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April 3rd, 1922

Honorable James T. Brooks,
County Judge,
Big Springs, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the field notes and plat of the county line between Mitchell and Howard Counties, recently surveyed and marked by R. S. Fuller, Special Surveyor, beg to advise that while there seems to be some uncertainty in the correctness of the connections and ties to land surveys cut by this line N and S, it shows, however, that the line was well marked at each mile post and connects by a straight line the NE corner of Howard County with its SE corner, which is the SW corner of Mitchell County as heretofore established and recognized and would, therefore, serve the purpose of fixing a marked line between these counties, which, as I understand was the prime object of both counties in making this survey.

Referring to some of the connections to land surveys it is noted that coming South from the North end of this line an excess of something like a half mile N and S is shown in Section No. 40 between the South line of Section 33 and the North line of the TP Reserve.

Mr. Fuller was here a short time ago and his attention was called to the matter and also shown a new map of Mitchell County, then being compiled by this office, which, according to the records and data on file here does not show or indicate any such excess at this point, and he was asked to check over his work and give a definite tie to some original corner on the TP Reserve line to the land surveys on the North. In keeping with this request a statement and small blue print plat was received from Mr. Fuller on the 25th ultimo, showing further investigation at this place, but instead of clarifying he seems to have made matters worse by showing the recognized North line of the TP Reserve about 1180 varas South of that shown by his field notes and plat of his county line and does not show to have identified any original land corners in this work.

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The position of these surveys and block lines are at such variance with the records here that it is impossible to reconcile the differences in any satisfactory manner and would indicate that if Mr. Fuller's work is correct, then there is something radically wrong between the North line of the TP Reserve and the surveys on the North.

In the face of the record as it now appears, I cannot place my certificate of approval on these field notes, but have filed them for what they are worth and to show a marked line as made and recognized by the two counties. This line agrees very closely in the division of the surveys East and West with the new map of Mitchell County just completed, and the abstracts of survey will be corrected if necessary according to this new map unless it can be otherwise definitely shown to be in error.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner

Clark/c

September 30th, 1922

Hon. James T. Brooks,
County Judge,
Big Springs, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your personal request while here a few days ago, I have again examined the field notes of the boundary line between Howard and Mitchell Counties, recently made by R. S. Fuller, Special Surveyor, filed in this office March 20th, 1922. And after due consideration beg to say that I do not find anything that would justify my former conclusions stated in my letter to you under date of April 3rd, 1922.

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While these field notes show that the position of this line was correctly located and marked on the ground, there is nothing to show that the Surveyor found and connected to any original or approved resurvey corners of land surveys along same, except the surveys at the extreme ends of the lines; and that the other surveys along said line were projected by Mr. Fuller on his plat, course and distance, according to their field notes, and not from their identified or properly constructed positions based on original corners on the ground.

It is not my desire to cause you unnecessary expense or trouble in this matter, but it occurs to me that the proper thing to do under the circumstances would be for the two counties to employ a competent Surveyor, who is experienced in Texas land surveying, and have him go on the ground and properly locate the surveys along this line by actual survey and connections to original corners or approved resurvey work, and when so located give proper ties or connections to the county line of all surveys cut by same.

Upon receipt of such data the abstracts of county line surveys can be corrected accordingly.

I am very sorry that I did not get to take this matter up with you personally, as I intended to do, but it seems you left the office before I was through discussing some matters with other parties.

Yours very truly,

Clark/c

Acting Commissioner

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