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CIVIL ENGINEER AND  
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AMARILLO, TEXAS,

Sept 11 1897

Hon. Andrew J. Baker,  
Austin Tx.

Dear Sir:

When I carried my line from the N.E. corner of Lipscomb 90 miles west, thence 90 miles south I had to add 8 1/3 varas to reach the line extruded due east from Deaf Smith N.E. corner and the intersection was 30 miles + 15 8/1 varas, <sup>from N.E. Deaf Smith</sup> As my chaining was done in the most careful manner and all proved, the difference must lies in the mile posts on the 100° meridian and the chaining on Hall County north line. Several years ago these surveyors, myself one of the number identified the 42 mile post on the 100° meridian and ran a line due west

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- proved by observations each night -  
to the N.W. corner of Armstrong Co.  
But having indications that there  
was an error in the chaining we never  
reported the work. My line from N.E. of  
Dray Smith, East struck 18 varas  
south of the point marked for N.W. of Armstrong  
thereby proving that Randall N. line  
as now run is practically correct, and  
indicating that from the 42" mile post  
south 30 miles there is no excess on the  
100" meridian but that north of this point  
there is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  varas excess to each mile  
- probably allowed for rough country -  
Since the counties contiguous to the 100"  
meridian call for these mile posts  
it occurs to me the 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  varas should be  
divided between Sherman, Moore & Patter.

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Potter County is willing that the excess  
should be so disposed of.

Now if all of this conforms to your  
views I wish to ask if the present  
corners - zinc posts with 2 feet base sunk  
18" <sup>hard</sup> in ground - can not stand as bearing  
corners and be so reported. The country  
is very rough, I have done a grade of  
work - all "checkered" - far superior to the  
ordinary and by distributing this excess I  
will sustain more loss than I can well  
bear. If you can advise me in  
such a manner as to avoid a repetition  
of the 90 miles + 8 1/4 varas you will do  
me a great favor.

Yours very Respectfully,  
W. D. Twichell,

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CLARENCE E. MICHELL, A.M.A.  
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are on the ground in time of the  
floods - & so there  
was to compare with the first  
inundation in the 5 days I arrived  
there was very few dredging - and  
most of the water - about 3' to 4'  
deep still. It seems as if the channel  
of the river will be deeper now in  
the dredging up - because the river  
I am afraid will wash away  
now and I went and took pictures there  
in the river bed now. It's very  
narrow at the bottom & as you can see  
the river has almost all of it

water off now &  
the bottom is

~~will be 5' lower~~  
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Potter Co Bd

5 In answer to yours dated Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> a.c. I have to state, that the data on  
6 file in this Office, do not exactly correspond with your statement, which says  
7 that after running from the N.E. corner of Lipscomb Co. West 90 miles and  
8 South 90 miles you had to add 813 rods to reach a point due East from the  
9 N.E. corner of Deaf Smith Co. The distance from the 42 mile post on the  
10 100<sup>th</sup> meridian to the N.E. corners of Lipscomb Co. or the N.E. corner of the  
11 State is 90 miles & 1689 feet ( $586 \frac{44}{100}$  acres), therefore the S.E. corner of Potter Co.  
12 should be the same distance from the N.E. corner of Sherman Co., and  
13 between 90 miles 813 rods and 90 miles  $586 \frac{44}{100}$  rods  
14 there is only a difference of  $226 \frac{56}{100}$  rods. The Sherman Co. East line is  
15 30 miles  $586 \frac{44}{100}$  rods long leaving for Moore and Potter Co. an excess of  $226 \frac{56}{100}$   
16 rods to be divided between the two Counties. You also state that the point  
17 reached in running South 90 miles 813 rods from the N.E. corner of Sherman  
18 Co. is 1581 rods East from the N.E. corner of Deaf Smith Co. The South line  
19 of Randall Co., established by you, calls <sup>for</sup> 30 miles 1244 rods and therefore its  
20 Northline or Southline of Potter Co. should be about 30 rods less or about  
21 30 miles 944 rods - a difference of about 637 rods. This Office will however  
22 accept the point 30 miles 1581 rods East from the N.E. corner of Deaf Smith  
23 Co. for the S.E. corner of Potter Co. and also the other corners, pro-  
24 vided the S.E. corner of Sherman or N.E. corner of Moore Co. has been  
25 established 30 miles  $586 \frac{44}{100}$  rods South from the N.E. corner of Sherman Co.

C. C. Presler

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Potter Co Dairy Line 3b

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Counted 617/6

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