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OFFICE OF
W. J. EWING,
COUNTY JUDGE,
OF JOHNSON COUNTY.

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Cleburne, Texas, July 10th 1884

Hon. W. J. Swain Comptroller
Austin Texas

Dear Sir;

Our assessor has just handed to me a letter from you notifying him that he should not be governed by the abstracts of surveys on the Johnson & Tarrant county line as furnished by you a short time back. I will here state that the line between this & Tarrant county was run strictly in accordance with an act of 1879 as found in the Appendix in Rev. Statutes pages 27 & 28 & monuments erected at great expense as required by said act, by both our Surveyor & the Surveyor appointed by the Commission and Court of Tarrant county & that the two surveyors agreed in every particular as to the true & correct line & the only trouble with the Tarrant

County Commissioners Court is simply this that we got a narrow strip of the land that they had before that time considered to be in their county, The law was in every respect complied with & they never at any time took any steps to avoid said survey as they had no ground to do so, the surveyors having agreed as to line & having erected as stated before monuments at great expense, It does look to me like child's play to come up at this late day & object to the line. I herewith inclose affidavit of our surveyor who run the line with their Surveyor & hope you will no longer listen to their complaints, Please examine act above referred to & refer this letter & affidavit to Mr. Walsh. Our ass'n is anxious to have the matter settled forthwith as he is now ready to make up rolls for this year. Let me hear from you. Respy W. Ewing, Co. Judge

The State of Texas } On this the
Johnson County } 18th day of July
A. D. 1884, personally appeared before
me J. E. Adams Clerk of the County Court
of Johnson County Texas, Jno R. Ransone
who is to me well known and who
after being by me first duly sworn
deposes on oath as follows:

1st That he is the identical person
mentioned in order of Commissioners
Court of Johnson County Texas, made
on the 3^d day of October 1881, in refer-
ence to Survey of division line between
Johnson and Tarrant Counties, and also
an order of said Court made on the 13th
day of February 1882 approving the report
of the Survey of said division line.

2^{dly} That said Survey of said division
line was begun at the S.W. Corner of
Tarrant County and the N. line of Johnson
County, as indicated in said report as
recorded in minutes of Commissioners
Court of Johnson County Texas, in book
"A" thereof on pages 322, 323, 324, 325
& 326, thereof. From the point last indi-
cated we run west for N.W. Cor of
Johnson Co. & found same correct with
our position for S.W. Corner of Tarrant
County.

3rd That he met Finley County Sur-
veyor of and representing said Tarrant

County in said Survey, at the point indicated above and that the initial point from which to begin the Survey of said division line was determined by them after much labor and that each of them in behalf of their respective Counties then and there without dissent agreed that the said initial point was the South west Corner of Tarrant County in the North line of Johnson County Texas, and was in all respects the correct initial point at which to commence said Survey. At that time there was no disagreement between myself and Mr Finley as to the initial point at which to begin the Survey - The facts concerning the said initial point are fully set out in said report of Survey of said division line and as stated therein are true in particular substance and fact.

4th From said initial point as determined and agreed upon as aforesaid the Survey of said division line proceeded East on an air line. The needle was only used in determining initial point at which to begin Survey.

5th That there was entire unanimity and agreement about all the facts stated in report of County Surveyor recorded in minute Book of Commissioners Court

as aforesaid. That the air line from
initial point was run ~~almost~~ ent-
irely by Mr. Finley - That several
old settlers on line reported to us
during the survey that the same
"shadowed" the survey made by A. G.
Walker about 1854. - That the
survey we were making was a
trifle south of the line as run by
said Walker in 1854. - That some
time after Mr. Finley wrote to me
that the Commissioners Court of
Tarrant County would not pay him
for his services in running the divi-
sion line between the Counties - That
was the first intimation of dissent
I heard from Mr. Finley or from any
one else representing Tarrant County.
(Note. The word "almost" erased before
Execution of above affidavit.)

Mr. R. Ransone
Sworn to^{and} subscribed before
me by Jno. R. Ransone this July
18th, 1884, as witness my hand
and seal of office on date last
mentioned

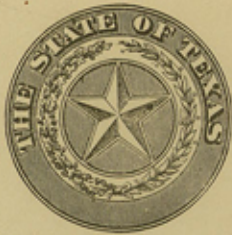
F. E. Adams,
Clerk of the County Court
of Johnson County, Texas

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Office of Comptroller,

W. J. SWAIN, COMPTROLLER.
JOHN D. McCALL, CHIEF CLERK.

Austin, JULY 22ND, 1884

HON, W. C. WALSH.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUSTIN TEXAS.

SIR :

I HAVE THE HONOR TO HAND YOU
HEREWITH FOR ATTENTION, A LETTER FROM HON W J EWING, COUNTY JUDGE OF
JOHNSON COUNTY, ENCLOSING THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR IN RE-
GARD TO THE LINE BETWEEN JOHNSON AND TARRANT COUNTIES. I ALSO
ENCLOSE YOU A COPY OF MY REPLY TO JUDGE EWING.

RESPECTFULLY,

John D. McCall

CHF., CL'K, ACTG COMPTROLLER.



W. J. SWAIN, COMPTROLLER.
JOHN D. McCALL, CHIEF CLERK.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Comptroller,
Copy

Austin, July 27th 1884

Hon. W. C. Covington,
County Judge Johnson Co.
Abilene Texas

Sir,

Yours of the 10th inst enclosing
the affidavit of your County sur-
veyor has been received and
the same has been referred
to Hon. W. C. Haleh Commis-
sioner of the General Land
Office for attention.

All questions relating to
the Abstracting of lands
pertain exclusively to the
General Land Office and



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the Comptroller has no jurisdiction
in such matters.

Article 3986 Revised Statutes
requires the Commissioner of the
General Land Office to con-
stantly correct the Abstract
according to errors discov-
ered, changes by cancellation
of patents, changes of County
lines etc, and that officer is
the only one authorized by
law to make changes and
connections in the Abstract.

My letter to the Assessor
of Johnson County withdrawing



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Austin, 1888

the instructions to assess for 1888
in accordance with the
certificate sent him showing
changes in the Abstracts of
lands lying on the line of
Johnson and Tarrant Counties
was written at the suggestion
of the Commissioner of the
General Land Office an
account of said line
being in dispute.

Respectfully

(signed) John D. McCall
Chief Clerk, Comptroller