

SURVEYORS REPORT ON THE

MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER LINE SURVEY OF PART OF THE SOUTHERLY SHORELINE OF THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SURVEY, ABSTRACT 28 AND THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE SURVEY OF PART OF SOUTHERLY SHORELINE OF THE JOHN G. MCNEEL SURVEY, ABSTRACT 335 BOTH OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

I surveyed the line of Mean Higher High Water of part of the Southerly shoreline of the Stephen F. Austin Survey, Abstract 28 and the Mean High Water Line of part of the Southerly shoreline of the John G. McNeel Survey, Abstract 335 both of Brazoria County, Texas, as authorized by Stephen Blaskey and Frontier Surveying and in my capacity as Licensed State Land Surveyor for the State of Texas.

HISTORY

The Stephen F. Austin Survey of One Third League of land surveyed by Thomas H. Borden and Titled out of Mexico on May 31, 1828 as found in the GLO Spanish Collection field notes in Volume 2, Page 608 and Translation found in Box 5, Folder 55, Page 6 in the Archives and Records Division of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

The John G. McNeel Survey is a First Class Headright Grant from the Republic of Texas of One Half League of land as surveyed by Authur Hemie, District Surveyor on August 10, 1838 as found in the Archives and Records Division of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

CONSTRUCTION

An Act to adapt the Common Law of England was approved on January 20, 1840. The Littoral State boundary of land granted prior to this date must be surveyed according to the Spanish and Mexican Civil Laws and is determined to be along the Mean Higher High Water Line. Lands granted after this date are to be located along the Mean High Water Line as required under current Common Law. The John G. McNeel Survey was surveyed in 1838, but the patent was not issued until 1850. The case Rudder v Ponder, established that lands surveyed under the Civil Law but did not receive their Patent from the Republic or State of Texas until after the adoption of the Common Law were to be surveyed under the current Common law line of the Mean High Water.

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The elevation of the Mean Higher High Water line on this project site was established. The FREEPORT, DOW BARGE CANAL, TEXAS (NOS Station Id: 8772440) Tidal Benchmarks 2440-A, 2440-B, 2440-C and 2440-D were tied to NGS monument CAPTAIN (NGS PID AM0078) utilizing Trimble RTK with 2 Meter fixed height poles. The published Mean High Water and the Mean Higher High Water elevations from NOS Tide Gauge FREEPORT (1997-2001 epoch) were then transferred to the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico and are described and shown on the attached survey.

The Three separate lines were surveyed so as not to cross the lines designated as "Project 1" and "Project 2" on survey by me dated November 11, 2003 and on file in the General Land Office. The division line between the Stephen F. Austin and the John G. Mc Neel was located using occupation points along the Brazos River in Freeport, Texas only. No original monumentation was recovered in the course of this survey, and this survey does not purport to locate the true division line between the two surveys.

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