

February 18, 1926.

Mr. W. D. Twitchell, Surveyor for Garza County,  
Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Sylvan Sanders, Surveyor for Lynn County,  
Lubbock, Texas.

Sirs:

Relative to the establishment of the East line of Lynn County which is also the West line of Garza County under the order passed by the County Court of Lynn County on the 11th day of August 1925, touching, which you as surveyors for Lynn and Garza Counties, report a disagreement and ask for instructions from this Department in the manner provided by Statute, you are advised that a similar disagreement in regard to the boundaries of Lynn, Terry and Lubbock Counties was referred to this Department in 1917 by the Surveyors appointed for that work, namely, W. R. Standifer for Lynn County, W. D. Twitchell for Terry County and H. G. Guinn for Lubbock County, at which time the matters in controversy were duly considered and they were advised under date of November 24th, 1917 as follows:

"It appears the south line of Lubbock County was established in 1892 and approved by this Department and when a county line is once established in the manner required by statute this Department has no authority to change such line, but it must be recognized until such established line is set aside by a proper proceeding in the proper courts. That is the law as understood in this Department.

Since the statute creating Lynn County begins at the northwest corner of Garza County and calls to run west thirty miles to the southwest corner of Lubbock County and as the northwest corner of Garza County does not appear from the records of this Department to have ever been established, but since the south line and therefore the southwest corner of Lubbock County has been established, you are instructed as follows:

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You should begin at the southwest corner of Lubbock County as established by J. B. Jones in May 1892 and which is fully described in his report, which I assume is accessible to you in Lubbock County. From this point you will, for the west line of Lynn County, follow its statutory course and distance south 30 miles and from southwest corner of Lubbock County run east 30 miles to the northwest corner of Garza County, which is assumed to be a common corner for the counties of Lubbock, Crosby and Garza; thence south 30 miles for the east line of Lynn County. Should the 30 mile distance south intercept the north line of Dawson and Borden Counties at a less distance, then the line of Dawson and Borden Counties should be respected."

I am unable to find anything to change my conclusions concerning the locations of these boundaries and if the lines have not been run according to these instructions or otherwise established as prescribed by law, you are hereby now advised and directed to follow the same instructions, which are made a part hereof for your guidance in establishing the boundary line between Lynn and Garza Counties.

In regard to the contention for locating the northwest corner of Garza County 30 miles west from the northwest corner of Kent County as now established, there is nothing to show that this corner is any more correctly located under its statutory description creating same, than

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the southeast corner of Lubbock County above referred to and as to the proposition of going back to the northwest corner of Young County and measuring west for the northwest corner of Garza County, I am inclined to the opinion that due to errors that could, or would probably creep into this long measurement of 150 miles, that this method would not be any more satisfactory or definite than the present Kent or Lubbock County corners, hence my conclusion as given in the foregoing instructions.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner.

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Tahoka, Texas, Oct. 23" 1926.

Hon. J. T. Robison,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Following the instructions which you gave for surveyors of Garza and Lynn county on Feb. 18" 1926, I, Sylvan Sanders representing Lynn county met W. D. Twichell, representing Garza county at the south west corner of Lubbock county as designated by the Jones survey and we together jointly identified the south west corner of Lubbock county as established by J. B. Jones in May, 1892. We then jointly traced this parallel of North latitude east from the south west corner of Lubbock, thirty miles. We find that this thirty mile point falls 4.6 varas east and 832 varas south from the Jones corner for the south east corner of Lubbock county as described in our first report. Our information, as practical surveyors, is that this newly established thirty mile point does not conform with established county lines which have been adopted for the counties adjacent to Garza and Lynn.

Yours respectfully,

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Sylvan Sanders  
Surveyor for Lynn county.

W. D. Twichell  
Surveyor for Garza county.

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