

Copy o f letter

February 21, 1918

Mr. Robert E. Estes  
Midland, Texas  
County Surveyor Midland County

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant in reference to the establishing of the east boundary line of Andrews County, and desiring to know if the S. W. corner of Dawson County as established by Mr. Standifer is the correct beginning point, beg to advise that the statutory description of Andrews County calls to begin at the S W corner of Gaines County, and to run east to the S E corner of Gaines County; thence, south 30 miles, thence, west to the 103rd meridian and north to the place of beginning.

Gaines County calls to begin at the N W corner of Dawson County and run west to the 103rd meridian south, S 30 miles east to the S W corner of Dawson County, north 30 miles to beginning; Martin County calls to begin on the S E corner of Gaines and N E corner of Andrews and run east 30 miles to the S E corner of Dawson, thence, south 30 miles west, 30 miles to the S E corner of Andrews; thence, north 30 miles to the place of beginning.

There are F/N on file in this office for the North, East, South, and West lines of Martin County run by Robert Rooker, County Surveyor of Martin County in January, 1886, and filed in this office February 26, 1886. These boundaries were accepted and the abstract of land surveys corrected by this office July 22, 1886.

There are also on file in this office field notes of the north, west, south, and east boundaries of Dawson County run by W. R. Standifer and Ray Bandiman in June, 1912, filed in this office November 1, 1912, and approved July 18, 1913. There is nothing on file in this office to show that the boundaries of Martin County or of Dawson County referred to, were made by proper authority or orders of court and I am therefore unable to say whether they were legally established or not.

However, they have been approved by this office and will be recognized until legally set aside by proper authority. There is no call in the field notes or boundaries made by Standifer or other data on file in this office showing that the S W corner of Dawson County as fixed by Standifer is at the same point or identical with the N W corner of Martin County as established by Rooker.

If Andrews County is not satisfied with the east line as fixed by the line run for Martin County, or if said line is indefinite and uncertain and Andrews County desires to establish or re-mark same according to the statutory provisions, I suggest that they proceed as provided in Articles 1375-6-7-8, of the Revised Statutes of 1911.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. T. Robison

Commissioner

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STATE LINE.

GAINES

DAWSON

BORDEN

ANDREWS

MARTIN

HOWARD

Boundaries by Standifer app. 7-18-13

Boundaries by Reuscher. 12/85 app? Filed 2/24/86

T B-D. line by W.S. McCarty and Byron Blanton, Jan. 1909.

H.M. 1850-1870 by O.T. Clegg. Filed 8-14-28

Mass. Post & misc. NEC MC + Large Post mtd. enclosed by ditch 10 feet 150 or more - same last 100 to N.E. of dry lake

Cedar Post mtd. NW. MA. Large SW mtd. + 4 pts.

Post mtd. SWC MA + AC. NK mtd. + 4 pits - 2.5 ft mtd. NW 2 B40 155 ft CL T + P RR + Rock mtd. - NW. Co. Sec 2. 1894 40 T.I.S. DRS S85°35'E 155 ft Fence Gate N72E about 475 ft.

4 mtd. + 14 49

Post mtd. SWC HC. Pile of stone tiles marked same - Sand mtd. - 4 ft high enclosed by ditch 10 ft deep.

See letter to Rob. E. Estes, Midland, Tex.

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