

To the Honorable Commissioners Court of
Wilson County.

I have the honor to submit the following report of a survey of the boundary line between the Counties of Wilson and Atascosa, made in obedience to orders of your Honorable body at the February and August terms of your Court in the current year A.D. 1885. Just before the time first appointed by you for the beginning of the survey I went to Pleasanton to confer with the surveyor of Atascosa County in regard to the preparations for the work and was informed that the surveyors office having been vacant, Mr George Spence had been appointed but had not at that time qualified.

Atascosa County for this reason was not prepared to Co-operate in the survey, and I was requested by the Hon. W. J. Bowen County Judge, the Commissioners being present and sitting as Commissioners Court, to postpone the beginning of the work two weeks that their newly appointed surveyor might have time to qualify and get ready to assist, so that the line might be legally and amicably determined. Believing that I had no authority to agree to this, but as it was nothing more than courtesy to concede to their request I promised to see such of our Commissioners as I could and our County Judge, and if they were willing I would be very glad to defer the work as requested. On my return from Pleasanton I went to Mr. S. Tom's residence to see him but he was absent and I saw only Judge Worsham and Commissioner Jennings who both readily assented to a postponement for the sake of a friendly settlement of the controversy, and before leaving Judge Worshams office I wrote to Judge Bowen informing him of their consent. While I was in the Court room in

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Pleasanton, Judge Bowen at my suggestion, promised to correspond with the authorities of Bee, Line Oak and Kames Counties which are more or less interested in this line and one on which it is based, and try to secure their Co-operation, that there might be a final settlement for all times of these lines and that he would write and let me know the result of his correspondence. After my return home I waited some time for some communication from Judge Bowen or Mr. Spence, and hearing nothing from them I wrote to Judge Bowen who replied that their Commissioners Court had decided to put the matter in the hands of their Surveyor Mr Spence and that he had handed my letter to him. Mr Spence wrote me in reply to my letter to Judge Bowen that during the vacancy of the office some work had accumulated and that he would have to attend first to that, and that he would then be ready to proceed with the other work. After this I waited awhile and wrote again to Mr. Spence and he replied that no communication had been had with the other Counties, requesting me to write and notify them that the work would begin at a certain time which he named. The time intervening between my receipt of his letter and the day for beginning the work was so short that the other Surveyors, had they been disposed to assist would not have had time to prepare and meet us so I appointed a day still later and immediately wrote to the surveyors of the other Counties named. On the day I appointed I met Mr. Spence at Mr Houston Tom's place where Mr. Spence had suggested our meeting. I then proposed to him to go to the B. G. I farm corner on the North line of Bee County and which is the corner of Kames and Line Oak Counties, the initial point of

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the line separating Karnes on the North East from Live Oak and Atascosa on the South west, and therefore determining the initial point of the boundary between Wilson and Atascosa Counties. See Revised Statutes Page 137, Article 824. He assented to my proposition and we had agreed to start to Beeville to get the data and information necessary for finding the I James Corner, and to procure, if after reaching Beeville it appeared best, the assistance of the County surveyor of Bee County, when Mr Spence changed his mind and thought that it would be entirely satisfactory to his County for us to begin at the corner of Live Oak and Atascosa on the South west boundary of Karnes County. I suggested to him that the line from that corner would only lead us back to the corner of Wilson and Karnes as at that time marked but not recognised by his County. To this he replied that Atascosa had assisted in establishing the line between Karnes and Atascosa and that he had not heard the correctness of the line questioned. We then proceeded to the point said to be the corner of Live Oak and Atascosa, and to prove the corner run South east ward, along the line marked for the boundary of Live Oak and Karnes far enough to satisfy Mr. Spence that the line we were on was the one he sought and then we measured back $N40^{\circ}W.$ along the line of Atascosa and Karnes to the corner of Wilson and Karnes Counties as recognised at that time by the two last named Counties. We then agreed to run the line between Wilson and Atascosa from the said corner with magnetic variation of $9^{\circ}30'$ East which Mr Spence said that he had determined by observing a culmination of Polaris to be the true variation of

