBBOCK, TEXAS





Hon. Wm. H. McDonald, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas. Rand Office

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J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

May 10,1935

Mr J W Berry Ropesville - Texas

Dear Sir:

On January 24,1935 I sent you photostatic copy of the acreage division of the boundary line between Hockley and Terry counties, stating that this line would be sbatracted as shown by the sheet sent you. Since then the office has received a protest against abstracting this line, hence same will not appear in Volume 57 - now being compiled.

Very respectfully,

RBN

Commissioner

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J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

May 13, 1935

Tax Assessor Cochran County Morton - Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in regard to abstracting the boundary line between Cochran and Yeakum counties as surveyed by Mr A L Harris, State Surveyor.

A letter has been filed here protesting against the abstracting of the line between Hockley and Terry, which might involve certain tracts of land along the line between Cochran and Yoakum, and for that reason we think best not to include the Harris re-survey in Volume 57, State Abstracts.

Other tracts on which action has been had from September 1,1933 to August 31,1934 will be shown in Volume 57.

Very respectfully,

RBW

Commissioner



J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK

General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

May 13, 1935

Tax Assessor Yoakum County Plains - Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in regard to abstracting the line between Cochran and Yoakum, and Yoakum and Terry counties, as surveyed by Mr A L Harris, State Surveyor.

A letter has been filed here protesting against the abstracting of the line between Hockley and Terry, which might involve certain tracts of land along the line between Cochran and Yoakum, and Yoakum and Terry, and for that reason we think best not to include the Harris re-survey in Volume 57, State Abstracts.

Other lands on which action has been had from September 1,1933 to August 31,1934, will be shown in Volume 57.

Very respectfully,

RBN

Commissioner

September 26, 1936

Mr. Loyd R. Kennedy, County Attorney, Morton, Texas

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of September 21st in reference to the county line matter. You wish to determine on the ground by survey the correct position of the Hockley-Cochran county line.

The matter of correctly determining such county lines is left by law entirely to the counties directly affected. This department can only act where the surveyor's fail to agree as to the facts and they submit the matter to the General Land Office for arbitration, at which time the Commissioner is required to take immediate action in the premises, giving instructions, etc. The law also places the matter of determining county lines with the county court. Under these circumstances, I hesitate even to make suggestions.

The Terry-Hockley, Terry-Yoakum, and Yoakum-Cochran county lines have been laid out by Mr A L Harris of Lubbock. The field notes have not been accepted as correct for the purpose of abstracting the surveys along those lines because Hockley county has questioned the correctness of the SW corner of that county as determined by Mr Harris. Furthermore, the counties have been concerned over the correct positition and leggth of the South line of Lamb county, which also affects Hockley county. I would like to have those matters straightened out, in order that all these surveys might be properly abstracted.

I believe that one or two of the county lines are being litigated at this time in the courts. It occurs to me that the Hockley-Cochran county line should be interpreted in accordance with the decree of court giving them their correct positions; see 42 SWR (2-6274) and 58 SWR (2-24).

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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OFFICERS

Mrs. Eddora White, District Clerk W. A. Tittle, County Clerk J. S. Smith, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor, and Collector. Mrs. C. R. Rambo, County Treasurer Joe J. McGowan, County Attorney

STATE of TEXAS COUNTY of TERRY

Brownfield, Texas

November 12th., 1937.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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R. A. Simms, County Judge
L. C. Green, Commissioner Pre. 1
G. W. Henson, Commissioner Pre. 2
R. I. Cook, Commissioner Precinct 3
Lee Lyon, Commissioner Precinct 4

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Mon. William H. McDonald, Land Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

inre :- Terry-Hockley County Line.

Dear Sir:

Wish to advise that it has come to my attention that you are now ready to abstract, the Terry-Hockley County line as run by A.L.Harris of Lubbock some time back, upon receipt of a letter from Me . Wish to advise that there at altime consented to said line and have so expressed my self in letter to your department before your election to said office and was in your office last spring with a number of county judges asking for said line to be abstracted, but at that time Hockley was not satisfied with the extent of the survey. They have had the line re-checked so that tell me and are now satisfied with the same.

This matter is very important and I would earnestly desire that said line be abstracted as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Yours
OFFICERS

Mrs. Eldora White, District Clerk W. A. Tittle, County Clerk J. S. Smith, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor and Collector. Mrs. C. R. Rambo, County Treasurer Joe J. McGowan, County Attorney

STATE of TEXAS COUNTY of TERRY

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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R. A. Simms, County Judge
L. C. Green, Commissioner Pre. 1
G. W. Henson, Commissioner Pre. 2
R. I. Cook, Commissioner Pre. 3
Lee Lyon, Commissioner Pre. 4

BROWNFIELD, TEXAS

December 27th., 1937.

