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Record of the report of W. J. Seale
one of the surveyors appointed to
ascertain the boundary line between
the counties of Karnes & Wilson —

Report

To the Honorable Commissioners Court
of Karnes County Texas. —

I have the honor to submit the fol-
-lowing report of a survey of the bound-
-ary line between Karnes and Wilson
counties made in obedience to an order
passed at a regular term of your court
held on the 9th day of May A.D. 1881 on
the day designated in your order to wit-
the 28th day of May 1881. I met the survey-
-or of Wilson county Mr W. J. Sutherland
on the Eastern boundary of Wilson
county and the western boundary
of Gonzales County and together we
proceeded to try to find the north corner
of Goliad and East corner of Bexar cou-
-nties or Districts This said corner of
Goliad (which is also the Eastern corner
of Bexar) District being the point from
which the north corner of Karnes and
East corner of Wilson is established by
law, in defining the boundaries of

Karnes Co. which is the oldest county it was necessary for us to find before we could begin the survey. Therefore we examined carefully the point shown to Mr Sutherland previously as the old district corner but could find nothing to indicate that it had been ever marked as a corner though about 40 or 841⁺ W of this point there was a line marked running from the Gonzales Co. line S 51⁺ W. the bearing of the line of Karnes & Wilson Counties failing to find any evidence showing this ~~to~~ be the corner sought we proceeded to the west corner of the Thos Hodges survey which is represented by the County Maps to be upon the District line and run a line N 15⁺ E the course said District line should run to the Gonzales County line searching carefully for marks of the District line but found none the line thus run intersected the Gonzales Co. line in Dr J. H. P. Green pasture about one and three fourths miles from the point in Mrs Sikes field formerly supposed to be the District corner we then continued our examination by

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again going to the west corner of the
 Thos. Hodges Survey and running $S 15^{\circ}$
 W. about as far as the west-line of the
 Elisha Cox Survey or the east-line of
 the J. H. Wheeler Survey failing to
 find any evidence of the old line we
 went to see Mr John Osman and Mr B.
 Ford both Gentlemen living near the
 District-line but neither could show us
 the District-line Each should mark of
 private surveys. we then proceeded to
 the north corner of a Survey once made
 in the name of Wesley M. Delaney the wit-
 -ness tree of said corner being a L. O.
 and marked with Nacks which according
 to the field notes of said survey and the
 county Map of Karnes Co. is upon the
 District-line of Bexar and Goliad from
 this point we run $S 15^{\circ}$ W. to the San
 Antonio River striking it about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a
 mile below the Cibolo creek searching
 constantly on and near this line for
 old marks but found none this having
 run our compass over the entire distance
 from the Gonzales Co. line to the San
 Antonio River excepting about 5 or 6
 miles. failing to find any evidence
 of the District-line we were reduced to

the necessity of making a reconnoissance of the whole line in order to determine our starting point - for the line we had been ordered to survey we commenced at the middle of the mouth of the Cibolo (this being the beginning corner of the District line of Goliad & Bexar) we proceeded to make a careful survey of the District line running said line $N 15^{\circ} E$ with a magnetic variation of $9^{\circ} 45' E$. to the Gonzales Co. line which we struck about midway between the point in Mr Sikes field and that terminating the line run from Hodges corner at the point thus reached we placed a mesquite post marked B and C and from this point we measured $S 41^{\circ} E$. four and three fourths miles to a point in Mr R. M. McClure's field where we placed a mesquite post marked W & K this being the north corner of Karnes and the East cor. of Wilson County from said post a L.C. marked X bears $N 9^{\circ} E 88\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ and another with similar marks about 14 in Dic bears $N 10^{\circ} 32' E 88\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ - hence we run a true line for the boundary line of Karnes and Wilson counties

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S. 51² W. with a magnetic variation
 9° 45" E. & at 420 varas pass about
 13 varas N.W. of Mr R M M ⁷blair's
 house at 806 varas cross the line of
 the Good bread survey N 30° E 360
 varas from its West corner at 1340
 varas pass about 40 varas S.E.
 Alfred Griffin's House and enter his
 field at 1512 varas cross the line
 of Erskins and Smith's survey
 N 20° W 333 varas from their corner
 on Faunings' N. line at 1740 varas
 pass about 32 varas S.E. of Nat
 Griffin's House and at one mile
 we placed a post in Griffin's
 field on the 2nd mile at 618 varas
 cross Faunings' N line N 70°
 E 1834 varas from his N.W. corner
 at 1020 varas the bed of Elm creek at 2
 miles we set a post on the south west
 side of a ravine in the edge of the Mesquites
 On the 3rd mile at 622 varas crossed
 west-line of Faunin. S 20² E. 631 varas
 from his north west-corner, at about
 1680, 1700, and 1720 varas crossed a branch
 of Elm creek and at 3 miles we placed
 a mile post in the east-side of Sol Brown
 field = on the 4th mile leaving Brown

