

October 9, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris
Licensed Land Surveyor
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Harris:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of October 3, enclosing an affidavit by W. H. Tilson stating that during 1909 and 1910 he was employed by Lamb County to survey its North, West, and South lines, and that he began at the Crews Corner, which was established for the SW corner of Hale County. You enclose, also, a small blue print sketch.

You request that this affidavit and sketch be filed in the archives here and used as authority for changing the position this Department has taken in connection with the South boundary line of Lamb County. I can only say, as I have said several times in the past, that the matter of determining county boundary lines is one which must be settled by the counties affected. This Department has no jurisdiction in the matter unless called upon to arbitrate differences arising from the fact that the surveyors cannot agree. If, in this instance, the counties concerned wish to take the matter up with the Land Office, I shall of course be glad to do what I can to assist, but I feel sure that you realize that after the passing of so many years this office should certainly be very slow about changing its past position on this subject unless the counties concerned request that this be done.

Under these circumstances I do not believe that it would be proper to file the affidavit which you have submitted. According to law, only original instruments may be filed here as archives. Hence the affidavit is herewith returned.

You request that I make a copy for filing here. This would not be possible under the law.

Yours very truly

Commissioner

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Encs. ret'd.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

October 12th, 1935.

REFERRED TO MAP

Hon. J.H. Walker, Commissioner GLO.

Austin, Texas.

Hockley-Lamb County Line.

My Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 9th, inst, relative to the above captioned matter, received, and I am herewith returning the Affidavit by Mr. W.H.Tilson and will ask that you file same as the original instrument.

In your letter of August 15th, answering question No.1, you were not absolutely positive about where Tilson began his survey of said line, and now that the filing of this instrument makes the information positive and complete, of course want you to so state.

Hence kindly issue me a statement, for which I will gladly pay your fees, covering the matters of record in your office. I would like to have it show when Crews made his survey of the Hale-Lamb line, and it might be best to incorporate a copy of your letter to Mr. Crews rejecting his first location for the SW corner of Hale County and instructions for him to come to the Ira Millington Corner for the true SW corner of Hale County, then the approximate date of Tilsons survey of the south line as first sent to your department, then the date of filing with you of his final report giving calls to land lines to said line. Also date filed, etc, as to the enclosed Affidavit by Tilson as to his place of beginning, noting that it positively shows he did begin at the rejected Crews corner.

You will probably better understand what facts I want to develope, when I say to the best of my knowledge and belief, Mr. Tilson was hired and required to make his work stand up in the land office before payment was forthcoming, that he hastily ran the lines and then sent a draft of the notes to your department for approval as to place of beginning-location etc., and then check the land lines and collect for the work, they doubted getting by with the place of beginning-location, but when your department did not pick him up on his calls for place of beginning they thought they were getting by with it and tried to complete your requirements. Bailey county was not organized and they knew they were getting all that was coming to them and then some! Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. L. Dennis

Combr 56085

October 24, 1935

Mr. A. L. Harris,
Licensed land surveyor,
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of October 12th which was received on October 14th., with which you enclosed an affidavit by W H Tilson showing date of October 2nd reciting that Mr Tilson in locating the South line of Lamb county, began at what is known as the Crews corner (the SW corner of Hale county). You asked for certain information from this department in connection with this Crews corner, and his Lamb county line.

Referring to the field notes of the Lamb county boundary line run by T L Crews, I find that these field notes indicate that the survey was begun on June 6, 1892 and continued until July 25, 1892 for these three lines of Lamb county.

I have searched very carefully and taken considerable time in the investigation to see what instructions were given to Crews in connection with this work. The letters which bear directly on this are referred to on the cover of the field notes of these three Lamb county boundary lines by Crews. The endorsement on this cover shows that the field notes were filed here on September 3, 1892, reference being made to two letters, the first one being June 2, 1892 in which it is stated that "the base line by Mr Millington has been adopted and applied to the counties affected by it and it will only be necessary for you to run with it; the excesses for curvature should be added on the South".

The other reference is to a letter written under date of June 20, 1892 which refers to distances measured from the SW corner of Hale county by Mr Crews and references to the work by Mr Morrison.

There are two sketches by Mr Crews of the boundary line of Lamb county as run by him; one of them shows date of July 30, 1892 and is signed by him and is endorsed as having been filed August 30, 1892. This map bears only the certificate by Mr Crews dated July 30, 1892 and the filing date of August 11, 1892 by S P Strong, county clerk of Hale county, by W B Martin, deputy.

The other map does not show any filing date other than the year 1892. However, in addition to the surveyor's certificate and county clerk's certificate, there is a statement which reads as follows: "I, T L Crews, do hereby certify that I have changed the above map to a true copy of that on file in the General Land Office, and more fully described and shown by certificate of correction attached to notes at Childress, Texas".