Wm.H.McDonald, Commissioner, General Land Ofrice, Austin, Texas.

in re;- Terry-Hockley County line.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I wish to call your attention the above matter which we have been trying to get abstracted for the past 3 years, but due to the fact that a protest having been walled by the county judge of Hockley County, the same was held up in your office. It now appears that Hockley County is satisfied with this survey and have so advised you in a letter of December 22nd. and withdraws the protest made heretofore in this connection.

I trust this information has reached you in time for the same to be abstracted in the volume which will be printed soon and please accept my thanks for your patience with us in this connection.

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Yours truly. county judge Terry County . . Texas

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W. G. GIBBS, COUNTY JUDGE AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY SUPT. GAINES COUNTY SEMINOLE, TEXAS Feb. 25.1935.

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Mr. J.W.Wlker, Austin, Texas.

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Dear Sir: You sent a notice to the Tax Collector, a feww days ago, in which you give direction for some Of Gaines County's land to be divided in three parts: Gaines to retain a part Yoakum to get a part, and Terry to get a part. It seames thet you are recognising Ahim as Gaines & xnxx County's surveyor. We have not imployed he or anyother Surveyor to run our Boundary line, neither have we been notified that it was going to be run.

I want to presume to refer you to Art. 1585. Revised Civil Statutes, Texas VOL. I Atoto H. 1925. edition.

We have tried to put this off on account of being so far behind with our finance, and having to meet so many destras bills, such as food, Burial expense, Hospital expense, and other unavoid ble expenses. Taxes came in away short owing to four dry years out of five, and the slump in cattle.

The court here met Yoakum, County Court, Saturday of last week and agreed to run our Boundary line, but did not deside on a Surveyor, but intent to on With of next month.

We will also try to agree with Terry Co. soon. Whoever we imploy will be a State Licensed Surveyor

We suppose you have been misinformed, or you would not have aggreed to this division, of our territory. blag_Co. Judge Yours truly .



J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER S. S. SAYERS, CHIEF CLERK General Land Office

State of Texas

Austin

Febry.27, 1935

Judge W G Gibbs Seminole - Texas (In Reply to yours of the 25th instant)

Dear Sir:

When the Assessors of Terry and Yoakum counties were sent the acreage division sheet of their boundary line - as mad e by Mr A L Harris, State Surveyor - thru error we included the NE2 of Section 17, Block 634, Public School land, 160 acres, mostly in Gaines county - your Abstract number 1707.

Mr Harris had asked that in abstracting we disregard this particular tract of land until the counties had reached an agreement, and it was not abstracted, but as it was the last bract of land on the sheet the abstract clerk forgot to strike it off the list before sending out to the Assessors, hence the mistake.

By this mail all Assessors affected will be notified to disregard that particular tract of land on the sheet sent them.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am

Yours very truly,

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Commissioner

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J. WARREN PEARCY, COUNTY CLERK CLARENCE W. DAVIS, SHERIFF-TAX COL. S. L. JINKINS, TREASURER WELDON F. JOHNSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY H. E. HUGHES, DISTRICT CLERK W. E. FRY, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT W. C. ELLIOTT, ASSESSOR.

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J. P. POTTS, COUNTY JUDGE

LEVELLAND, TEXAS 9ct. 22, 1934.

Hon. J. H. W alker, Commissioner Gen. Land Office, A ustin, Texas.

RE-S urvey Hockley-Lamb County Line.

Dear S ir;

We are having some difficulty in agreeing of the common corner of Bailey-Cochran-Hockley and Lamb Counties. This county jointly agreed with Lamb county to have its line surveyed and and they have refused to accept said survey on the ground that it located their NW corner some 2 mile short of a former survey. The location of our west boundary depends upon the location of this common corner. The surveyor of Lubbock County states this corner has been accepted in your office and if this be a fact I should like to have this information first hand for the guidance of my Commissioners'Court.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Respectfully yours,

alls J. P. Potts, County Judge,

Hockley County, Texas.

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Nov. 9, 1934

Mr. J. P. Potts, County Judge, Levelland, Texas

Dear Sir:

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This acknowledges receipt of your letter of Oct-22nd referring to the A. L. Harris report and field notes on the Cochran-Bailey county line.

For your information I shall state that these field notes and report were filed in this office January 6, 1934. They have not been approved. While they have been turned over to the abstract clerk for the purpose of correcting the abstract, the new volume of abstracts has not been corrected to conform to this new line; and under the circumstances, I believe it would be unwise to do so until this department is assured that all the counties affected are agreed as to the correctness of this A L Harris line, and particularly so, with regard to any difference that may exist between the position given this line by Mr Harris, and that called for in the decree of Garza county VS Lynn county.

