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Mr. O. W. Lee,
County Surveyor Knox County,
Benjamin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of field notes and plat of the county boundary between Knox and Baylor counties run by you in March, 1920.

Upon examination, I find that these field notes show to have been made by order of the Commissioners court of Knox county. By referring to article 1375, R. S. 1911, it will be noted that it is the county court and not the commissioners court that has jurisdiction over such matters.

It is also noted that the plat of this county boundary, as well as the field notes of same, show a break between the corners of surveys 212 and 213, block A, cut by the county line. According to the field notes of said surveys and all maps of these counties said surveys 212 and 213 have common corners and there appears to be no reason for this break as indicated by this survey. These surveys should be held together or the surveyor should explain satisfactorily the reasons for such break.

The S and E line of Foard county was run and established by D. L. Reavis in 1893, the SE corner of Foard, as fixed by this survey, calls to be six miles and 1450 varas S from the NW corner of Baylor county and is described as being in the center of Wichita river from which a cottonwood on west side of the river bearing S 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 385 varas, 2 mesquites four inches bear N 0 degrees 5' E, 302 varas. According to the maps, this corner is shown to be within survey No. 10 and near its SW corner. The field notes and sketch by you of the line of Knox indicate the NE corner of Knox county to be about one mile N of the corner of Foard as fixed by D. L. Reavis, above referred to. While your line of Knox running from the SW corner of Baylor N may not coincide exactly with Reavis' line of Foard as run by him from the NW corner of Baylor S, the NE corner of Knox should not be extended further N than



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the SE corner of Poard. You should also show what marks or evidence was found by you on the ground by which you identified the NW corner of Baylor county.

It is also noted in these field notes near the latter part of the first page a notation in parenthesis: "all magnetic readings variation N 10 E" and in several other places throughout the field notes, you have notations "magnetic readings" or "all magnetic readings", indicating that some lines or bearings in some places and all the bearings at other places are taken magnetically, thereby making it uncertain and difficult to read just which course or bearings you refer to. The surveyor should ascertain and show the magnetic variation or declination of the needle with reference to true north and give the course of the county line as found or marked on the ground and other bearings with reference to the true north. In other words, all courses of lines and bearings of witness objects should be determined with reference to the true north.

By referring to articles 1380 and 1381 R. S. 1911, it will be noted that the field notes and sketch should be recorded by the clerk of the county court and ~~a~~^a certified copy thereof returned to the general land office. The field notes sent by you do not show that they have been recorded nor do they bear any certificate of the clerk of the approval by the court of said line. I am returning under separate cover the field notes and plat to be corrected in accordance with the several objections herein mentioned.

Yours truly,

Clark.wb

Commissioner