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Mr. Bill Allcorn,
ComGen Land Office
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:--

In Re:----League Lines--East End Montgomery Co.

The clerks of the General Land Office have been in need of information in regard to the correct location of leagues and surveys in the east end of Montgomery Co for years. Last year my records connected and I can be of some assistance for part of this area.

I am 72 years old, come to this place New Caney in 1895. Out of the 72 years, 4 years was spent in a law office and 42 years have been spent as a public surveyor in the following Counties:--Galveston, Brazoria, Harris, Montgomery Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Hardin and Jasper. I knew some of the original settlers of this part of Montgomery Co, what they said and done about the original lines. One surveyor named Burns, done more wrong than any other surveyor, was a drunkard and would move any league line for \$50.00. The north line of the Pryor Bryan and the south line of the lower Taylor is one of the crookedest lines in this part of Texas. I met one of the men who worked in the gang about 25 years past. I told him I was glad to meet him, but wanted to ask him one question. He was drinking at the time, says shoot:--"You remember that gulley you crossed on Peach Creek, well, we had a fresh gallon jug of whiskey each morning---by noon, Burns was backed up against a tree drunk, by two o'clock all whiskey gone, and the members of the crew that could work, cut lines by stakes, and all of us were drunk by 3 PM."

In this part of Texas, we have a little different proposition than in other parts, individual surveyors for timber companies, and their lawyers who play their part of the role, and get any kind of a decision, and the General Land Office clerks do not know about all of that, and do not know what is right.

It took about 35 years of surveying record to make the map that I am sending, and if you decide to finish the map on south to the forks of the two San Jacinto Rivers, start this way:--

Draw all this but leave off the Howell and Birch, as run on different variations, a long distance, and a protractor and the needle on the transit seldom check, then draw as follows: S P Terry, Wm Smith, Wm. Massey, E S Perkins, Mary Owens, M Everett, M H Short, Sec 11, WCRR Co, Sec 12. etc

From the Southeast corner upper or Big ~~xxxx~~ Beazley Pruett ~~xxxxxx~~ south to the north line of the Finley McNoughton, on the ground, is 7977 vrs, patented 7917, excess of 60 vrs.

About 12 years past I sent you an affidavit and map

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of some of this district, affecting 22 surveys.

I don't think you should make a map showing the surveys that are on top of other surveys, and the only reason I showed that on the map that I am sending you, was that you would know where some of them were, and this map is to be used by me ~~in~~ in a suit in Federal Ct, Houston,

I have meandered Caney Creek from the SE cor upper Beazley Pruett down to the SE cor Wm. Lynch. I have spent hours at my desk trying to figure out what Alexander Lacy did do when he surveyed out the Chas ~~Xs~~ Stephens #1-#2, Ira Milliman and Lynch, I think he was drinking or incompetent. He run out the east and west lines, but did not meander the creek, just triangulated it, ~~xxxx~~ --not much difference, but he got his field notes mixed up. The creek call for in the South line of #1 and the North line #2, was not there, but was on the North line of #1, and I figure he used the center line between the ----Chins----- surveys, field notes filed but turned down by the Gen Land Of, and not patented, as the South line of the Ira Milliman, and the Robinsons who moved in here about 1855 said there was no line between ~~xxxx~~ where they found the south line of the Ira Milliman and the south line of the Wm. Lynch, and Jack W Robinson was with I S Collard when he cut out of the Lynch the tract for Jacob Eberley.

Suit was filed in about 1885 Baxter, et al, vs. Baker, et al, and these old timers were in that suit, held that where I show the south line of Ira Milliman on my map is correct, went to the Ct Civ App Galveston, and affirmed, However since that time, some of these lawyers in Conroe have had it held contrary a/c holdings of larger companies, but no case has been appealed, and no opposing side to the case. The Lynch, et al, was surveyed out in 1849, the Robinsons come in here in about 1855, the lines were fresh, and ~~xxx~~ Austin Presswood, followed the Civil War, 1865, who said all the corner trees on Caney Creek were standing and that the Spanish Oak called for at the NE cor Ira Milliman was the last to fall in the creek.

Forgot:--You will note that the length of the lines of the Chas Stephens, Ira Milliman and Lynch do not check with ~~xxx~~ Caney Creek. Lacy got that mixed up. If you start at the SE cor Lynch to survey out the four tracts, your north line of the Chas Stephens #1 will be too short, and if you start at the NW cor #1, the south line of the Lynch will be too long.

I have surveyed one continuous line beg at SW cor John Owens, thence east 17 miles along the north and south lines of the surveys, line ends about two miles east of East San Jacinto River.

If I can help you out in making a new map, advise, and I will be glad to assist. I expect to quit surveying about June.

With best wishes, I remain,

C. L. Reinhardt

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Scale 1" = 800 ft

Mary Owens Survey
Martz Co
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Highway 459 =

626-1 ft

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North

Mary Owens Survey

West on
Mary Owens

Sawtooth Run

