

Waco Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1880

Commissioner Gen Land Office

Dear Sir

Enclosed

I send you the report of the Surveyor who run the line between this County and Bell. Bell County proposed to have the line run per accepted, named our man, notified them and they appointed, so I have learned a man who failed to attend. Our field notes call for twenty three miles from our starting point. The line was run twenty five miles and some two hundred rods. The reason for this was that the original line which is called for twenty three miles was run something over twenty four miles. The old marks are there and the line can be easily identified not only by the marks and objects made on the original

surely but by the evidence of num-  
erous persons who know of the  
original location, the line  
between this county and Coyle  
is a prologation of the line  
between this county and Bell  
and while there has never been  
any claim set up by Coyle  
to cut off over a mile from  
southwestern border of course if  
we have to fall back on the Bell  
line we will also have to fall  
back the same distance for  
Coyle. Now the only question  
is, shall the twenty four mile call  
prevail or the actual original  
survey of the county which is in fact  
a fraction over twenty four  
miles? Will you please return  
me the survey as report after you  
make your decision and

Obliged Yours Respectfully

J. B. Gould

Comr. McLean Co. Ill.

To the Hon<sup>d</sup> Commissioners of McLennan County Texas

Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions from the Hon<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> of McLennan Co, and the concurrence of the Hon<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> Court of Bell County, I have located the "County Line" between said McLennan and Bell Counties as follows;

Beginning at the N.E. or upper corner of the L. B. Franks League on the West side of the Brazos River, from which a Cottonwood 30 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> fore and aft and M & F bro S 60 W-200 Varas, Cotton Wood 20 in dia, m<sup>kd</sup> F bro S 152 W-35 Varas, Cotton Wood 20 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> M bro N 86 1/2 W-60 Varas, Nly 18 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> N.C.L. bro S 68 6-11 Varas, Nly 10 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> C.O. bro Due East 11 1/2 7/8  
Thence S 60 W-(Variation 10° E) at 1300 7/8 cross Castelman Creek. 2270 Varas cross Drough 2530 Varas cross Bull Hide Creek, 2750 Varas leave Andrews farm and pass 50 7/8 South of Tennant House, 5000 Varas cross East end of Lake 59.00 Varas pass 100 Varas North of W. L. Twittys residence 6400 Varas cross "Wire Road" - P.C. m<sup>kd</sup> C.L. <sup>6500</sup>~~6300~~ Varas pass 200 Varas South of M<sup>rs</sup> Ryans, 9800 a Bois d'Arc Nly the N.W. Cor of the Galindo Grange Lot 9900 cross the Public Road at Galindo P.C. 10255 cross Branch 15 Varas below Waiches, "Tank Dam" 11620 Varas a Locust 6 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> X-bro N 28 W-2 Varas, 12400 Varas, Elm 12 in dia, m<sup>kd</sup> M. bro N 46 W-64 1/2 Varas, 13970 Varas Locust 8 in dia m<sup>kd</sup> X and fore and aft 15200 Prows Houses 300 7/8 South

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15,500 Varas pass 400 Varas South of Ryans house 15,500 Varas  
 Double Elm marked fore & aft S 30 E - 15 Varas, 16,050 cross the  
 Mooresville Road 16,170 Varas pass 300 Varas North of Phesiers  
 17,200 Varas cross East prong of Cottonwood Creek, Cotton Wood  
 30 in dia mkd X + 6 hacks frs N 30 W - 5 Varas, 17,450 Varas  
 pass 50 Varas North of Joel Whitesets Spring, 17,500 Varas  
 Whitesets Tank 17,535 Varas Elm 10 in dia - mkd X and fore  
 & aft ~ 17,733 Varas Elm marked fore & aft from which a double  
 Elm mkd X X frs S 48 E - 14 Varas, and the chimney of Joel  
 Whitesets house bears S 55 E - some 300 Varas, 18,300 Varas  
 Elm 12 in dia mkd X and 6 hacks, 18,360 Varas cross West  
 prong of Cotton Wood Creek 18,600 cross West line of  
 the Ignacio Galindo Eighth League Grant, N 28 W - 550  
 Varas from S. W. Cor of said Grant - 19,100 Varas Stk  
 mkd C. L. on dividing ridge between Cotton Wood  
 & Cow Bayou, 20,570 Varas cross Branch 21,410 Varas  
 center of North Cow Bayou, line marked plainly on timber  
 21,720 Varas cross East line of the Phillip Prater Survey  
 some 400 Varas N. W. of Mr Smatts 21,800 Varas Stk  
 near road on top of ridge, from which an Ash 10 in dia  
 mkd X - frs S 22 W - 34 1/2 Varas, Elm 12 in maked X  
 frs S 22 W - 43 Varas, 22,640 Varas Elm 20 in dia mkd X +  
 6 hacks on East line of Olivirs field, some 400 Varas  
 South of Olivirs house, 24,240 Varas a Double Pin Oak  
 mkd X + 6 hacks and C. L., some 400 Varas South  
 of David Mixons house, 24,600 Varas center of South Cow  
 Bayou, 24,800 Varas pass some 300 Varas North of  
 William Olivirs house, (line plainly marked from