From this it would appear that the last sketch refers to the first mentioned in the certificate next above. The certificate of correction referred to is attached to the Crews field notes of the boundary line; it is dated September 3, 1892 and recites that Mr Crews has changed the West boundary line of Hale county both in the field notes and on that maps of said county line from its original location as shown by black line on the map, to the position shown by the red line as added thereto for the true West boundary line of said county, etc.

There is a copy of a court order in the Hale county court dated November 27, 1891 in which it is ordered that the base line run by Millington for that portion running South of Hale county, be received and adopted as the South line of Hale county. There is a copy of another court order of Hale county commissioner's court bearing date of September 12, 1892 filed in this office on September 16, 1892, in which the county clerk is ordered to deliver to L, A White the county surveyor, all maps, field notes, etc pertaining to Hale county lines as are on file in his office, which maps, etc were before the court and approved of corrections as ordered made by Hon W L McGaughey, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The certificate with small blue print sketch attached by W H Tilson referred to above, and which accompanied your letter of October 12th., was received and filed in this office on October 14, 1935.

I have thought it best to write you, mentioning the items above, in order that you might determine which of these instruments you desire copies of. As soon as I hear from you, I shall be glad to have such papers prepared and mailed as you may desire.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, :
:
COUNTY OF LAMB. :

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. H. Tilson, of Hale County, Texas, who being by me duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says:-

That during the years 1909 and 1910 I was County Surveyor of Lamb County, Texas, duly appointed, and that during the year 1910 I was employed by Lamb County to survey its North, West and South lines; that in surveying the South line of Lamb County I used as the beginning point the corner known as the Crews corner, established for the Southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West from the Crews corner to establish the South line of Lamb County; that at the time I made the survey the Crews corner was out in the Spade pasture, and some distance West of the Spade's East fence.

W. H. Tilson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 2d day of October, A. D. 1935.

Stella Brown.
Notary Public, Lubbock County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, :
:
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK. :

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. H. Tilson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 2d day of October, A. D. 1935.

Stella Brown.
Notary Public, Lubbock County, Texas.

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Lamb County Boundaries

W.H. Tilson's Certificate as to

T.L. Crews J.E. Cor. Lamb Co.

Filed Oct. 14th, 1935.

J.H. Walker, Comm
C.F. Blucher, clk.

W.H. Tilson

That during the years 1909 and 1910 I was County Surveyor of Lamb County, Texas, duly appointed, and that during the year 1910 I was employed by Lamb County to survey its North, West and South lines; that in surveying the South line of Lamb County I used as the beginning point the corner known as the Crews corner, established by the South line of Lamb County, and ran West along the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West from the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West along the corner to establish the South line of Lamb County; that at the time I made the survey the Crews corner was in the Spade pasture, and some distance out in the Spade pasture, and some distance west at the time I made the survey the Crews corner was at the corner of the South line of Lamb County; that the Crews corner of Hale County, and ran West from the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West along the corner to establish the South line of Lamb County; that during the year 1910 I was employed by Lamb County to survey its North, West and South lines; that in surveying the South line of Lamb County I used as the beginning point the corner known as the Crews corner, established by the South line of Lamb County, and ran West along the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West from the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West along the corner to establish the South line of Lamb County; that during the year 1910 I was employed by Lamb County to survey its North, West and South lines; that in surveying the South line of Lamb County I used as the beginning point the corner known as the Crews corner, established by the South line of Lamb County, and ran West along the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West from the southwest corner of Hale County, and ran West along the corner to establish the South line of Lamb County.

TEXAS, who being by me duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says personally appeared W. H. Tilson, of Hale County, BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this COUNTY OF LAMB, THE STATE OF TEXAS, :

Notary Public, Lubbock County, Texas.

W.H. Tilson

2d day of October, A. D. 1935. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This

same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, and acknowledged to me that he executed the the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing in- day personally appeared W. H. Tilson, known to me to be BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this

COUNTY OF LUBBOCK.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, :

Notary Public, Lubbock County, Texas.

W.H. Tilson

of October, A. D. 1935. SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 2d day

North

o ← Iron pipe marked SWH
(CREWS)

four old pits
(Millington)

Field Notes by Tilson on south line of Lamb;
"Beginning at a galvanized iron pipe set 1 foot 8 inches out of
ground marked SWH, about 477 vs west of Spade fence and about
450 vs. west of 4 old pits"

(Note)

W.H. Tilson by sworn affidavit, Oct. 2nd, 1935, states that
he did begin the south line survey of Lamb county at the
above indicated (Crews) corner.

Scale 1 inch = 100 feet

SW Cor Sec 118

Lamb
Hale

Hockley
Lubbock

Spade fence

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Hale Co.
Lubbock