

Helena Hudson Co Texas  
13 June 1883

To the Hon J. C. (Holds) Esq  
Com & L Office

As feeling a special interest in the matter I beg leave to state in addition to Surveyor Dale's report - that the case is a very simple one. When by the act of the Legislature of 1848, the line was allowed between Dewart & Johnson Cos, the Com<sup>rs</sup> courts of the two counties in the manner prescribed by law appointed surveyors to run the new line, commencing on the old Gouraud County - Dist. line on the corner on the Colleton and to establish the S W corner of Dewart & Johnson Cos. This was done & their reports approved by the Com<sup>rs</sup> Courts of the two Counties. This corner of Johnson & Dewart Cos is well defined in their reports. A bottle was buried there with manuscripts of the boundaries from the Sec of State and the names of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> and the date of the survey with four bearings to different objects - with a mound with a sharp nail stuck upon it as one of them - so that this corner can be readily found and is a most convenient & certain point of beginning. It was the point of beginning in 1854 when the boundary was run between Dewart & Thomas. To ignore that point now as a place of beginning would be to condemn the surveyors who with so much accuracy established it - 1848. One of whom T. B. B. had

no superior in the State as a surveyor,

Why then go back to begin on the other side  
of the Guadalupe river and run a long line  
at a heavy expense, as I understand De Witt Co  
desires. It would be a good job for a surveyor  
but no advantage, that I can see to my own  
shame -

Most Respectfully

Yours &c

John Archer

County Judge

of County

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Karnes Co. Bdry line

Karnes - De Witt Co Bdry Line