These field notes and report were filed and certified copies of court orders from the county courts of Bailey and Cochran counties were filed here showing acceptance and approval of that line by those counties. The field notes were filed for the reason that it would appear that those two counties were agreed as to the correctness of this line, altho no evidence was submitted to show actual appointment of the surveyor, or that he had made bond as provided by law.

There is no provision in the statute whereby county line field notes and reports should be approved by this department before being approved by the counties affected. In fact, the statutes state that when the provisions applying to the survey and acceptance of county lines have been complied with and the surveyor's reports and sketches approved by the county court, that a copy shall be filed in this department. The purpose of this is that the department can correctly abstract the acreages of all surveys crossed by the county line in the proper county or counties; also, to show the position of the county line on the county maps here, as well as for the observance and guidance of this department in the vicinity of such county lines.

I do not believe that I can give you much help or assistance in this matter, altho I might offer a suggestion for your consideration, for what it may be worth.

In the trial court in the case of Lynn county VS Garza county, Judge Sharp, in findings of fact #12, says: "I find that the South boundary lines of Baylor, Lamb, Terry, Floyd and Motley counties is a well established line upon the ground, and has been for many years, recognized as an established line ---".

In the judgment it is stated: "It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the West boundary line of Hockley county and the East boundary line of Cochran county is a straight line, extending South and North, having for its Southern end the common corner of Hockley-Cochran-Yoakum and Terry counties, as heretofore adjudged, and from said point, extending due North on the meridian to the SW corner of Lamb county and SE corner of Bailey county". My conclusion is that the court intended that this county line should run due North on the meridian, and that that course would control over the call for the Bailey-Lamb county corner. The SW corner of Hockley county is fixed by the court at a point 30 miles West of the Jones SW corner of Lubbock county.

If running West 30 miles from the NW corner of Lubbock county (by Jones) does not fall due North, on the meridian, of a point 30 miles West of the SW corner of Lubbock county by Jones then the corner as established from the NW corner of Lubbock would not be correct.

As stated above, the matter of determining and settling the correct positions of boundary lines must be settled by the counties affected; and what I have said is only what has occurred to me in the way of suggestions. If it is of any assistance to you, you are welcome to it. However, I do not wish you to understand in any sense, that I am at this time, offering instructions as to how this county line should be run.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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County of Hockley

LEVELLAND, TEXAS March 21, 1935. ALVIN R. ALLISON, COUNTY JUDGE D. L. TUCKER, COMMR. PREC. NO, 1 LON GANN, COMMR. PREC. NO. 2 J, F. STEELE. COMMR. PREC. NO. 3 J. P. SHOFNER, COMMR. PREC. NO. 4

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Hon. J. H. Walker, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Re: Hockley-Terry County Boundary Line.

Dear Mr. Walker:

You are hereby notified that I make this a formal protest against the above County Lines the same being the mutual boundary line of Hockley and Terry Counties for the following reasons:

1. In my official position as County Judge of Hockley County, Texas, I have reasons to believe that the line as above described and proported to have been marked and surveyed by one certain A. L. Harrisis insufficient as well as incorrect according to his plat of record and the field notes that were filed with same.

2. Because of reliable information that has come to me, we feel that the survey as made does not set forth a true boundary line that is acceptable to Hockley County, therefore:

I, Alvin R. Allison, as County Judge of Hockley County, Texas hereby requests the Honorable Commissioners of the General Land Office of the State of Texas to withhold and order approval the abstract of said survey and that in its bound volume of abstract that the said field notes covering the above mentioned and described mutual boundary line be withheld of record.

This protest is made in due consideration of the citizens of Hockley County, Texas, and through their duly elected and qualified officers are seeking relief in this measure in order that they may might have justice in the selection in the mutual boundary line between these two Counties.

This protest is respectfully submitted on this the 21 day of March, A. D., 1935.

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Hockley County, Texas.

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March 28, 1935

Judge Alvin R. Allison, Levelland, Texas

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is herewith made of the receipt of your letter of March 21st in the nature of a protest against any action taken by this department in abstracting the surveys along the Hockley-Terry county line, as that line was recently established by Mr A. L. Harris.

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Commissioner

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Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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General Land Office

State of Texas Austin

J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER

April 3d 1936

Mr Z O Lincoln Levelland - Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your inquiry of the 30th March asking for acreage division on certain tracts of land along the line between Hockley and Terry counties. As a prelude will say that this line was re-surveyed by Mr A L Harris. State Surveyor, and the abstract clerk had changed the acreage according to his re-survey, when the office received a protest from the County Judge of Hockley against his line, so the change was omitted in the last printed Volume - 57 - State Abstracts, which allowed to stand the last corrections as shown in Volumes 40, 45, 46, 47and 49.

