

Clerk of the County Court,

MILAM COUNTY.

W. D. PADEN,
COUNTY CLERK.

Cameron, Texas, Oct 10 1882

Hon McMarsh

Com Dear Sir In reply,

I will say that Our Commissioners Court ordered the survey made and a certified copy of the order was forwarded to the County Judge of Williamson County. At the appointed time Mr Howlett met the Surveyor of said County and after a day or so work they failed to agree and Mr H says the Williamson Co Surveyor left him without notifying him Howlett - When he Howlett proceeded to make the survey made his report which was approved by our Commissioners Court and a copy forwarded to you & also to the County Court of Williamson Co - Since a report has been received of the Survey of the Williamson Co Surveyor

Very Respectfully
W D Paden
Clerk Co Court Milam Co
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Oct. 28 1882

H. C. Walsh Com. G. L. O.
Austin Texas.

Dr. Sir:-

In reference to the county line between Milam
& Williamson Counties. The Com- Court of Milam County
ordered said line to be surveyed more than one year
ago. The Com- Court of Williamson was duly notified.
I was appointed to represent Milam County in making
the survey of said line. I applied to the Com- Court
of Milam County to furnish me with a copy of the
field Notes of Milam County, or of said line ordered
to be surveyed. Said Court could not do it: nor was
there any such field Notes on record in the county.
I then applied to yourself, or Mr. Fisher, and you
notified me that there was no such field Notes in that
Office, and referred me to the field Notes as set forth
in the revised Statute of 1879. I then proceeded with
the work according to the order of the court; Adhering
strictly to the field Notes in the revised Statute of

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1879. and the law therein directing how said work should be accomplished. The surveyor of Williamson County did not meet me. and I proceeded with the work, as described in the field notes. allowing 10° variation as was originally allowed. Before making my report however, and to attest the accuracy of my work, I traced the line between Bell & Falls Counties with the same variation for a distance of eight miles, and ran right over or within a very few feet of each ^{mile} post. Now certainly if the line that has been established between Bell & Falls Counties is correct, the line I ran between Wilam & Williamson must be correct. about one year after I made the above survey, Wilam County ordered a resurvey of the county line in order to connect said line, with the lines of the original surveys through which it passed. at which time the surveyor of Williamson County was present. He began at the proper place and after running one mile from the beginning corner. some parties came and told us that what they had been told was the old line was elsewhere, and the other surveyor went with them to see the old line. & came back & insisted on that being the old line & that we should change & run that line. I told him that we could not do it & work according to the order & field notes under which we were instructed to work

and told him that Milam County would not receive such a report. - but - he insisted that - he should run the line & as the men were employed by him, for he insisted before the work began, that - he should employ men in that section of country to assist us, and so he made an offset over ~~Miles~~ from the beginning corner of 41 varas from my line they run from there 7 Miles & 90 varas & cornered 360 varas south of my corner, and on the 2nd line he ran over 240 varas further north than I did. Making a difference of over 600 varas on the 2nd line. I measured the line 20 Miles & had two honorable stout young men to carry the chain (10 vara chain) who swore they did their duty to the best of their ability. - After working 4 Miles on the 2nd line I told the other surveyor, that - I would not work longer, for I did not believe that - we were doing the work right, and proposed that - we refer the matter to you at once. And he said that - he was going on as he had been & did go on. I then got me up a set of hands & made the corrections on my line as stated in the field notes, and the distances stated therein were found by actual measurement on the ground.

Mr. Galah. I write this that I & Milan County may know that you have this thing properly stated to you. All that Milan County wants is justice. The Surveyor of Williamson County should have been present at first. I am willing & even anxious if you are not satisfied, that you appoint some good competent - practical & disinterested - ed Surveyor to make the survey over.

Very Respectfully

Jos. A. Howlett.

Surveyor

P. S. I will state that we heard of other old lines supposed to be the county line. besides the one above mentioned.

J. A. H.