

The State of Texas  
County of Mills } To the Honorable  
Andrew J. Baker Commissioner of the  
General Land Office Austin Texas  
I the Undersigned represent to your honor  
that I was appointed by the Honorable  
County Court of Mills County Texas  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1898 as  
special surveyor for Mills County Texas  
to survey mark out and establish  
the boundary <sup>between</sup> Mills, Brown,  
Comanche, Hamilton and Lampasas  
Counties, respectively, said order issued  
by the said County Court of Mills  
County directing me to begin said  
survey, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1898,  
and to begin said survey at the North  
Corner of said Mills County, which is  
situated and established in the  
South line of the F. Ybarbo Survey  
1550 ors West of its South East Corner,  
and in obedience to said order I  
repaired to said North corner of said  
Mills County, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1898, and began to make  
the survey as directed in said  
order, now as required by Chapter  
Four Article 806 of the Revised  
Statutes of Texas, I respectfully  
submit the following statement,  
1<sup>st</sup> as no representative appeared from  
either of the adjoining Counties, I  
proceeded a lone as directed to  
survey, mark and establish the  
line between Mills and Brown

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Counties to the E line of Brown County and West line of Comanche County.

2<sup>nd</sup> On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1898, W. J. Saxon Surveyor for Hamilton County Met me at the S.W. Corner of Comanche County, but refused to accept the West line of Comanche as claimed by Mcintosh late surveyor of Brown County, and also by Messrs Holman and Bussey both late Surveyors of Comanche<sup>County</sup> but which I accepted it being the best evidence at hand by which I could be governed, Mr Saxon stated that he <sup>had</sup> surveyed marked and established, the North boundary line of Hamilton County in the year 1880, and established the N.W. Corner of said County, which was also then the S.W. Corner of Comanche County but that the distance was excessive three or four hundred Varas, he also stated that no action was ever taken by either of the Counties establishing the point to which he surveyed, as the proper and legally established corner of said Hamilton or Comanche Counties, he also stated that his report of the work done by him in 1880. was destroyed by fire when Court House burned in 1885 five years after the survey was made, he also stated that

he had also surveyed the South  
line of Hamilton County in 1891<sup>or</sup> 1892  
under an order issued out of the  
District Court of Hamilton County  
and that the distance from the South  
East Corner of said Hamilton County  
to the East line of Mills County as  
established December 1887 - to be 33  
miles and 1500 varas at which place  
he planted a very large stone marked  
S.W. H.C. which I found as described.  
I also state that by his late survey  
of the West line of Hamilton County  
and East line of Mills County he  
is 2900 varas S 66° W from said stone  
under existing circumstances and from  
the best evidence obtainable I could not  
do otherwise than that which I did.  
3<sup>d</sup> I state that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1898  
as no one appeared to represent  
Comanche<sup>County</sup> and Mr Saxon refusing  
to accept what I understood to be the  
West line of Comanche County from  
the best evidence obtainable, I  
proceeded alone to survey, mark and  
establish the boundary line between  
Mills, Comanche, Hamilton and  
Lampasas<sup>Counties</sup> respectively. I state further  
that during the day of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April  
Mr P.A. Chamberlain representing  
Lampasas County joined me and  
remained with me till I reached  
the South line of Hamilton County  
but stated that he could not accept  
the line without further evidence, this

he gave as his reason for refusing to join me in surveying, marking and establishing the line between Mills and Lampasas Counties, he suggested that we accept the West line of Hamilton County as was then being surveyed by H. T. Saxon as the true West line of Hamilton County which I refused to do for reasons heretofore stated he (T. A. Chamberlain) also asked me to adopt the South line of Hamilton County as surveyed by E. Brown in 1887 before Mills County was organized which I could not do, it being three degrees off of the proper course and besides I have sufficient evidence to convince me that he began his work some distance N 30° W from the N. W. Corner of Coryell County all of which I respectfully submit.

Given under my hand and signature as special surveyor for Mills County Texas this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1898

D. M. Hooks  
Special Surveyor for Mills Co. Tex

Filed July 3<sup>d</sup> 1898

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