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Karnes Co. Survey

house in Karnes County at 367 varas we
crossed the line of Cox and Roberts survey, S
 $61\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 542 varas from Cox west corner
at 840 varas cross Riddellville Road
and Rancho Road at 1791 pass
S 61° E 22 varas from Roberts
W corner and Bulls N corner at
1851 1/2 varas cross the line of Bell
& Crocha 56 1/2 varas from and
from Bulls N. corner and at four
miles placed a post in mesquites
on ridge on the 5th mile at 300
varas pass about 200 varas S.E.
of R.W. Shockley's House at
900 varas enter wet flat at 1200
varas bed of Shockley's creek
at 1343 varas cross the line of
W Cole's survey N 61° W 140
varas from its E corner at 5
miles sets a post on the edge of
a hollow in a grove of young
live Oaks on the 6th mile we
crossed the line of Cole & Cox
S 60° W 917 varas from Cole's
E corner at 1460 varas pass
about 60 varas S.E. of Mr. Os-
man's House which is in Wilson

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County at 6 miles set a post on
the West slope of a live Oak Ridge
in scattering timber on the 7th
mile at 480 varas cross the line
of C Kirk & D Fox $N 30^{\circ} W$
199 varas from their corner on
Whelan's N line at 1899 varas
cross the line of Whelan and
Deuman's survey $S 30^{\circ} E$
280 varas from Deuman's N.E.
corner and 80 varas from Whelan's
N.W. corner and at 7 miles set
a post on the 8 mile $S 25^{\circ} W$ varas
cross the York Town & San
Antonio Road at 1016 varas the
bed of the Blato Creek about
9 varas above a very large
cotton wood tree and about a
half mile below Mr Kelley's
House at 8 miles set a post in
Kelley's Pasture on the 9th mile
the 280 varas the bed of a hollow
running E at 1068 varas cross
W line of Deuman $S 30^{\circ} E$
762 varas from N.W. corner
of same at 9 miles set a post
in a flat S. of a strip of Jack
Oak timber on the 10th mile at

1088 varas cross the line of S-
 grand and Balliot's surveys 1082
 varas from S grand's NW corner
 and at 10 miles placed a post
 in a flat running W of N on
 the 11th mile 1194 1/2 varas we
 crossed the line of Balliot and
 Morris survey N 30° W 568
 varas from Morris S E corner
 and at 11 miles set a post on
 in a flat on the 12th mile 1186
 varas we crossed the line of
 Morris and Vaughan survey
 270 varas from Vaughan's S
 E corner and at 12 miles we
 placed a live Oak post on
 a live Oak Ridge on the 13th
 mile 1187 varas cross Vaughan's
 S line 1895 varas S 60° W
 of his S.E. corner at 13 miles
 set a post on W slope of ridge
 in prairie on the 14th mile at
 275 varas cross the Helena &
 Stockdale Road at 942 varas
 cross N. E. line of the Peter
 Morgan Survey N 29° E W
 303 varas from E corner of

same and at 14 miles we placed
a Post in Hugh Edmondson's
Pasture on the 15 mile at 773
Varas we crossed the lower line
of Peter Morgan and the upper
line of the St Clair Patton sur-
vey 1723 varas from E corner
of the former and varas
from the N corner of the latter
at 803 varas Edmondson's Creek
at 810 varas old Road from
Helena to Southland Springs
at 900 varas Edmondson's Creek
1000 varas same and at 15 miles
set a post S of same creek and
about 90 varas from it on the 16th
mile at 1765 varas a hollow runs
N into dry or Barabojal creek
about 70 varas from Co line at
16 miles a post in the edge of
a flat on the 17th mile at 200 varas
bed of dry creek at 1207 varas
same at 1375 varas the same and
at 1802 varas Cibolo creek which
is crossed obliquely downwards
by the line at 1856 varas S.W.
Bend of Cibolo and at 17 miles
we placed a Post on and beneath

bank of Cibola on the 18th mile
we passed through fields belong-
ing to Colon and at 1270 varas passed
through the S.E. side of Jno. Flut's
Gallery leaving the House in
Wilson Co at 1660 varas crossed
the road ~~at~~ from Carabopal cross-
ing on the Cibola to Southerland
Springs and at 18 miles we set
a post in musquits a little N
of a hollow on the 19th mile at
682 varas crossed a hollow the
third time 1611 varas crossed
the Helena & Floresville Road
on the N side which a post was
placed and marked W and K
at 19 miles a post was placed
on the 20th mile at 20 miles set a
post on the 21st mile at 1849
varas crossed line of Her-
randez and Manchaca grants
N 31° E 6520 varas from the
S. corner of the Augustin
Gonzor survey at *21 miles set
a post in the prairie on the 22nd
mile at 1670 varas we crossed
a road from Paua Maria to

