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Mr. Bascom Giles, Commissioner
General Land Office
Austin, Texas

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Dear Mr. Giles:

During the past year I have been engaged in a resurvey of a part of the Swenson Land and Cattle Company Ranch located in Motley, Cottle, Dickens, and King Counties. This is known as the Tongue River Ranch and is located partly along the Pease River but this portion of the River is known locally as the Tongue River.

This land was originally located by several different surveyors and I will not discuss this particular phase, or the chronological history of the surveys. Instead, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Geo. M. Williams in 1914 and which is now on file in the Sketch Files of Dickens County and is marked "G W 2". Mr. Williams made a survey during that period and at later periods and has filed corrected field notes in your office on all of these surveys. These corrected field notes are in the files of the various surveys and a deed of acquittance has been issued on a great many of these surveys based on the Williams corrected field notes. I am also enclosing, for your information, a working sketch that we have compiled from the Williams corrected notes. This working sketch was made from a duplicate copy of the notes which are on file in the office of the Swenson Land and Cattle Company in Stamford, Texas. These notes being a copy of the ones that are on file in your office.

We have not made a complete survey of all the Ranch but have run the outside boundaries. The survey that we have made has been a very thorough one and the complete survey around the ranch has been closed so that the courses and distances shown are extremely accurate. At the original corners and at the resurvey corners established by Geo. Williams, we have set a 2-inch galvanized iron pipe with a brass cap cemented in the top and marked appropriately giving the numbers of the surrounding surveys. I am enclosing herewith also a copy of our survey map which shows the locations of these many corners and also the corners that we have set.

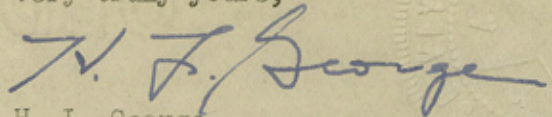
The purpose of filing the map of our survey, the map of the Williams survey, the report made by Mr. Williams, and the report made by me at this time is to perpetuate, in your records, the original work and the

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Williams work. There has been a great deal of mesquite eradication on the ranch and in the process of eliminating the mesquite and other brush a great many of the original corners and the Williams corners have been destroyed. We have set sufficient corners to re-establish any of the older work.

It is hoped that you will file these maps and this report either in the sketch files or in the archives so that they will be available for future use in locating the lands owned by Swenson Land and Cattle Company in this area.

Very truly yours,



H. L. George

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Licensed State Land Surveyor

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Hon. J. T. Robison, Comr. General Land Office
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Dear Sir:

I am sending you under separate cover, a blue print of my work on the "S.M.S.", Tongue River Ranch. I made a complete survey of these lands putting good new galvanized pipes at all survey corners and a bois d'arc post at all quarter section and subdivision corners. All the survey lines were actually measured on the ground. In year 1889, Sameul Chalk resurveyed most of these lands for Page the, at that time, owner of this ranch. The South part of this ranch embraces a system of locations made in 1875 by Jasper Hays. Chalk, it would appear, did not fit his system of work to the original system but he is inside of outside limits of the original system. I show on the map sent you some old corners where we find old stones marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ (very old). These corners I believe to be original Hays corners. They are at the following corners: AT S. E. Cor. of 5, Cert. 192, Brooks and Burleson; at S. E. Corner of 9, Cert. 1/990, B.S. & F; at S. W. Corner of 15, Cert. 182, J. H. Gibson. These corners I have recognized in my work and I placed pipes at these corners.

I also find stones marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ that were placed for the following corners: At N. W. Corner 1, B.S. & F., Cert. 1/983; at S. W. Corner 3, Cert. 1/984, B.S. & F (these corners Kenney found); at N. W. Corner 3, Cert. 1/984; at N.E. Corner 7, Cert. 1/986, B.S. & F; and at N. W. Corner 1, Cert. 295, I. & G.N. Ry. Co.. These five corners I have not recognized, or rather I have not placed my corners at them but I have recognized them in locating the S. line of the system of work next to the I. & G. N. RR Co. No. 13, known as "Star Strip Survey". I have recognized Chalk's work of 1889 and 1893 wherever there is a settler survey for these corners have been mutually recognized by all interested parties and improvements were made to these lines. My N. W. Cor. 5, B.S. & F. which is S.W. Cor. 3, Cert. 1/984, B.S. & F. is 91.5 vs. E. of the flat stone marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ (lying loose) and my N. W. Corner of No. 1, Cert. 1/983, B.S. & F. is 88.1 vs. E. of the flat stone marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ (loose).

My S. E. Corner of 4, B. & B., Cert. 191, is placed 1939 vs. from the old corner marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ at S. W. Cor. 4, and is on line connecting said old S. W. Cor. 4 with original S. W. Corner of the Jonathan Burleson Survey and South line of 4 is given its pro-rate of excess from the S. W. corner of the J. Burleson to S. W. Corner 4, B. & B. The S. W. corner of No. 4 thus obtained, I connected with a straight line N. 1°15'E. to original S. E. Cor. 9, B.S. & F. Cert. 1/990.

I am sending you a blue print showing surveys from S. W. Corner of Jonathan Burleson (original corner) to original S. W. Cor. of No. 2, H. & G. N. R.R. Co. Block G, showing true connections with the system of old work evidenced by stones marked $\frac{\pi}{x}$ and by creek connections.

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Mind you, this map does not show the surveys as they are now recognized but it perhaps is a very good skeleton of the original work. I send it along as it shows true connections from Johathan Burleson to S. W. 2, Block G.

Elsewhere I have material changes except to conform to the decree of Court in the case: J. W. Cunningham, Et al vs. Swenson, et al. The South lines of Sections 66, 134, and 133, John Gibson are moved South and conflict with 5, 126, and 127, Matadq Cattle Co.. I have taken Kenney's corners at S. W. and S. E. 133 and S. E. 134, which I believe to be correct as on further West the John Gibson surveys drop down South in line and are excessive. The S. E. corner of 134 as placed by Kenney is recognized in said Court decisssion. I fully identified the original Armstrong work on the John Gibson block. The cottonwood fore and aft tree called to be on North line of 20 in a canyon is still standing but it is dead, and has 2 marks on E. and W. sides, very old dim marks, and stands 290 varas West of the old stone mound near forks of ravine. The N. W. corner of 20 is also identified by creek calls allowing for some excess. I pull 27 and 28, Block B, further North, placing their South lines to conform to connection from original N. E. Corner of 4, Block B, J. H. Stephens. This leaves Woolley some 162 acres. The other surveys on North are left substantially as they have been for a long time, fitting them to the old system of work stretching back to Paducah and now considered settled as a finality.

If, after examining the map, you decide that it should be made a part of the Land Office archives I can certify to it as State Surveyor. If you desire further explanations write me.

Yours, truly,

Geo. M. Williams

I have the acres all figured out and can send them to you if you desire.

G.M.W.

DICKENS CO.
SKETCH FILE "G W 2"

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Geo. M. Williams Report
on "S.M.S." Tongue River Ranch.
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DICKENS CO. SK. FILE No. 35

Report on Swenson Land and
Cattle Co. Ranch in Motley,
Cottle, Dickens and King
Counties.

Tongue River Ranch.

Date May 14, 1954.

See Dickens JCo. Rld. Sk. 9
by H. L. George

Copy of Geo. M. Williams
Sk. File GW² attached.