

Helena Karns Co Laws

June 12th 1888.

To The Hon W. C. Walsh }
Com. U. L. & O. Austin &c. }

Sir

Under Section 8th of
an "Act" prescribing the manner of ascertaining
the boundaries of Counties - Act of 1879 Chapter
129. page 137.

I have the honor to submit to your
Consideration the following Statement to wit:

By an order of the Commissioners Court of
Karns County Laws issued on the Day of
May 1888. Commanding of me to survey &c.
marked and place post and monuments on the
boundary line between the Counties of Karns and
De Witt which said boundary line was surveyed and
marked as appears from the records of De Witt
County in the year 1854 by J. R. Hamilton
(who is now a resident of De Witt County) representing
De Witt County and C. A. Russell Commissioner &
Surveyor for Karns County. Copy of field notes
of which survey we herein Enclose. ~~we~~
We proceeded to the place appointed by the
Commissioners Court of Karns County at the
line appointed for the beginning of the survey which
place was at the point where the S.W. line of the
Tr. Gonzales intersected the N.W. Boundary line of De
Witt County. I there met Mr. C. G. Hartman Surveyor
appointed by the Commissioners Court of De Witt
County to survey the ^{County} lines in question we agreed
upon the beginning point - and from the N.W. line of
De Witt County which is the S.E. line of Karns County
finding the line well marked - we measured this line to a

distance of 19200 or or 10 miles or 20000 and
 from my knowledge of the County the point
 where the N.W. Corner of De Witt County should
 be we ceased to run this line any farther and
 began the search for the N.W. Corner of De Witt County.
 I then proceeded to the point where the S.E. or E.
 line of a preemption made for W. N. N. Davis for
 160 acres calls to cross the boundary line of
 Kornes and De Witt Counties this surveying have-
 ing been made by C. A. Russell the year after he
 (Russell) had surveyed the Co. line it seemed
 very reasonable to me that this would be a satisfactory
 as well as a fixed point for said County Boundary
 as the bearings and lines of said Davis survey
 still exist - the Call of the Davis survey is
 as follows from the N.W. Cor. runs South at 45-0
 or crosses De Witt and Kornes County line Course
 N 29 W. We measured this distance from the north
 Cor. of the Davis survey and then took the Course
 of the County line N 39 W. and at about six or
 seven hundred or. we found a line marked
 similarly to Co lines (S. E.) with 4 Hacks
 and a L. C. on the East of the line was marked with
 a D and a Line Oak on the west side marked K. I
 continued this line with the Compass without changing
 at about 2000 or. I found the Corner claimed
 by L. G. Norman & Co. Surveyor of this County (Kornes)
 said by him to be made upon the S.W. line of
 De Witt County which he (Norman) made in
 dividing the W. C. Bullock survey. I continued
 this line N 39 W finding at marked very old 4
 Hacks and one other Line Oak standing on the S.E.
 side of line marked K. I found this line plumb marked
 by witness I supposed about 5 or 6 hundred or of

The N.W. Boundary of De Witt Co. when the marks
gave out. I Continued the line to the intersection of the
line we had run from the S. Gonzales Survey inter-
secting said line some six or seven hundred or
850 W of the 19200 on Stake we had previously
placed I then searched for the Corner Called for
in the field note made by said L. Russell & J. R.
Hamilton Aug. 1853. and failed to find the
same. There are two Line Cops. made one D and
the other D + K K or. x Standing N39W of the N.W.
Boundary of De Witt Co. 21000 and N51E of the line
that I run from the Davis Survey. 10800

This not being sufficient evidence to convince
the Surveyor of De Witt Co. Mr. C. B. Hartman that this
was the original boundary line He claiming that
De Witt Co. should run a given distance from
the Gaudelupe River and that it refused further
measurement to obtain the distance - we then
went to the S.E. line of the Counties trying to find the
Beginning Cor of Koscius County - and the S.W. Cor.
of De Witt Co. There having been a settlement
made near this Corner I am satisfied the
Bearings to the Cor have been destroyed as we
searched for a mile around and could not
find any evidence of the same. I then returned
to this point before mentioned on the Davis Survey
and run a trial line S. 39 E finding two or three
trees marked in a distance of 2000 or more that
distance I chained this line from Mustang
Creek, which is about 7500 from this point of
Beginning on the Davis Survey. After passing the marks
before mentioned I never found any other marks
natural or artificial or called for in the Survey
made by Russell & Hamilton Mr. C. B. Hartman

