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C B Patterson Sub  
Clay Co.

J M Hughes  
Surveyor of the  
Singer Grade or

Jack Co Baby Line 1a

front higher  
Jack  
C.B P altern  
clay

Agree to disagree



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C B Patterson, Secy  
Clay Co.

J McHugh  
Secy. Jack County

Henrietta Clay Co. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1884

Hon W C Walsh,  
Com<sup>r</sup> Genl Land Office,  
Austin,

Sir

In compliance  
with an order issued by the Hon Commis-  
sioners Court of Clay Co. directing me to  
run and define the boundary line  
between Clay and Jack counties,  
I did on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of Sept. proceed  
to the S.W. corner of Montague County for  
the purpose of carrying out said order  
at which time and place I met the  
Surveyor of Jack county appointed to assist  
in establishing said line, and we being  
unable to agree as to the proper place of  
beginning, in accordance with the law  
governing such cases agreed to each  
submit a statement of the matter in  
dispute

I contended that the proper place to begin  
is at the S.W. corner of Montague County  
as adopted by a recent survey of the line  
between Montague and Wise counties and  
that the line between our counties was  
but a prolongation of that line.

Mr Hughes (the Surveyor for Jack Co) insisted  
on beginning at the old S.W. corner of  
Montague Co and resurveying the line  
run by Messrs Green and Calloway in

1876, and he further claims that as  
the field notes of Jack County begin at the  
S.W. corner of Wise Co and run West and  
thence North 30 miles, the survey should  
be made by commencing at the last  
named point giving Jack Co its full  
distance and thence in an easterly  
direction to N.W. cor of Wise Co. insisting  
that as the field notes of Clay Co call for  
Jack Co. line and N.W. cor the same rule  
would apply governing other surveys.

You will observe however by reference to  
the Statutes, that in the Act declaring County  
boundaries, that Clay was passed first  
and hence the calls would be of no effect.

Henrietta Texas } C.B.Patterson Sur  
Sept. 25th 1884 } Clay, Co

Jacksboro, Texas,

Sept. 25th. 1884

To the Hon. W. C. Walsh,

Commissioner of the Gen. Land Office.

Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir:

On the 11th. day of Aug. 1884 the Commissioners court of ~~Clay~~ Jack county, Texas, passed an order appointing C. B. Patterson, county surveyor of Clay county, commissioner to establish and survey the Boundary line between Jack and Clay counties; said order being designated as order No. 36 (see enclosed transcript, pages 5, 6, and 7) which order was certified to the Commissioners Court of Jack county, Texas. On the 11th. day of Sept. 1884, the Commissioners court of Jack county, Texas appointed J. M. Hughes, county surveyor of Jack county, Texas, to meet the County surveyor of Clay county, Texas on the 22nd. day of Sept., 1884, at the S. E. Corner of Clay county to assist him in running the dividing line between the counties of Clay and Jack with instructions to run the line established by the survey of Sam Green, surveyor of Clay county and W. Calloway, surveyor of Jack county, on the 8, 9, and 10, of June, 1876 (see transcript pages 7, 8, & 9). In persuance of said order, I, as surveyor of Jack county, met the surveyor of Clay county on the line between Clay and Jack, to wit: at New Port, Texas, on the 22nd. day of Sept. 1884. And after consulting each other with regard to the duties to be performed and the line to be run, we failed to agree and proposed to make our statements to you for settlement.

Questions at Issue:-

1st. The line between Clay and Jack counties is established (see transcript pages one and two for order of Clay county appointing Sam Green sur. of Clay county for that purpose. Also page two for order appointing W. Calloway to assist. And their report establishing the line, transcript, pages 3, 4, 5.)

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2nd. I as surveyor of Jack county, proposed to run the line between the two counties beginning at the point where Calloway and Green started. A pile of stone in a creek valley, and one stone marked N W Cor. W. Coty. (See transcript page 3) which was refused by the surveyor of Clay county.

3rd. I as surveyor of Jack county, proposed running said line between the two counties to begin at a point on the line between Jack county and Archer county, (30) thirty miles North of the South-west corner of Jack county. (See Art. 348 page 174, Paschal's Digest) which was refused by the surveyor of Clay county.

4th. Jack county was first established by Act. of Legislature Aug. 27th. 1856 which was amended by Leg. Feby. 2nd. 58. Since which time the people have recognized the boundary line between the two counties as afterwards run by Calloway & Green, and the surveyors of both counties have recognized this line in making surveys and returning field notes. Taxes, as can be seen by the Tax rolls have been paid in accordance therewith. The printed abstracts also conform to this; as to amount of surveys in each county. Title papers of land along the line have been recorded with reference to this line.

5th. The line as desired to be run by the county surveyor of Clay county would place all of Wood county School Land in Clay Co. as well as the Putman and greater part of the Parker survey.

The question of jurisdiction as to the offenses and suits has never been questioned. The Calloway and Green line controlling; and satisfactory with all people along the line.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

*J. M. Hughes*  
Surveyor of Jack county.

Count 55383

1032nd Ave. 17th Street, New York, N.Y.

Statement of John H. Hughes, Esq., 17th Street, New York, N.Y.

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