North Cow Bayou to South Cow Bayou, 25600 Varas  
 pass some 300 Varas South of J. B. Mixons house,  
 26,700 Varas a Mountain Cedar Post marked County line,  
 27800 Varas, R. D. Houghs house 500 Varas South on  
 a high mound in Prairie 28600 Varas cross East  
 line of the Fredrick Scrauton Survey - 28900 Varas  
 Cedar Post 4 ft high 5 in dia marked C.L., standing  
 on high point in H. L. Blackwells Survey out of said  
 Scrauton Survey - 29400 Varas pass 150 Varas North of  
 said Blackwells trumant house, 30650 Varas, large  
 cedar stk on West line of Dubards fence, some 300 Varas  
 South of L. B. Nix<sup>e</sup> house 31400 Varas cross a head  
 of Houlio Branch some 500 Varas North of Dubards  
 house, 3195 Varas cross Houlio Branch 32300 Varas  
 Planted a Mountain Cedar stk mark, M. L. Bell  
 & Falls Co, 33000 Varas pass some 450 Varas South of W. L.  
 Beckhams house, 34150 Varas cross branch 34400 Varas  
 cross <sup>low</sup> Belton and Waco Road 34500 Varas Mountain Cedar  
 Stake and Rock Pile - stk marked C.L., 35170 Varas a  
 branch of "Deer Creek" 18 in dia emb<sup>d</sup> 7 and 6  
 hcks 35500 Varas large Cedar stk and Rock pile,  
 35900 Varas center of Deer Creek 36900 Varas pass  
 some 500 Varas South of J. W. Thompsons house,  
 37,300 Varas cross the middle, Belton & Waco Road  
 39000 Vass pass S. W. Cor of the Thomas Polk Survey 39600  
 Varas pass 150 Varas North of Davo Ozburns house  
 39770 Varas cross West line of the Walker Reid Survey  
 40000 Varas a head of Elm Creek & pass some 500 Varas

North of J. O. Atkins house, 41900 Varas a stk and  
 stone pile on North bank of Big Elm Creek, from which  
 a Cotton wood 24 in dia, mtd B-brs N86E-123 7<sup>m</sup>  
 Elm 12 in dia, mtd N. brs N78E-103 Varas, 41920 7<sup>m</sup>  
 center of said Elm Creek 75 Varas above one of Kelleys  
 Trunant houses 42000 Varas pass 300 Varas South  
 of a Trunant house 43660 Varas cross another branch  
 of Elm Creek 43700 Varas put down a large cedar  
 stk, from which a Stopping Willow 12 in dia mtd  
 7 + 6 backs brs S87E-214 1/2 Varas, 44260 Varas cross  
 West line of the John T. Violett survey + East line of the Wm  
 Perry survey. 44660 Varas cross another head of Elm  
 Creek 45554 Varas cross South line of said Wm  
 Perry survey at N.E. Cor of the Eliza Knowles survey  
 in the old abandoned Waco + Belton Road 45800  
 Varas to the intersection of the West line of McLennan  
 County extended S30E from a known point on  
 said West line near Jeff McClains some two  
 miles South of Commanche Springs, planted a  
 mountain cedar post 6 in dia 4 1/2 ft deep in the  
 old Austin + Waco road, said post extending  
 some four feet above the ground, and marked S.W. Cor  
 of McLennan Co, from which, Wm McGrimms chimney brs S27E-  
 501 Varas, R. W. Witts chimney brs. N60W- & chimney  
 of W. L. Garners Trunant house brs N32E-  
 Thence N30W-1800 Varas cedar stake on the West  
 side of the Belton Perry + Waco Road + on West line of the  
 Wm Perry survey and East line of the Joseph Bishop survey,

