



W. M. Shanley
LAND AGENT.

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CLERK.

Brady, Texas, March 25 1891

Dear Bro Lowrey

The Printed abstract of the Co line came to hand & we are exceedingly thankful to you for getting it through. But it seems that the Land Com's keeps writing to Beatty in regard to a resurvey. In answer to these letters I enclose you Beattys letter, with Hays affidavit & a communication from Hays all of which please hand to the Commissioner. The matter is now settled & the Land office should understand it. of course Judge Holland would reopen it, if he could, but no good could result to either County by that course. Read the enclosed papers & then hand to Mr McLaughly. I think his best ^{course} is to drop the matter & pay no more attention to Judge Holland.

Yours Truly
W. M. Shanley

A SCORCHER.

To the Hon. Commissioners Court of McCulloch county, Texas.

We learn from Dickens that Micawber was always waiting for something to turn up. The county judge of Mason county is different, he is always trying to turn something up. I hear he has been before your honorable body representing that the East line of McCulloch county is too long, and that there is an excess of from 150 to 200 varas in each mile I ran on said line. Now I have this to say in regard to his false statement, I had no interest in the length of said line, other than to know that it was correct for by it our abstracts would have to be corrected. And I have so much confidence in the honesty and integrity of my chainmen, Capt. Harcourt and Capt. I. T. Stapleton, the surveyor appointed by Mason's commissioners court to see that the chain was legally carried, that I will make this proposition to the honorable (?) gentleman. If he will, in my presence take two well practiced chainmen and measure on scientific principles between any two mile stones in said East boundary line of McCulloch county and finds an excess of 1900 varas, then I will make his Honor (?) a present of 200 head of stock cattle. And if the distance is found to be exactly 1900 varas between the mile stones, then in that event he is to agree to appear before your body and acknowledge that he has committed a base and malicious falsehood against the honor and integrity of three county surveyors duly appointed by their respective county courts.

W. L. HAYES.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK. McCULLOCH COUNTY.

W. McShan, CLERK.

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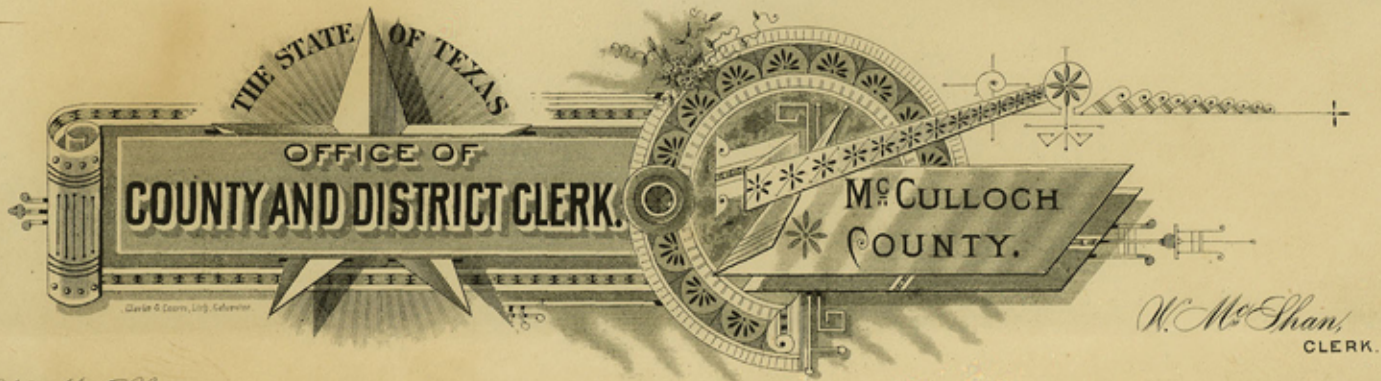
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Brady, Texas, Feb 25 1891

Hon W. L. McLaughley

Dear Sir

Replying to your several favors in reference to the McCulloch Mason County line I have this to say This line was run in 1885 exactly in accordance with the existing law. At that time the lines + corners were indefinite + uncertain. The Surveyors of San Saba, Mason + McCulloch Counties met on the ground + done the work to their own satisfaction as well as that of the respective Counties. It seems that Hon Whitmill Holland at that time was County Surveyor of Mason County, but for reasons deemed sufficient to the Commissioners Court of said County, Mr Stapleton was selected & employed & paid to represent that County. Mr Holland now claims that these sworn officers actually made the East line of Mc



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McCulloch County about 900 or too long, that he had a Surveyor to measure the ground. Now the facts I presume is this. From what I could gather from Judge Hollands talk while here, ^{mes} that Surface measurement was made by the Surveyor that he sent. While the Surveyors that done the work levelled their chain as is practiced by all educated ^{and} intelligent Surveyors. I presume that is the gist of the whole matter. Hollands's Surveyor measured Surface over Mountains Valleys etc. These Swoon County Surveyors measured the line according to legal ^{and} Scientific principles. San Saba County lost territory, McCulloch County lost by the Survey on the West better land than what she gained. Mason County gained a valuable strip from Llano. Does he want the Llano + Mason County line run again? This work has cost the several counties over \$2000 ^{or} + more we to go into an

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agreement to have another survey made we have no assurance but that some other Judge Holland would in future jump up ^{and} say that the line was all wrong, illegal etc. Now the survey was legal, the line ^{and} corners clearly identified, the measurement exact, the line has been abstracted by your office ^{and} the assessors of Mason ^{and} McCulloch Counties have each been furnished with printed copies with instructions to follow the same strictly. There can be no question but what this settles the County line question legally ^{and} forever. But to satisfy your own mind fully on this question of distance I enclose you an affidavit made by Mr W. L. Kays Esq Surveyor of San Saba County, who is known ^{and} recognized all over this Western Country, as an honorable gentleman and a scientific ^{and} practicable Surveyor.

Yours Truly
Geo L Beatty
Co Justice

Later

P.S. I enclose also article of Mr Hays in one
of our County Papers.

G.L.B.

McGulloch Co. Edy. Line 3

The State of Texas } Before me W. M. Shan
County of McCulloch } Clerk of the County
Court in and for said County on this day
personally appeared W. L. Hays who on being
duly sworn by me, on oath says that he is
an Ex-County Surveyor of San Saba County Texas,
that in 1885, he and Charles Harcourt an Ex-
County Surveyor of McCulloch County run
the South and West boundary lines of San
Saba County and East boundary line of Mc-
Culloch County, and that the said Harcourt es-
tablished the South East corner of McCulloch
County thirty five (35) miles South of the
North West corner of San Saba County by
Actual Measurement made on the ground
according to Law and that said corner is true
and correct for the South East corner of
said McCulloch County.

W L Hays

Ex-County Surveyor San Saba County

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
25th day of March A.D. 1891.

W. M. Shan
Clerk County Court
McCulloch County
Texas



McCulloch Co S. Barry Line 3

W. L. Hayes
Ex. Surveyor
affidavit of location
of S E cor of McCul-
loch Co. Ia

Filed day of .
A D 1892.
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