Following shows the acreage you have asked for: (in order given by you)

Section 9, Block G, Pub School, 640 acres. 273'a in Cochran, Abst.163; 285 a in Hockley, Abst. 369; 59 a in Terry, Abst 1477, and 23 a in Yoakum, Abst. 419. File 72934. Vol.46.

Section 10, Block G, Pub School, 379.3 acs. 327 a in Hockley, Abst. 311, and 52.3 a in Terry, Abst. 613. F 72933. Vol.46.

Section 1, Block X, Pub School, 7572 acres. 640 a in Hockley, Abst. 312, and 1172 acs in Tarry, Abst. 614. F 72994, Vol.40.

Section 2, Block X, Pub School, 756 acs. 638 a in Hockley, Abst. 307, and 118 acs in Terry, Abst. 510. F 70150, Vol.40.

Section 3, Blk X, Pub School, 754 acs. 638 a in Hockley, Abst. 309, and 116 a in Terry, Abst.604. File 76160, Vol.47.

Section 4, Blk X, Pub School, 751 acs. 532 a in Hockley, Abst. 248, and 119 a in Tarry, Abst.408. File 70177, Vol.40.

Section 5, Blk X, Pub School,7482 acs. 636 acs in Hockley, Abst.310, and 1122 acs in Terry, Abst.605. File 76161,Vol.40.

Section 6, Blk X, Pub School, 746 acs. 627 a in Hockley, Abst. 249, and 119 acs in Terry, Abst. 409. File 70085, Vol.40.

S pt Section 7, Blk X, Pub School, 320 acres. 203 a in Hockley, Abst.324, and 117 acs in Terry, Abst. 922. F 92794, Vol.49. Geo B Lucas 104 a - mid pt - is not affected. F.126554. Vol.41)



J. H. WALKER, COMMISSIONER

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Section 8, Blk X, Pub School, 742 acres. 612 a in Hockley, Abst. 274, and 130 a in Terry, Abst.459. File 70113, Vol.40.

Section 9, (West $\frac{1}{2}$) Block X, Pub School, 369 acs. 314 acs in Hockley, Abst.333, and 55 acs in Terry, Abst.1105. File 109047, Volume 45.

Section 10, Blk X, Pub School, 802 acres. 584 a in Hockley, Abst. 273, and 195 acs in Terry, Abst.458. File 70112, Vol.45.

Section 11, Blk X, Pub School. 7322 acs. 6132 acs in Hockley, Abst.267, and 119 acs in Terry, Abst.439. File 70101, Vol.40.

Very respectfully

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Acting Commissioner

November 19, 1935

Hon. Alvin R. Allison, Levelland, Texas

Dear Sir:

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In looking over the various county line field notes which were submitted to this department by Mr Harris, I note that of Hockley-Terry counties in your letter to this department of March 21st this year, which was acknowledged on March 28th.

I am writing at this time for information from you as to whether anything further has been done in connection with this matter, in order that I can properly endorse these field notes to be held up further for attention, or to file them as correct. There is no desire on the part of this department to hurry you; I merely wish a statement of progress.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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ALVIN R. ALLISON COUNTY JUDGE HOCKLEY COUNTY LEVELLAND. TEXAS n107

November 22, 1935

General Land Office Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding Hockley-Terry Counties.

I appreciate your position as taken in this letter and assure you that we are doing everything possible at this time to effect some kind of agreement with Terry County, in order to settle this dispute. When same has been done, your office will be notified.

Very truly yours,

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December 16, 1937

Judge Alvin R. Allison Levelland, Texas

RE: Terry-Hockley County Line

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith copy of letter received from Judge R. A. Simms of Terry County, which is self explanatory.

We fail to find in our files any record, showing that you have withdrawn your protest as made in your letter of March 21st, 1935, wherein you objected to the adoption of the location of this boundary line as located by A. L. Harris.

If the location of this line has now been approved by the Commissioner's Court, kindly advise, and we will proceed immediately with the correction of the abstract, for the surveys along this line.

Very sincerely yours

Commissioner

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COUNTY COURT MEETS FIRST MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY APRIL. JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER

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ALVIN R. ALLISON COUNTY JUDGE HOCKLEY COUNTY LEVELLAND, TEXAS

December 22, 1937

Wm. H. McDonold, Commissioner General Land Office Austin, Texas

Re: Terry-Hockley County Line

Dear Mr. McDonold:

Your letter of December 16, 1937, realive to the above captioned has been received.