the needle, we began the line and after running about two miles Mr Spence was afraid that the Commissioners of Atascosa would not accept his work and proposed that we discontinue the work until he could confer with them. As it had always been the wish of Wilson County to have the line settled in a friendly spirit as well as a legal manner I agreed to his proposition, but stated at the same time, that if Atascosa was unwilling to adopt the corner already marked, I would insist upon going to the Spence corner and after proving it thoroughly to run a random or rather preliminary line to the intersection of the Karnes and Wilson line.

Immediately on my return home, I procured from the General Land Office at Austin such data as I deemed necessary, and awaited notice by Mr Spence of his wishes regarding the completion of the work. Not hearing from him I addressed a letter to him in Pleasanton desiring to know what his Commissioners did and when he would be ready to finish. Mr Lyons who I believe is a Commissioner in Atascosa replied to my letter stating that Mr Spence was in Laredo and that he believed their Court had done nothing in the matter. After waiting some weeks longer I wrote again to know what was to be done, and stating that I had been ordered by our Commissioners Court to proceed with the survey, and afterwards wrote again notifying Mr Spence when and where I would begin work. I also wrote him by Mr Lyons aforesaid of the time and place of meeting.

Your honorable Court may consider my rehearsal of the details of the attempts made to secure an amicable settlement of this matter entirely too full and lengthy, but I desire to place upon record these matters to show that nothing was left undone that

might secure the Co-operation of Atascosa County. On the day set I was at the place appointed for our meeting, but Atascosa's representative was not on hand and I proceeded with the survey as set forth in the following field Notes and remarks. I found the corner recognized by those interested and disputed by none so far as I know, as the North west corner of the P. G. I Jams survey in Bee County and to more fully prove its identity I measured on the line running S. 20° E. from it the distance of 2500 varas and found a new marked line running west from a new corner on the line I was retracing and at 2575 varas the bed of a creek. I then returned to the North line of the I Jams survey where it crosses said Creek and measured S. 70° W. with a variation of 9° 30' East 1995 varas to the aforesaid North west corner of the I Jams survey. Data furnished me by the General Land Office at Austin shows this last distance to be just what I found it by actual measurement, while the first line measured was 140 varas too long to the corner of the line running west, and 390 varas too short for the distance to the Creek. At the time the original survey of the I Jams its west line was very evidently not run and marked as I failed to find any marks appearing to be more than ten or twelve years old. There was also another line run from the I Jams North west corner which was quite fresh or newly marked, the two lines running nearly parallel with each other after getting a short distance from the corner, while the line run by me was between the two and about equidistant from them. On the North line of the survey I found very old marks, both of line and corner. At the corner I found a mesquite tree marked with the letter V very old and bearing proper direction from the corner. The map of

Karner County shows the western line of a survey in the name of George Karn running North from the Ijams North west corner and I found the line plainly marked upon the land, and there is no other corner in that vicinity from which lines run in the same three directions.

With these facts before me and there being no question of its correctness by parties interested, this being the corner recognized by land owners and surveyors, I felt fully justified in adopting it as my initial point.

Then with the variations agreed to by Mr. Spence of Atascosa (fully authorized to represent his County as per letter of his County Judge herewith filed) and myself viz: $9^{\circ}30'$ East I began the survey of the connecting line between the aforesaid Ijams corner and the true corner of Wilson and Karner Counties on the North East line of Atascosa. I used a Blattner and Adam bernier transit carefully and accurately adjusted and run the line with front and rear flags, taking great pains with the work. This preliminary line from the Ijams corner was begun on the second day of October A.D. 1885 and on the 6th day of Oct. I established the south corner of Wilson County on the Atascosa line. For the corner I set a post 3 feet in the ground and about 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the ground and marked it with the first letter of the names of the interested Counties. The post was cut from a green mesquite tree very solid and sound throughout and was about 12 inches in diameter. I then took the following bearings viz: A Live Oak tree about 12 inches in diameter mark K bears $S 49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 15\frac{1}{4}$ varas to center of post and another marked A about

