



McNicol & Chamberland,

BLACKSMITHS,  
WHEELWRIGHTS,  
... AND ...  
WINDMILL FITTERS.

Sonora, Texas, 24 <sup>Mar</sup> 1894

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Hon. W. L. McAulhey  
Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of  
19<sup>th</sup> Mar I beg to say that I sent  
the County judge of Menard County  
a certified copy of the line I  
ran from the N.W. corner of Menard  
Co. to the N.E. Cor. Sutton Co. and  
stated that you had instructed  
me to do so. The letter was mailed  
on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1894.

Yours Respectfully  
John McNicol  
C. Sar. Sutton Co. Tex.

Sutton Co Bdru Line 2a

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Treanorburg Nov 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1893

Gen: W. L. M. Langley  
Commissioner Gen: Ld Office  
Austin Texas.

Sir:

Acting as special sur-  
veyor for Menard Co. I have run<sup>d</sup> caused to be marked the div-  
isionline of Menard & Schleicher Counties in June 1891 as  
per report on file in your department.

Apprised that Mr John McMichael for Sutton and Mr W. D. Hope for  
Kimble Co. intended to begin work on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August  
AD 1893, under instructions to establish N. E. Cor. of Sutton Sect. 26  
Cor. of Kimble 26 miles south from N. W. Cor. of Menard Co.  
I proceeded to meet the aforesaid McMichael & Hope on the pre-  
mises, to wit: at the N. W. Corner of Menard Co., with a view  
to ascertain whether the line made by me in June 1891 needed  
correction or not, and perfectly willing to aid or assist in  
such correction if found necessary; but equally deter-  
mined to oppose any measure which I might consider  
an infringement, on the rights of any party concerned.  
Whether Messrs McMichael & Hope came there for the purpose  
of encroaching on the territory of Menard County, or not,  
I am unable to say. Fact is that Mr Hope



seemed to be entirely under the controll of McChisol,  
 Further that from what I witnessed I considered their  
 actions an encroachment on the territory of Menard Co.  
 And for the sake of Justice I hereby enter a pro-  
 test against the McChisol & Hope work, regarding the  
 establishment of South-West Corner of Menard County.  
 And pray that their report when filed in the General  
 Land Office, stand protested.

Would state further that McChisol & Hope, though  
 apprised of the marked line in existance, did not  
 run on same, that they varied to the left and at the  
 termination of what they termed 26 miles were  
 1 3/4 varas east of the true line. Thus varying to  
 the left at the rate of  $4 \frac{9}{16}$  varas to the mile.

— If it would be reasonable to believe that McChisol  
 is competent to determine a true north, or true  
 south course, it would also be reasonable to  
 believe, that as a practical surveyor, he had  
 long since aquired the more generally diffused  
 Knowledge, to what changes the magnetic  
 needle is subject, by reason of Temperature,  
 weather or atmosphere. — Reading a needle



Field Mr  
27th 1893

The ground over which they did run is very uneven <sup>and</sup> brushy. They did not cut away the brush which were in the way of the tape. They did occasionally cut a bush or a limb, or the top of a bush to enable the compassman to see the flagman <sup>and</sup> no more. - Then I remarked that the chain ought to be carried level Mr McNeil responded "that is good in theory not in practice" - Later Mr Hope instructed the chain carriers to carry the chain as level as possible. With such conflicting instructions to chain carriers the latter will naturally form their own ideas <sup>and</sup> work accordingly. The chain carriers themselves tried to do the best they could under the circumstances. -

The tapes were crooked <sup>and</sup> kinked.

It was impossible to straighten the crooked & kinked tapes when going through brush so dense that the chain carriers could scarcely see each other by reason of intervening brush.

Respectfully  
A. E. Schuchard



through the glass that covers it, such as on the instruments used by Hope under Mc Nicol on the aforesaid line, <sup>and</sup> alledging that it can be done to the nicety of two or three minutes is an assumption, which deserves ridicule. — It is a known fact that the magnetic needle sometimes has apparent <sup>a settling</sup> <sup>and</sup> still changes a little if the instrument is left in the same position, say for a quarter of an hour, which change is sometimes sufficient to be detected by the naked eye. Everybody knows that in common surveying the compassbearer will not always stop a quarter of an hour, to find out whether or not such change occurs — If he does, he will be at a loss to know whether or not such change is due to temperature or not. — I informed them in the beginning that the line made by me had been cleared of brush <sup>and</sup> suggested that the measurement should be taken on that line, since there would be less obstacles in the way of the tape <sup>and</sup> hence that the measurement could be made with greater accuracy. Adding too that if they did not wish to accept the course, that they could easily go east at the end of the 26 miles. This suggestion was not heeded for reasons known to them.



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Franklinburg Novbr 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1893

Gen. H. L. McLaughlin  
Commissioner Civil Ld Off.  
Austin Texas

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Fact is that Mr Hope seemed to be entirely under the control of McChisol. Further that from what I witnessed I considered their actions an encroachment on the territory of Menard Co. - And for the sake of Justice I hereby enter a protest against the McChisol & Hope work, regarding the establishment of South-West Corner of Menard County. And pray that their report when filed in the General Land Office, stand protested. Would state further that McChisol & Hope, though apprised of the marked line in existence, did not run on same, that they varied to the left and at the termination of what they termed 26 miles were  $11\frac{3}{4}$  varas east of the true line. Thus varying to the left at the rate of  $4\frac{9\frac{1}{2}}{26}$  varas to the mile. - If it would be reasonable to believe that McChisol is competent to determine a true north or a true south course, it would also be reasonable to believe, that as a practical surveyor, he had long since acquired the more generally diffused knowledge, to what changes the magnetic needle is subject, by reason of temperature, weather or atmosphere. Reading a needle through the glass that covers it, such as on the instruments used by Hope under McChisol, on the aforesaid line, and alleging that it-



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