You are herewith advised that Hockley County, Texas, has surveyed the above mentioned County Line, and that we are now satisfied with the said line. You are further advised that I withdraw my protest made in my letter of March 21st, 1935, as to the above line, and it will be satisfactory with Hockley County for your office to proceed immediately with the correction of the abstracts for surveying along this line.

Thanking you for your past considerations and extending to you and yours my sincere greetings for the holiday season, I am

Yours truly,

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ARA/bb cc: Judge R. A. Simms Brownfield, Texas



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SIMON D. HAY. COUNTY JUDGE STANLEY A. DOSS, COUNTY CLERK C. O. GRIFFIN, TAX COLLECTOR ROY GILBERT, TAX ASSESSOR HERBERT C. MARTIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY BESSIE BELLOMY, COUNTY TREASURER L. D. ROCHELLE, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MALLORY ETTER, DISTRICT CLERK LEN IRVIN, SHERIFF



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AS November 18, 1933.

Hon. J. H. Walker, Land Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

See letter book 1894

Dear Sir:

On the 5th of October Mr. A. L. Harris, surveyor from Lubbock, Texas, filed a copy of a survey of the south boundary line of Lamb County with the County Clerk. We understand that he also filed a copy with you for your approval.

Some two years ago Mr. Harris came before the Commissioners' Court of Lamb County stating that the line between Lamb and Hockley counties should be re-surveyed. No action was ever taken by the Lamb County Commissioners' Court authorizing the work; nor have we accepted the survey as filed with the County Clerk.

If the work was necessary, and is correct, we may still approve the work and accept same. But I am not committing the court in any way on this proposition, for we have had no discussion on that phase as yet.

Very truly yours,

Texas. County Lamb Judge, County

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December 1, 1933.

Hon. J. H. Walker, Land Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

See letterbook 1894

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Dear Sir:

Surveyor A. L. Harris, of Lubbock, has submitted field notes of the line between Lamb and Hockley counties. While no survey has been ordered by the County Court or the Commissioners' Court, still we want to investigate the matter fully before taking any definite action or entirely ignoring his survey and report.

About the year 1908, the time the county was organized, Surveyor W. H. Tilson, who was also the first surveyor of Lamb County, ran its north, west and south lines. In 1916 Surveyor W. D. Twichell, acting for Lamb County, ran the north and west lines of Lamb county, and reported them, I presume. His southwest corner of Lamb county is in line with Tilson's south line of Lamb county. The Tilson line crosses the east line of League No.700 at a point 1201.1 varas from its northeast corner, while Mr. Harris' line crosses it 1265.1 varas south of the corner, making Mr. Harris' 64 varas further south at that point. Mr. Twichell's southwest corner of Lamb County is 2141.9 varas west of the east line of League No. 700, while Mr. Harris' corner is only 1260 west of that line, making him fall 881.9 varas east of Twichell.

If the Tilson line is not on file and binding on us all, then the only question we would have to raise is about the sufficiency of the markers and the connection that should be made from this point, Harris' corner, to Twichell's corner. We understand that the Twichell line is binding between has Lamb and Bailey.

Any information and suggestions in addition to the conversation I had with Mr. Blucher will be appreciated.

truly yours,

County Judge, LAMB County, Teo

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SIMON D. HAY, COUNTY JUDGE STANLEY A. DOSS, COUNTY CLERK C. O. GRIFFIN, TAX COLLECTOR ROY GILBERT, TAX ASSESSOR HERBERT C. MARTIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY BESSIE BELLOMY, COUNTY TREASURER L. D. ROCHELLE, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MALLORY ETTER, DISTRICT CLERK LEN IRVIN, SHERIFF



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Mr. J. H. Walker Commissioner, General Land Office Austin, Texas

In re: Hockley-Bailey County Line

August 27, 1934

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Dear Sir:

counter 54997 It has been called to my attention as County Judge of Lamb County that there is some sort of a movement on foot to change the now existing boundary line between Hockley and Lamb County as established by W. H. Tillson in 1910.

Acting for the County Court of Lamb County, I take this method of protesting and objecting to any and all proposed changes in this line, as the same will necessarily change the legal line between Lamb and Hockley county without the permission of Lamb County, and will also move the SE corner of Bailey county about 900 yards east over on Lamb County, which will necessarily change and alter the boundary between Lamb and Bailey county.

Under the circumstances 1 see no need nor occasion for attempting to alter or change the present existing boundary, as recognized by your department and all counties affected thereby, and feel sure that it will cause much unnecessary expense and trouble if any attempt is made to alter the existing lines.

Judge, Lamb County, Tex

September 1, 1934

Judge Simon D. Hay, Olton, Texas.

