

Belknap, Young County, Texas  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Hon. S. Crosby,

Sir:

Accompanying this please find a sketch map of the Eastern and Northern boundary lines of Young Land District, as recognized by the Act of the Legislature of August 1856, showing all the surveys on said boundaries, on record in this office.

I will here state for your information, that a Transcript of Field Notes of all the surveys in Cooke and Denton Land Districts up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1837, (the day on which I was qualified as District Surveyor, and the time when the territory attached to Young County for Land purposes, became disconnected <sup>from</sup> ~~with~~ all other Districts. — It has become necessary for me not only to make this statement to you, but to notify you not to receive Field notes of surveys made by any other than my own Deputies, — because of my having heard that you are receiving field notes of surveys made by Deputies from Cooke, lying in my District.

The District Surveyor of Cooke was enjoined not to make surveys in the territory

belonging to Young, about the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>  
of February, but notwithstanding the injunc-  
tion he has persisted in recording field notes  
of surveys made by his Deputies, in my  
territory, and forwarding them to your  
office. Not only has he done this, but  
he has recorded Field notes of some surveys,  
purporting to have been made by one of his  
Deputies, when he ~~in~~ in that the said  
Deputy had never been within forty miles  
of the place where the ~~said~~ surveys are  
stated to have been made. I will men-  
tion two or three surveys in this situation  
and the name of the Deputy who ~~says~~  
~~he~~ has certified to the field notes.

"Tarrant Co. School Lands, surveyed (?) by  
W. H. Wadsworth on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1837  
in Young District.

Parker Co. School Lands, - same surveyor  
(and in same District.)

The Folke Co. School Lands, surveyed by W<sup>m</sup>  
Hudson, in Young District.

Red River and Wise County School Lands.

The above surveys I understand have been  
returned to your office, and patents been demanded  
upon them. Such being the case, I hereby notify  
you not to issue patents thereon, as some of said

locations have been surveyed over by my Deputies.  
I have been informed that you do not consider  
this District to have been regularly organized, or  
at least that you have not received legal notice  
of the fact. In this, I think you are mistaken,  
as you will admit, that the field notes of the  
County Survey, and a map on tracing paper of the  
County were sent to your office and their receipt  
acknowledged by you. The County proper  
being therefore organized, the territory attached  
for judicial purposes, became then (on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of January, 1837,) and at that time attached to  
the County for Land office purposes. Young County  
had not control whatever over the territory outside  
of the County until she was organized as a District  
herself; but the moment she was organized fully by  
my qualification, the territory outside became  
instantaneously attached, and disconnected from all  
other officers or Districts, and she then had her own  
time to obtain transcripts and prepare that territory  
for location by Certificate holders.

I trust you will view the matter in the light  
in which I have presented it. The County is in  
possession of the written opinions of the Judge and  
District Attorney of this judicial District, and those  
opinions are strictly in conformity to the above.  
I have a Map of the whole District in my office  
and as soon as it can be prepared, I will send

a full and correct map of the District to the  
Gen Land Office, as required by law.

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedt Servt,

R. H. Matthews

District Surveyor

Young Land District

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Sketch of the Lines  
of  
Young Land Dist<sup>t</sup>

Recd July 11<sup>th</sup> 1857

For Sketch, see Map 4-5-2 (18) d1  
See also Young Land Dist. 98

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