

Clairemont Kent County Sept. 25/95

Hon. Andrew J. Baker (Comr. Genl. Land Office)

Dear sir Replying to yours of 21st inst  
I permit me to present you  
the thanks of the Citizens of Kent County,  
to gether with mine & H.J. Camp, for the  
approval of the County lines.

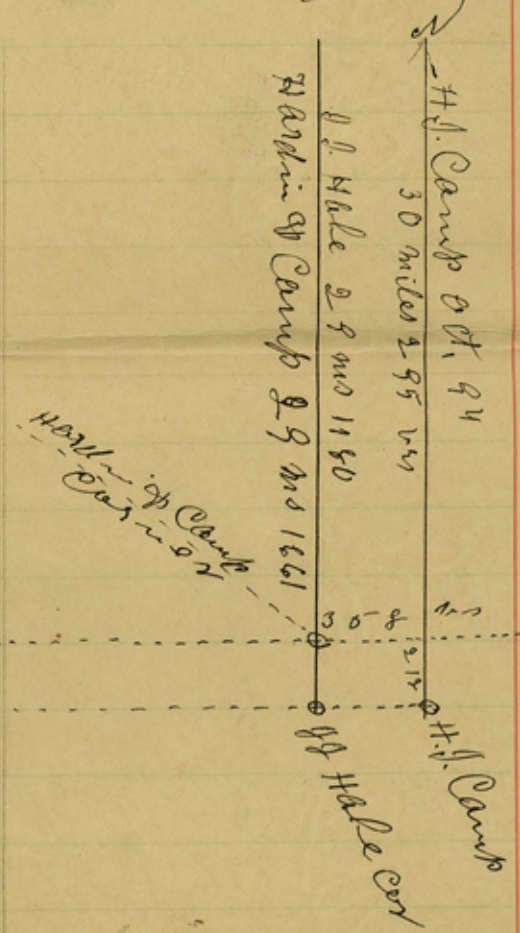
I am some what at a loss  
asto the Kent and Stone Wall line. You write  
as follows to wit, (and the east line estab-  
lished by H.J. Camp of Stone Wall Co. and  
agreed upon by both Counties, will be approved  
by this office, as soon a certificate is filed, showing  
that the line has been approved by the County  
Commissioners Court of Kent County, and Recorded  
by the Clerk!!) Question: Do you intend to adapt  
the line established by H.J. Camp. last October.

or do you prefer the line agreed on by  
J.J. Hake & myself. Sept. 5, 1895 or do you  
prefer the line as established by H.J.  
Camp & B.C. Hardin. It is a matter of  
but little consequence, asto which line  
is adapted. I will here make a plat of the  
lines

By this plat you see relative  
positions of the lines.

Hake, said that he was  
willing to accept the line  
Camp & Hardin established  
or the one he established,  
The lines being identical,  
and I was disposed to be  
=fy liberal, ∴ I accepted his  
line as the line.

You can explain. The  
County Commissioners, will  
approve when ever they con-  
vene.



Statement in regard to records compiled by M.J. Good and forwarded me

you write. & Kent County, after the approval of its County lines, has to prove that it has a full transcript of the field notes of the surveys, before it can be recognized as a separate land District.

I here will state that Kent County has a manuscript of the surveys of Kent County; made out at the Land Office in Vol One & Two, Vol One contains 596 pages (as per Certificate of N. J. Gross Chief Clerk) Vol. 2. Contains 569 pages (as per Certificate of same Chief Clerk) The field notes was made out by W. W. Williams and the County paid 327 Dollars for the same also a transcript from the Records of Newry County of field notes, taken from the records of Homestead field notes, Vol. 1 of Homestead surveys & c Hence part of our field notes is duplicated.

Will please indicate the proof required; I can furnish a copy of the Certificate of Transcript, we have a file record of applications & affidavits for Homesteads, and 3 vol of field notes records - and an index book, the last 5 book mentioned is to be used as needed for recording & c.

Surveyor has been notified that if State line the land approval

I. here in Copy part of a letter from  
H. M. German, Surveyor of Sevier<sup>co</sup> Land District.

Dear Sir this acknowledges receipt of  
your favor of 5<sup>th</sup> in which you demand that  
I forward you the Records in my Office, per-  
taining to the County of Kent. I cannot  
<sup>comply</sup> with your request, 1<sup>st</sup> because your County  
is not a separate Land District + 2<sup>nd</sup> If it was  
properly a separate Land District, the law  
requires that the Surveyor shall obtain  
Copies of all the Records maps & C from the  
Com<sup>r</sup> of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Land Office. See Art 3856  
Val<sup>2</sup> page 314 Sayles Revised Statutes, and for  
same see acts 19 Legislature 1885 page 92<sup>nd</sup> #

When you read Arts 3849 & 3852  
Revised Stat Val. 2. you will see what I am  
driving at, it reads substantially as follows  
to wit, Records, field notes & maps for an  
unorganized County shall be kept  
by the Surveyor or Deputy, for the un-  
organized County. To become part  
of the County Surveyors Records when ever  
it may be organized:

Art 674 Val (1) same Revised Stat, provides  
Books & C shall be delivered to such Officers  
within 5 days after demand, and on refusal  
shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor  
and punished as provided in the Penal C<sup>d</sup>  
See Penal Code Art 290 [254]

What I want to know is this, as Surveyor  
of Kent County have I any right to  
the Custody of the said Records kept  
in accordance with Sec 3849 & 3852

Will please give me full instructions

Respectfully  
Z B C Hardin

Surveyor of Kent County

other proof required.

Kent Co Bdry Line 9

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Kent Co.

Surveyor's letter (answered  
Septem<sup>r</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> 95)  
filed September 28<sup>th</sup> 1895.

H. J. Jones  
Clerk