13 inches in diameter bears S. $2\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $33\frac{1}{2}$ varas
Thence I run with variation $9^{\circ}30'$ E. N 39° W. through
scattering mesquite brush 1900.8 varas to a mesquite
post marked 1. Thence N 39° W. 1900.8 varas to
a mesquite post marked 2. Thence through open
prairie 500 varas to a prong of Cat Creek crossing
same 3 times in about 35 varas, and at 1900.8
varas set a mesquite post marked 3. Thence N 39° W. 1900.8
varas set a mesquite post mark 4. this post being
on open ridge South of post oak timber. Thence N
 39° W. at 461 varas marked large post oak tree
fore and aft, and W on North East and A on south
west side at 596 varas cross North west line of
the John W. Wade survey N 55° E. 198 varas from
its west corner, at 1410 varas bed of Post oak Creek
at 1530 varas edge of Lagoon at 1900.8 varas set
post marked 5 in scattering mesquite. Thence N 39°
W. following up a ravine about 1000 varas where
it leaves the line and at 1400 vs. said ravine
returns to the line and continues with it to 1560 varas
when it leaves again at 1900.8 varas set 6th mile
post on East slope of mesquite ridge. Thence N. 39° W.
at 690 varas pass $6\frac{1}{2}$ varas N 55° E of Fairy's East
Corner and at 1900.8 varas placed 7th mile post in
mesquite and post oak timber. Thence N 39° W. at
123 varas pass $18\frac{1}{2}$ varas East of Fairy's East corner
on the South line of the Arocha survey 1179 varas
from Arochas South East corner, at 1195 varas, ~~varas~~
bed of Borego's Creek at 1900.8 varas set 8 mile
post on the South East Slope of Mesquite ridge
Thence N. 39° W. 1900.8 varas to 9 mile post. Thence
N 39° W. 1900.8 varas to 10 mile post on top of
mesquite ridge. Thence N 39° W. at 710 varas cross
west line of Arocha 240 varas South of Waggoner's
North East corner and at 1019 varas cross North

line of Waggoner 195 varas west of its North East
Corner at 1900.8 varas set 11 mile post about 1/4 mile
N.E. of Pictos water hole. Thence N 39° W. 820 varas
Pictos Creek at 1900.8 varas 12 mile post in open
prairie, at 1730 varas cross west line of Salinas survey
938 varas south of the South East corner of McCulloch
survey N° 356 about 340 varas. South of Pictos Creek
and at 1900.8 varas set 13 mile post in open
prairie. Thence N 39° W. at 1536 varas cross line
of Witten and McCulloch surveys 760 varas
west of McCulloch's South East Corner at 1900.8
varas set 14 mile post in open Past Oaks. Thence
N 39° W. 1068 varas to the west line of McCulloch N°
356. 382 varas south of its North west corner at
1460 cross North line of McCulloch N° 360, 310
varas from its North East corner. at 1900.8 varas set
15 mile post in west side of dry pond near edge of
mesquite and post oak timber. Thence N 39° W. at 160
varas enter mesquite timber at 1900.8 varas set 16 mile
post in open ground near mesquites. Thence N 39°
W. at 57 varas cross the North line of McCulloch
N° 359. 512 varas East of the South west corner
of McCulloch N° 358, at 305 varas set a post marked
County line on South side of Floresville and Pleas-
ton road at 870 varas cross line of McCulloch 358
and Andrew Scott No 117 1/2, 633 varas North of the
South East corner of Scott, at 1030 varas pass about
1 foot North East of Mc Mains House, at 1900.8 varas
set 17 mile Post in black jacks. Thence N 39° W. at
494 varas cross the North line of A. Scott survey,
at 1900.8 varas set a post oak post for 18th mile
on the North side of a sandy mound. Thence N 39°
W. 575 varas a branch of Lucas at Grape Vine water
hole now filled with sand and dry. at 1900.8
varas set 19 mile post in mesquite and Chopporal