Deer Sir:

I have your protest of August 27th relative to the position of the SE corner of Lamb county, as estab-lished by Mr Harris, as against that established by W. H. Tillson in 1910.

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I would like to know if you are contemplating re-marking of the lines of the county line of Lamb county, or whether it is your intention to file any further papers in connection with this protest.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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OLTON, TEXAS

Hon. J. H. Walker, General Land Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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Enclosed please find certified copy of a Resolution of the Lamb County Commissioners' Court protesting against any change in the boundary lines of this county.

In view of the fact that we have a letter from your department promising that the A.L.Harris survey would not be recognized and further assuring me in person, as County Judge of Lamb County, and Mr. Alvin Allison, County Judge of Hockley County, that the said A.L.Harris survey would not be recognized, we are indeed surprised to learn that the General Land Office has recognized said survey. Under what possible law did your department recognize this survey?

We have advised our tax assessor to disregard this survey and the Abstract books issued by the General Land Office in so far as it affects a change in our boundary line.

Very truly yours,

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WHEREAS, one A. L. Harris of Lubbock County, Texas, has for the past number of years been endeavoring to secure Lamb County and Hockley County to change the boundary lines between said counties as same has existed for the past twenty years or more; and

WHEREAS, the said A. L. Harris has run a boundary line and has furnished the field notes to each of said counties, claiming that the said counties had entered into a contract with him whereby he was to establish the boundary line; and

WHEREAS, Lamb County, Texas, did not enter into any contract with the said A. L. Harris and has refused at all times to recognize the line which he has run; and

WHEREAS, heretofore the Commissioners' Court of Lamb County, Texas, acting by and through the Honorable Simon D. Hay as County Judge of Lamb County, Texas, has had correspondence with the General Land Office of the State of Texas at Austin, Texas, protesting against the recognition by the Land Office of the said A. L. Harris line; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1933, J. H. Walker, Commissioner of the General Land Office, wrote the Honorable Simon D. Hay, County Judge of Lamb County, Texas, as follows:

"I have written Mr A L Harris today, returning field notes made by him of this line, which were received by this department on October 6, 1933 that until such time as this department shall receive a certified copy of the order from the county court showing appointment of Mr Harris as surveyor, together with any instructions given in connection therewith, and the court order showing return and approval of his field notes and sketches; also, it will be necessary to file a certified copy of his field notes showing that they are true and correct copies of those filed with the county clerk. These instruments will be alike from both Lamb and Hockley counties.

"In my opinion, this department under the law, could not receive and file county line field notes until they are approved and made final by the counties affected."

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Counter 55000 WHEREAS, the last abstract books issued by the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, show that the Land Commissioner has recognized the field notes of the survey as run by Harris and proposes to recognize such line a: line between Lamb and Hockley Counties, Texas; and WHEREAS, each of said counties is satisfied with the line as it has existed for a number of years and doesnot desire the line to be changed as in accordance with the Harris field notes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners' Court of Lamb County, Texas, that we condemn the efforts of the said A. L. Harris to secure a change in the boundary line, and we further protest against the General Land Office's recognizing said field notes of the A. L. Harris boundary line in direct opposition and conflict to their promises and agreements and statements as contained in their letter of December 15, 1933, a portion of which is quoted above; and

We respectfully request the Commissioner of the General Land Office to cancel his recognition of the Harris boundary line and to permit the boundary line between Lamb and Hockley County to be and remain the same as it has been for a number of years heretofore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, and that he be requested not to disturb the existing boundary line between said counties.

Done in open court at a regular session of the Commissioners' Court of Lamb County, Texas, in Olton, Texas, on this the <u>144</u>, day of March, A. D. 1936.

ATTEST: a. Moss

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STATE OF TEXAS (COUNTY OF LAMB

I, S. A. Doss, County Clerk of Lamb County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the Commissioner's Court of Lamb County, Texas, as same appears now of record in my office in Volume 3, Page of the Commissioners Court Minutes of Lamb County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 24th day of March, A. D. 1936

> S. A. Doss, County Olerk, Lamb County, T e x a s . By: <u>C. J. Grander</u>Deputy.

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Hockley Co-Body line #6

Judge Hay was in the office 6/30/36 & Stated that Hockley & Samb Counties, were satisfied with all body line. and did not accept Harris line.

Judge Simon D. Hay, Olton, Texas

My dear Judge Hay:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 25th with resolution enclosed protesting any changes in abstract of surveys along the Hockley-Lamb county line. I was somethed surprised to receive your letter because I realized that the Hockley-Lamb county its not filed. Mr Harris' report on his survey of this line was received on October 6, 1933 and returned to him on December 15th of that year.

