

April 19, 1929

Mr. Rupert C. Allen, Surveyor,
Perryton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to yours of the 9th inst. with which you enclosed a statement signed by T. O. James, surveyor of Hansford county, D. B. Stribling, surveyor of Roberts county and yourself, surveyor of Ochiltree county, requesting information or instructions in surveying and establishing the common corner of Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchinson and Roberts counties, all of which have been given due consideration.

Since the statute authorizes the Land Commissioner to give instructions only when surveyors disagree, it would appear I have no jurisdiction in the above matter as there does not appear to be such disagreement.

I will be pleased to render all assistance possible in regard to this matter, and respectfully call your attention to a decree of the District Court of Hemphill county, rendered at its January term 1908 in Cause No. 280, Dallam county vs. Hartley county, which case no doubt you are familiar with.

According to this decree the court give instructions that the north east corner of Hartley county and the south east corner of Dallam county should be fixed by projecting a line west on true latitude from the south east corner of Lipscomb county to the intersection of the west boundary line of Sherman county, projected south from the north west corner of Sherman county, and from this point so fixed a line should be projected due west on true latitude for the boundary between Dallam and Hartley counties.



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H. C. Doucette and H. B. Speller were appointed by the court to run this line which they did and so reported to the court as shown by copy attached to decree on file in this office.

According to the statutory description of the counties in the north part of the Panhandle of Texas, it would seem that a line as described by the courts instructions from the south east corner of Lipscomb to the south east corner of Dallas and north east corner of Hartley counties would form the corrected south boundary line of Lipscomb, Schiltree, Mansford and Sherman counties and the north lines of Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson and Moore counties and that the common corners of these several counties should be fixed by dropping a line due south from the 30th, 60th and 90th mile posts on the north State line.

What is said herein is not intended as instructions, but merely as a suggestion for your consideration.

Copy of this letter is being mailed to T. C. James and D. B. Stribling.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

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