Thence $N 39^{\circ} W$. at 536 varas cross the North line of Castleman survey and South line of the S.E. Pearce survey 37 varas from Pearce's South East corner at 1700 varas cross west line of S.E. Pearce survey $S. 17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$. 316 varas from Northwest corner of same at 1950.8 varas set 20 mile post in open ground between Live Oaks & mesquites. Thence $N 39^{\circ} W$. 605 varas to a hollow running Northward 1078 varas to a mesquite post. marked B.A. and W set for the corner of Wilson, Atascosa and Bexar Counties and from which a post oak tree about 16 inches in diameter bears $S. 6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$. marked A and another about 15 inches in diameter marked B bears $N 24^{\circ} E$. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ varas, and another about 13 inches in diameter, forked, and branching low marked W bears $N 80\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$. 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ varas. This corner is $S 37\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W$. 57 varas from the old and heretofore recognized corner of the three Counties.

The survey was completed on the 5th day of November 1885. The line run as described in the foregoing field notes began $N 51^{\circ} E$. 219 varas from the corner previously set for the South corner of Wilson County and as stated terminated 57 varas $S. 37\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W$ west of the old post supposed to be at the west corner of Wilson County.

The length of the intersecting lines given in the field notes are noted only where the original or lately established corners were actually found.

Although I spent much time in looking for the corners of surveys but few were found, and only one in the tier of surveys through which the line runs for the distance of five miles from the beginning corner.

I measured from the Ward and Baker corner of the Gaspar Flores $S. 50\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W$. 2145 varas to the

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line marked for the Western boundary of Karnes County and from that point N 39 1/2° W. 2309 varas to the old corner of Karnes and Wilson Counties as fixed by Mr W. J. Seale of Karnes County and myself in 1881. This would make the distance of the County Corner about one mile from the South west line of the Gasper Flores grant and about 379 varas in the Ward survey South East of its North West. line, All the posts placed on the line were of good durable mesquite excepting the 17th and 18th mile posts which were of sound post oak.

I W. T. Sutherland County Surveyor of Wilson County do hereby certify that the statements and field notes contained in the foregoing report are true and correct.

Wilson County Texas Nov. 10th 1885.

W. T. Sutherland

County Surveyor Wilson Co. Tex.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of November A. D. 1885.

W. L. Worsham

County Judge Wilson County Texas

Approved in open Court Nov. 10th 1885.

W. L. Worsham

County Judge Wilson County Texas

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The State of Texas } J. L. O. Hughes Clerk
County of Wilson } of the County Court in
and for Wilson County Texas do hereby certify
that the above and foregoing instrument of
writing and sketch are true and correct copies
of a Report and Sketch made by W. J. Sutherland
County Surveyor, as appears of record in the
Minutes of the Commissioners Court of said
County and State on pages 156 and 163 inclusive.

Given under my hand and seal of office
this November 25th A. D. 1885

L. O. Hughes clk. cc. w. co
By E. D. Mayes Deputy

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Certified Copy
of
Report of
W. J. Sutherland
Co Surveyor
Wilson & Atascosa Counties

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Scale 400 VTS. = 1 inch

Sketch showing the boundary line between Wilson and Alascosa Counties and the intersection of the lines of surveys crossed by it according to a survey made by me during the months of October and November A.D. 1885: viz: beginning on the 2nd day of October and ending on the 5th day of November and to the correctness of the above map I hereby certify. Nov 10th 1886:

W. T. Sutherland
County Surveyor Wilson Co Tex.