Examination of the new volume of State abstracts does show that League 700 at the SW corner of Lamb county was abstracted in that volume. This matter has been investigated, and I find that it was done thru oversight. The report by Mr Harris on his survey of the Cochran-Bailey county line was received in this office on January 6, 1934; and correction of the abstract of surveys on that line was started, but this work was discontinued after my conversation with you in the office over the dispute which had arisen as to the correctness of the Harris report on the Hockley-Lamb line.

Thru some inadvertence the abstract of this league #700 was carried into this recent abstract volume. This, however, is purely an error. The abstract clerk is today advising the assessors of the four counties in which this league is situated, to disregard the acreages abstracted for this league and to use the previous figures, which appeared first in abstract volume 36 for 1913. I am sure that this will straighten out the matter, and I regret that this error occurred.

I might state for your information that the reports youkum by Mr Harris on the Hockley-Terry, Cochran-Bailey, Cochran-Bafley, and Terry-Yoakum county lines are held up for the present and will not be approved at this time.

I shall be pleased to hear from you as soon as decision has been reached in the matter of the lines affecting your county.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner

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Cochran-Yoakum Lo Balry Line Report (parts missing) (1934)

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YOARUM - COCHRAN COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE REPORT

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FOREWORD: -

In the suit Lynn Co., et, VS Garza Co., et al, the decree of the court was that the common corner of Hockley-Cochran-Terry and Yoakum counties was not marked on the ground, but should be set thirty miles due west of the SW corner of Lubbock County, as marked by J.E. Jones, and having been employed by Terry and Hockley counties to survey and mark their common boundary line in accordance with said decree, I placed an A concrete corner for said common corner at a point 30 miles due west of the said SW corner of Lubbock County as marked by said Jones which is located in section 1 Block X Public School Lands at a point that is 147 vs. east and 157 varas north of its SW corner; from this county corner I began and ran a true west line to the Texas-New Mexico State line to form the south line of Cochran and the north line of Yoakum county; after observations on the polar star at elongation I projected this line west observing instructions given by the US department for laying down a secant, broken at each six mile interval.

Are Teny -Hockley Line - west end.

- Beginning mile one at the common corners of Hod ley-Cochran-Terry and Yoakum counties located as above stated; Thence west at 147 cross the calculated line between sections 1 Block X and 10 Block G, at 888 vs cross the calculated line between sections 9 and 10, at 1027.2 vs, cross north-south fence line, at 1811.7 vs. pass 139 vs. north of 4 inch well casing set by M.E.Ragsdale for the NN corner of Block K, andin the south line of Block G as set by Ragsdale, at 1833 vs. pass 2040 vs. north of the Rhodes-Fisher corner which was set to mark the SE corner of section 22 Block D; this corner is now marked by succor rod set about 1 vs., east of north-south fence line and has 3 sand stones around it, and is located in very rough blown out sand-shinnery sand-hill land; at 1901 vs. set iron post marker (* see note for description of marker) the end of mile one.
- 2 Beginning mile two at the end of mile one, Thence west at 1243.7 vs. the calculated line between sections 7 and8, at 1901 vs, set iron post marker, for the end of mile two.
- 3 Beginning mile three at the end of mile two, Thence west at 580.6 vs the calculated line between sections 6 and 7, at 1809 vs. the calculated line between sections 5 and 6, at 1874 vs. north-south fence line which intersects east-west fence line 142 vs. south of county line, a pile of small rocks is under fence 3.5 vs. east of the intersection of fences, which are probably in the location made by Ragsdale for the south common corner of sections 5 and 6, at 1901 vs, set iron post marker, the end of mile three.
- Beginning mile four at the end of mile three, thence west at 1125 vs. the line between sections 4 and 5, at 1901 vs. set iron post marker for the end of mile four.
- 5 Beginning mile five at the end of mile four, thence west at 438.5 v the calculated line between sections 3 and 4, at 1641 vs, the calculated line between sections 2 and 3, in all 1901 vs, set iron post marker for the end of mile five.
- 6 Beginning mile six at the end of mile five, thence west at about 135 vs. pass about 50 vs. south of high sand hill, at 934.5 vs, the calculated line between sections 1 and 2, at 1901 vs. set iron post marker for the end of mile six.
- 7 Beginning mile seven at the end of mile six, thence west at 220.3 v the calculated line between section 1 block G and section 8 block P, at 1901 vs. set iron post marker the end of mile seven.
- 8 Beginning mile eight at the end of mile seven, thence west at131 v the calculated line between sections 8 and 9, at 163 vs, fence line, this fence line intersects east-west fence line 205.8 vs south of county line, at 1797 vs pass about 210 vs north of fence corner, fence east and south, at 1901 vs. set iron post marker the end of mile eight.

