

To the Hon. N. F. Meeks, County Judge of Lampasas Co.

In obedience to an order of the Hon Commissioners Court of Nov. 14th instructing me to meet C. J. Moses Surveyor of Burnet County for the purpose of inspecting the work of said surveyor under his appointment by the Commissioners Court of Burnet County to retrac and reestablish the so-called Harvey line between this and Burnet County, and requiring me to make a full report to the County Judge, immediately after such surveyor of Burnet County shall have made his survey, said report to show fully what was done by the Burnet County Surveyor, and whether such surveyor claimed to have found the Harvey line, I have to report:

That I met the Surveyor of Burnet County (Mr. C. J. Moses) on Nov. 27th at the mouth of Yancy Creek on Colorado River. Said Surveyor after spending several days in taking the meanders of the Colorado River down, from a corner established by T. A. Chamberlain in 1883 as the S. W. Corner of Lampasas County and the N. W. Corner of Burnet County, said meanders being taken for the purpose of calculating the width of the House League, and if possible to find and locate the N. W. Corner of said House League as described in the Patent. His search for said corner proving fruitless he then went to a point on what is reputed to be the Harvey line some 5 miles east of the River and beginning at a Post Oak marked blaze with hack above and below, proceeded to run west towards the river - he found several marked trees, said marks having evidently been made many years ago, and said Surveyor Moses, claims that they were made by Jno. Harvey, but for some 3 1/2 miles from the River east he failed to find any marks whatever, although the Country is timbered, and after getting to the River, he

failed to find a bearing tree described by Jno Harvey.

But nothing daunted, said Surveyor Moses established a corner on the east bank of Colorado River which he claims to be the S.W. cor. of Lampasas County and the N.W. cor. of Burnett described as follows: a stone m^d on east Bank of Colorado River at a point 16⁰⁰ north from a corner made in 1883 by T.A. Chamberlain, who was then Surveyor of Burnett County, and 414⁰⁰ N. of what has for many years been recognized as the S.W. corner of the Jose Ma. Reyna, and 1424 varas N. of what has for the last 20 years been recognized as the N.W. Corner of the House League.

Said surveyor after planting a stone monument at point above described proceeded to run due east at a variation of $9^{\circ}30'$ retracing the line that he had run towards the river and putting up mile monuments at proper intervals - he continued this line for some 7 miles when he discovered that he was several varas to the right or south of old marked trees, he offset back to the marks and proceeded at same variation, but he had not gone far when he found marked trees to his right, and he then offset to the right, and this offsetting back and forth as the marks would appear upon his right or left was kept up clear across the County.

Between his 18 & 19 mile monuments discovering a tree "anciently" marked, some 30 varas to his right he after offsetting to said tree concluded to change his variation to $9^{\circ}24'$ but even after making the change in variation he found it impossible to follow the old marks for any considerable distance, without offsetting either to the right or left, from the fact that said marks are not in line.

In Harveys field notes of the Survey he says: "At 24 miles 1500 varas, passed some 50 varas south of an old corner from which a Live Oak marked H bears

S. 74° E 55 varas, and another marked H bears S. 78° E. 70 vs."

This is supposed from the witness trees described to be the N. W. corner of the F. G. Robert Survey, but as a matter of fact we pass said corner on line run by E. J. Moses at 26 miles 270 vs and said corner instead of being "some 50 varas" north of line is by actual measurement 139.4 varas north. The same discrepancy appears in all of his measurements as below noted:

Harveys Field Notes	at 6 miles	1080 varas	Crossed South Prong of the Lampasas
Moses	"	7 " 1180	" " " " "
Harveys Field Notes	"	8 " 1300	recrossed same
Moses	"	9 " 1422	" "
Harvey	"	11 " ¹³³² 1350	Crossed another large branch
Moses	"	12 " ¹⁷²⁸ 1560	" " " "
Harveys	"	20 " ³⁰⁰ 400	Crossed Mesquite
Moses	"	21 " 800	" "
Harveys	"	24 " 1500	passed some 50 varas South of old corner
Moses	"	26 " 270	" 139 varas south of old corner
Harvey	"	25 " ¹⁵¹² 200	crossed Lampasas River
Moses	"	26 " 714	" " " "
Total length of Harvey line is 29 miles 950 varas			
"	"	Moses	31 " 325 "

Harvey describes the N. E. corner of Burnett County as follows "At 29 miles 950 vs made a stone corner from which a Black Jack marked B. C bears N. 49° W 23 varas this corner is on rising ground surrounded by Black Jack and Post Oak Growth." There is not a Black Jack or Post Oak in sight of the corner made by Moses, and the fact is, after crossing the Lampasas River on the line run by Moses, which he claims to be a retracement of the Harvey line, we did not pass through any Post Oak growth whatever, and there is not even one Post Oak tree or bush in sight of said line.

The only evidence that Mr Moses has that he retraced the Harvey line, if line it can be called, is that he found

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Report of V. N. Lively upon the work done by E. J. Moses, Co. Surveyor Burnet Co. and himself in endeavoring to retrace the boundary line between Lampasas and Burnet Counties, run by Harvey in 1853.

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[Signature]

Mr. Lively admits that the marks of the line are old and agree with those described by John Harvey, and does not deny that the H. E. corner established is N. 30° W. 5070 from the crossing of Lampasas river as called for by Harvey - the discrepancies in distances is explained in Mr. Moses report, so that Harvey's line is not a straight line, but is in places North and in other places South of a straight line. The disappearance of timber since 1853 is also easily accounted for. Do not think the objections amount to anything.
C. W. Pressler

Report of
V. N. Lively
Co. Surveyor. on
Co. Line with
Cert. Copy of Harvey
Line.

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quite a number of marked trees, marks corresponding to the description given by Harvey, that is a blaze with hack above and below - and such marks were evidently made very many years ago - but they are not in line and it is impossible from the evidence on the ground as compared with the Field notes of Harvey (a certified copy of which accompanies this report) for any one to say that Harvey was run this line.
I believe that a good woodsman in fair weather without the aid of an instrument could blaze a line as nearly straight as the so-called Harvey line.
Respectfully submitted
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