Floresville and at 22 miles we
set a post in the Mosquit Prairie
at 23 miles we placed a post
on the 24 mile at 1000 Varas we
crossed the Morcillas creek
and at 24 miles placed a post
on the East slope of sandy ridge
on the 25th mile we passed at
840 varas a fore and aft ~~bar~~
live Oak tree which we marked
N on the S.E. side and W on the
N.W. side and at 25 miles set
a post in the Prairie on the 26th
mile at 1625 varas we crossed
Los Moras creek and at 26 miles
set a post in Valley of last named
creek on the 27th mile at 1460 varas
Conquista and Southland Springs
Road at 27 miles a post was placed
in the mosquitos the 28th mile post
was a seasoned mulberry placed
in the River bottom between the
Bank and the San Antonio River
the line having run nearly parallel
with the River about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile
and about 100 varas from it on
the 29th mile at about 40 varas
the edge of the water of San Antonio

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Cass Co. Ind.

River at 120 Varas enters the field
of T. Dewees on the W Bank of said
River and passed through the field
leaving nearly all of it in Wilson
Co at 1100 Varas passed about 1/2
mile S.E. of Dewees' House at
1600 Varas Road from Conquista
crossing to Fairview and at 29
miles we placed a Post in a
hollow between two lime Stone Hills
the 30th mile Post is on a live Oak
ridge the 31st mile was placed
in the Prairie on the 32d mile at
1862 Varas we crossed a newly
marked line seemingly intended
for a RR track and running
about S 33° E and N 33° W at
32 mls a Post on a hill on N slope
the 33rd mile was on N W side of a drain
the 34th mile Post stand 500 Varas N.W.
of Blackjack Hill on the 35th mile at
1885 Varas we crossed the S.W. line
of the Gaspar Home Grant S 38°
E 77 34 Varas from its nearest West
tern corner and also the N.E. line
of the Ward Survey N 38° W 2266
Varas from its E corner at 35 miles

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a Post was placed in the musquit
Prairie on the 36 ml at 840 varas
a drain 880 some 925 varas some
and at 1550 varas the same drain
at 36 ml a. post was placed in
the musquit Prairie at 36 ml 286
varas Post marked W. and X for
the N. corner of Karnes and the S.
corner of Wilson Co. said Post
being on a line agreed upon by
myself representing Wilson Co by
legal appointment and by general
Tudovic Bolcokow representing
Atascosa the said line having
been run from a corner agreed
upon by Representatives of Beka
Wilson and Atascosa Co's said
Post is S 39° E 879 varas from
one set by W. T. Southland and
Gen. Tudovic Bolcokow on the
line of Wilson and Atascosa Co's
in the month of Sept 1874 and
from it a musquit tree about 10 in
in diameter and marked A
varas S. 24° W 71 varas and
the right prong of a post Oak
tree about 20 in in diameter marked
X and standing on the edge of a

Rovine bears S. $66\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E $134\frac{3}{4}$ rods and a musquit tree about 14" in Diameter marked W. bears N. 10° 10 E $83\frac{1}{2}$ rods the posts placed on the line to mark the miles were of good musquit timber except the two already specified in the foregoing field notes and now each marked in figures with the distance from the beginning corner the figures being cut into the wood on the side next to the point of commencement the line is marked with a blaze and a back above and below said blaze the above report is respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body this the 8th day of July 1881

W. J. Seale
Co. Surveyor of Kern Co

The State of Texas }
County of Kames } J. A. Maley clerk
of the County Court-in and for Kames
County do hereby certify that the fore-
-going report and sketch is a true
and correct copy, as shown by the
County Court-Minutes on Pages 206 to
209. --

Witness my hand and seal of
Office this 30th day of July A.D.
1884
J. A. Maley
Co. Clerk K. Co.

Karnes Co Bdry Line 5

Karnes & Wilson Co.

Fieldnotes of the County line
between Karnes & Wilson Co.

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