THE STATE OF TEXAS | In the County Court of Cochran COUNTY OF <u>Cochran</u> | County, Texas, <u>Oec.</u> Term, A.D.1934

In The Matter of Establishing the <u>Cochran</u> and <u>Yoakum</u> County Poundary Line.

This the *lon* day of *Loec*. A.D. 1934, came on to be considered the report. consisting of typewritten field notes and blue **print map** of A.L. Tarris, Surveyor, who heretofore having been duly and jointly employed by said Counties to survey and mark said boundary line, and the court having examined the same, it is ordered by the court that said report be and is hereby in all respects a proved, and said report has been duly filed for record in durlicate with the County Clerk of said county.

inder County Judge Cochran County, Ter

The STAR OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <u>cochran</u> I, <u>D.T.Smith</u>, <u>Clerk of the</u> County court of said county, do hereby certify that the above an forecoing instrument in writing is a full, true and correct comy of an order of the County Court of said County, ammroving the report of 4.L. arris, Surveyor, in the matter of establishing the true boundary line between <u>Cochran</u> <u>County andYoakum</u> County: as same was filed for record the <u>said</u> day of <u>Coce</u>. A.D. 193<u>4</u>, and recorded in Vol. <u>record</u> in utes of County Court of said county, and also remain on file in my office amon the papers of said report.

Witness my hand and scal of office, in <u>Morton</u>, Texas, this the <u>10 mday of the</u> A.D. 193

> Clerk County Court of <u>Cochran</u> County, Texas.

(seal)

THE STATE OF TEXAS [In the County Court of Yoe kum COUNTY OF Yoakum [County, Texas, Joec. Term, A.D.1934. In The Matter of Establishing the Yoakum and Cochran County Poundary Line.

This the <u>join</u> day of <u>Acc.</u> A.O. 193<u>4</u>, came on to be considered the report, consisting of typewritten field notes and blue **print** map. of A.L. Tarris, Surveyor, who heretofore having been duly and jointly employed by said Counties to survey and mark said boundary line, and the court having examined the same, it is ordered by the court that said report be and is hereby in all respects a proved, and said report has been duly filed for record in durlicate with the County Clerk of said county.

County Judge Yoakum County, Texas

The STAR OF TEXAS (COUNTY OF <u>Yoakum</u> (I, <u>W.H.Hague</u>, <u>Clerk of the</u> County court of said county, do hereby certify that the above as foreroing instrument in writing is a full, true and correct comp of an order of the County Court of said County, amproving the report of A.L. Parris, Surveyor, in the matter of establishing the true boundary line between <u>Yoakum</u> <u>County and Cochran</u> County: as same was filed for record the <u>Jo</u>Meday of <u>Klee</u>. A.D. 193<u>4</u>, and recorded in Vol. <u>2</u> <u>m</u> Minutes of County Court of said county, and also remain on file in my office amon the papers of said report.

Witness my hand and seal of office, in <u>Plains</u>, Texas, this the /on day of Dec. A.D. 1934.

W.H. Haque

Clerk County Court of Yoakum County, Texas. By Edua Blankenship Deputy

(seal)

COUNTY OF YOAKUM I, W.H.Hague, County Clerk of Yoa kum County, Texas. do hereby certify that the forecoing is a true correct cony of a typewritten and blue print man report of A.L.Harris, Surveyor, who was duly authorized to survey and mark the boundary line between Cochran County and Yoakum County, together with its certificate of authentication, was filed for record in duplicate in my office this the 10m day of dec. A.D. 1934, and duly recorded the same day in Special County Line Volume No.1 : one copy in the Cler's Records and one copy in the Surveyors Records Witness my hand and the of icial seal, at my of ice in Plains Texas, this the Love day of Love. A.D. 1934.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

W.H. Haque County Clerk <u>Yoakum</u> County, Texas By Edna Blankenship, Deputy

Seal

THE STATE OF TEXAS

I, D.T.Smith, County Clerk of <u>Cochran</u> County, Texas. do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true correct cony of a typewritten and blue wrint man report of A.L.Harris, Surveyor, who was duly authorized to survey and mark the boundary line between <u>Cochran</u> <u>County and</u> <u>Yakum</u> <u>County, together with its certificate of</u> authentication, was filed for record in duplicate in my office this the <u>Jone</u> day of <u>Jone</u>. A.D. 193 <u>4</u>, and duly recorded the same day in Special County Line Volume Voll : one cony in the Clerks Records and one cony in the Surveyors Records.

Witness my hand and the official seal, at my office in Morton Texas, this the 10m day of 10cc. 400. 1934.

County Clerk Cochran

County, Texas

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