Karnes Co. Bdry Line #2

Dissenting from this line being established from
 the evidence that I have related before I then
 agreed to go to the Corner of DeWitt County as es-
 tablished by J. N. Smith & J. H. Bernard in the year
 1848 which Corner is said to be plainly marked
 being a mound in which a Bottle was buried and
 Inscriptions - Messrs. for bearings &c. which we believe
 could be established and which was the point of
 beginning when the present Boundary line of Karnes
 and DeWitt was made by said Russell & Hamilton
 But the said C. B. Hartman (Surveyor) would
 not consent under any circumstances to
 beginning the survey at said point - Claiming
 DeWitt Co. was his due a certain number of rods
 from the Gaudelupe River on the N.W. B. side
 of the County of DeWitt - irrespective of Messrs
 Cassin's Claims or of any survey heretofore
 made annulling all the surveys made heretofore
 We claim that if the boundary as established
 by the Surveyors C. B. Russell & J. R. Hamilton in the
 year 1854 and which survey was approved by the Courts of
 both Counties and placed upon the County maps and ac-
 cognized by both Counties for 29 years. Can not still
 remain as the legal boundary of DeWitt & Karnes that there
 certainly can be no more proper way of fixing this line only by
 surveying the same as it was formerly said to have been surveyed be-
 ginning at the S.W. Cor. of DeWitt Co. as it originally was and running
 N51 E. 5 rods and then N39 W as is the wording of the Statute in
 creating the boundary of Karnes Co. Hoping to receive your
 consideration & answer by I remain yours

Most obediently
 W. J. Seale
 Surveyor.

Karnes Co Bdry Line 2

Copy of Field notes of a Survey made by J. R. Hamilton
Surveyor for DeWitt Co. in establishing the Boundary line
of Herkules & DeWitt Counties -

Beginning at the most southerly Cor. of DeWitt County
as made by J. N. Smith of DeWitt and J. H. Barnard of
Gulielm Thence N 51 E. 5000 is with the line of DeWitt
and Gulielm Counties to a post or mound from which
a Line Oak 28 inches in diameter bears S 60 E. 400
mud K & D another L.O. mud G. 24 in dia bears N
10 E. 900 and another 12 in in dia mud D bears S 42 E.
2400 another 10 in dia mud K bears S 85 W. 1800
then (N 39 E.) (~~to the cross in the creek~~) at 2613
m. crossed a Branch. Course South at 35874. L.O.
30 in dia mud. K at 4771 m. a Branch. Course South
at 11,351 crossed the Conessa Creek Course South
at 13,461 m. a Branch. Course South at 16,411 m. a Branch. of the Conessa Creek. Course
South at 19,023 crosses road from Hudson
to York Town at 20,825 m. cross the road from
Mayfield to York Town at 21,755 m. L.O.
on the Head of Salt ^{Creek} Branch, mud D K at 27,812 m.
Crossed the Head Branch of running into the Dry
fork of the Clear Mustyng Creek. at 30,948 m. crosses
Mustyng Creek, a mesquite mud D & K at 3284⁺
m. Crossed brush Course S. drawn from Hudson to York
Town a mesquite NW. of road mud K and a L.O. S.E. of road
mud. D at 35,871 m. made the Cor. of DeWitt & Herkules
Counties and a mound and a post on it from which
a L.O. 16 inches dia bears N 62 E. 3400 m. mud D at
this point we intersected the North Westing Boundary
line of DeWitt County. The Act of the Legislature
creating the County of Herkules for and run. with
said North West Boundary. line of DeWitt County - said
said line having been previously run and

Karnes Co. Bldg ~~line~~ ^{1/10}
Copy of field notes
of the Survey.

Made by J. R. Hamilton
& C. Russell

Boundary line
between Dent &
Shreve Co
1857

And printed from Commission Secured
is necessary to be read further all of which
is respectfully submitted
J. R. Hamilton
Surveyor