Between D. P. Gorns and Taylor Witts houses, cross West  
 line of said Jos<sup>ph</sup> Bishop survey 20 Varas West of Dave Gorns,  
 planted two cedar trees on top of ridges in the H. Williams  
 Survey - passing some 50 Varas East of Dike Dags house on  
 East line of the lower R. F. Davidson Survey, passing  
 some 200 Varas East of W. M. Prewitts house, passing  
 10 Varas East of Caleb Marshall's barn on the R. M. Coleman  
 Survey & crossing East line of the R. F. Davidson Survey  
 between H. C. Cousins and W<sup>m</sup> Meadows houses, passing  
 some 350 Varas East of Noah Neffs house on the  
 N.E. Cor of the W. Payne Survey - crossing the Waco  
 South Bosque & Eagle Springs road 85 Varas West of the  
 2<sup>d</sup> Mile Post, passing 25 ft West of Fowlers house,  
 passing between Jeff McClains house & Well which are  
 20 feet apart, passing 40 Varas East of the N.E. Cor of the  
 Vincent. E. Evans Survey to points where the County line is  
 well known and original stakes as run by Neil McBermean  
 is standing; this last line was not chained, as I did not think  
 it necessary and I had been delayed until the farming  
 season was so far advanced that assistance was difficult  
 to find, the Sketch attached hereto is made a part of this  
 report, The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Commissioners Court of Bell County  
 appointed one Lon. R. Price to assist me in defining  
 the county line between Bell & McBermean Counties,  
 I made three appointments with Mr Price and  
 he never met a single appointment, <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ caused  
 delay in the work and a great loss of time to me;  
 I even notified him while on the work, yet he did

not meet me, and I think it impossible for him to  
present to Bell County any excuse whatever,

The line as defined by me is a repetition of the old  
line as defined by Neil McLerman in 1867,  
the distance from the Brazos River to S.W. Cor  
is  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles instead 23 miles as called for in  
the act of the Legislature defining the boundaries  
of McLerman County, all of which is respectfully  
submitted.

Stephen Turner

Waco Tex May 14<sup>th</sup>  
1879

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County Surveyors Report  
Defining County Line  
between McLennan & Bell  
Counties 1879

Coryell Co.

Comanche Springs

HENRY PEARSON

JESSE RUSSELL

Jeff McClain

Fowler

Flour Springs & Waco Road

V. LEVANS

W.H. PAYNE

R.T. DAVIDSON

Meadows

Cousins

R.T. DAVIDSON

W.J. WEST

Mills

CHAS. CRONER

R.M. COLEMAN

Caleb Marshall

Marshall

W.H. FREDERICK

De Moss

W.S. MEYER

R.T. DAVIDSON

Day

H. WILLIAMS

B. H. MCGARTNEY

J.M. HARVEY

W.S. PERRY

BIRD PIERCE

W.S. GINNIS

VIOLETT

H.L. HILL

THOS. WEST

WALKER REID

THOMAS POLK

REBECCA EDWARDS

H. ASKEW

F. REINMAN

B.L. COLES

# M'LENNAN CO.

Watersville

CHARLES SAGE LEVI PREWIT H.B. WILLIAMS

JAMES WILSON T.A. ARMSTRONG LEM. MOORE

PHILIP PRATER JOHN RECTOR

IGNACIO GALINDO

PEDRO ZARZA

Falls Co.

Bull-Hide Creek

Creek

BRASOS RIVER

Bell Co.